

# National parks enjoying popularity surge

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Attendance at the Oregon Caves National Monument has increased so far this year. According to Vicky Snitzler, superintendent of the Oregon Caves, official numbers lag a month behind but it looks to be around a 4 percent increase over 2015.

Snitzler attributes the increase to the centennial marketing along with the recent designation as a national monument.

"We have also noticed an increase at the trailheads with more hikers enjoying the trail systems," Snitzler added.

More and more Americans are discovering the joys of our national parks in recent years. A recent AAA survey showed that 42 percent of Americans are likely to visit a national park again next year, and 37 percent are more than likely. These parks are especially popular with the millennials who are discovering the beauty and

joy of the wilderness. Almost half surveyed said they will visit a national park next year. This surpasses the park usage of both Generation X and Baby Boomers.

This revival in travel to national parks is expected to continue in 2017. The more than 307 million visitors in 2015 surpassed attendance from all previous years. National parks have never been so popular and the growth is expected to continue in the coming years. The news couldn't come at a better time, coinciding with the National Park Service's 100th anniversary Aug. 25, 2016. In honor of that occasion, national parks are offering a discount on certain dates. Also, free admission will be offered for all sites that charge an entrance fee Aug. 25-28 and Nov. 11.

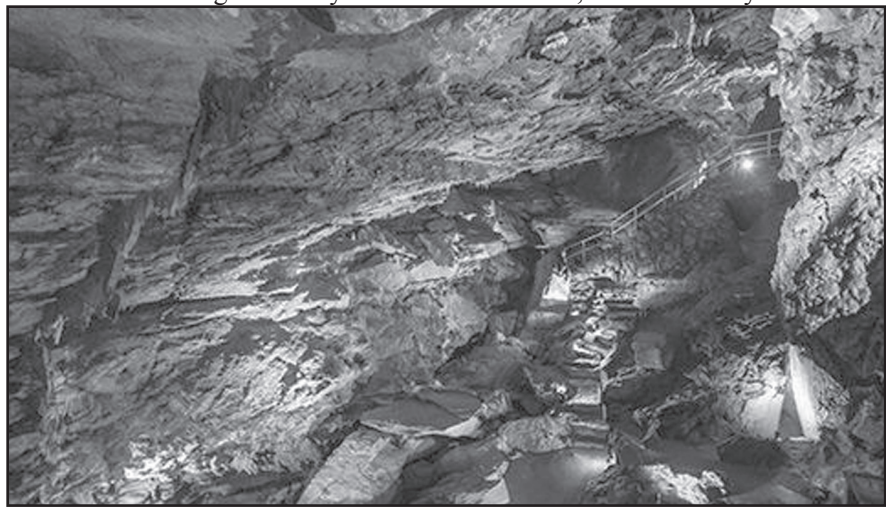
National parks are considered a must-see by most Americans and 85 percent of Americans have visited a national park. The most popular choices are the Great Smokey Mountains, the Grand Canyon and

the Rocky Mountains. The top choices for future visits are Yellow Stone, Yosemite and Grand Canyon. Oregonians favor Crater Lake, Yosemite, Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon, according to AAA. The seasons most favored by Americans for visiting the parks are spring, followed by autumn and lastly summer.

Per the national parks website, "We're inviting visitors of all ages to join in the celebration throughout the month! With special events across the country, and free admission to all 412 national parks from Aug. 25 through Aug. 28, the National Park Service is encouraging everyone to #FindYourPark / #EncuentraTuParque for the centennial! Hundreds of other August events across the country can be found at FindYourPark.com and EncuentraTuParque.com."

Marie Dodds, the director of Government and Public Affairs of AAA said, "Our survey shows that national parks have never been so popular. Travelers plan to take even more vacations to parks in the coming years. The interesting thing that we found in our study is, in times of global uncertainty, parks become an even more prime destination and they offer something for every traveler to discover, because no matter what you like or what you want to see, chances are that there is a national park that will meet your expectations."

The Chateau at the Oregon Caves is holding a free event Aug. 25 for Founder's Day and while you are there be sure to go on a cave tour by booking your cave tour tickets in advance by visiting [www.oregoncaveschateau.com](http://www.oregoncaveschateau.com).



**Oregon Caves Ghost Room.**

Join us to celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service with a Concert-in-the-Caves by legendary jazz guitarist Craig Chaquico, Aug. 25, 2016. Chaquico is the former singer/songwriter for Jefferson Starship and Starship in the 1970s and 1980s. Call 541/592-2100 x2225 for information and to reserve a space. Join us to celebrate 100 years of protecting America's national heritage – the national parks.

Oregon Caves Celebrates the Centennial of the National Park Service.

Founder's Day, Aug. 25, 2016, at the Oregon Caves.

## Schedule of Events

**2:30 p.m. - Concert-in-the-Caves with legendary guitarist Craig Chaquico - Call 541-592-2100 x 2225 to reserve a spot for the concert.**

**4 p.m. - Poet Michael Spring will read his poem "Speleothems"**

**4:30 p.m. - Happy Birthday National Park Service - join us for a Centennial Cake Cutting**

**5:30 p.m. - Guitarist Craig Chaquico will again play at the Chateau**

**6:30 p.m. - Rogue Community College Concert**

**7 p.m. - "Cowboy Poetry" with Dave Hodges in the Chateau Lobby**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - A Junior Ranger table will be open for kids all day.**

**11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Visit the cookie table in the Chateau.**

## The Archive Zone: by Hillary Mohr from the Illinois Valley News archives

This week we rewind to Aug. 21, 1969. One of the most historical summers of all time, the summer of '69, was coming to an end, but the hippie "war" here had just begun. Put on your tie-dyes and get ready for this week's mind-bending adventure in the Archive Zone.

\*Late Saturday night or early Sunday morning either the same painter that did the work at Caves Building Supplies or one trained at the same school struck again. Denny Hare's Caves Highway ranch was visited with vandal

"artists" handy work on Hare's pick-up truck reading: "HIPPIE PIG", plus "Hippies are Trojan horses, You are leaving dirt, dope and disease" (on the reverse side of 'Aquarius Gift Shop' signs), and hammer and sickles. Hare said he had retired about 10 p.m.; had heard nothing.

**\*5.9 miles Happy Camp Rd. to receive oil Aug. 23.** The Siskiyou National Forest will apply dust oil on 0.9 mile of the Happy Camp Road No. 4007 on Aug. 23, according to W.P. Ronayne, forest supervisor. Dust abatement will

begin at the end of the Josephine County Road at the California State Line. Josephine County will also dust oil approximately 5 miles of this road on Aug. 23.

**\*Dr. Versteeg Elected to AAGP.** Dr. Charles N. Versteeg has been elected to active membership in the American Academy of General Practice (AAGP), a national association of more than 31,000 family doctors. As a member of the AAGP, Dr. Versteeg will be required to complete 150 hours of postgraduate medical study every three years. The

program, unique among national medical associations, is designed to help member physicians keep abreast of the latest scientific developments in medicine.

**\*Sid Bazett's daughter dies in fall.** Bettina (Tina) Lynn Bazett, 14, daughter of Rep. Sidney Bazett, fell 100 feet to her death on the shore of Crater Lake Sunday, Aug. 17, 1969. The Stockton, California, girl was walking with her home town companion, Charlotte Miller, along the Cleetwood Cove Trail, headed for the boat launching area for a boat trip around the lake when

she apparently lost her balance. Acting Park Superintendent Paul Larson, said the trail is "fairly well used." Her body was recovered about 50 feet from the water's edge. A doctor at the scene said the girl died upon hitting the ground.

**\*Now playing at Frontier Drive-In Theater:** "Coogan's Bluff" starring Clint Eastwood; "The Night They Raided Minsky's" starring Jason Robards; "Play Dirty" starring Michael Car; "The Party" starring Peter Sellers; and "Gone with the Wind" starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh.

## Illinois Valley Lions

44th Annual  
LABOR DAY FESTIVAL  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Jubilee Park, Cave Junction, Oregon  
Parade Chairman: Gary Price 541-592-2505  
**THEME: "ON THE EDGE OF THE WILD"**

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**Official Parade Application**

Parade assembles at Evergreen school on Monday, September 5th at 8:30am. Parade starts at 10am sharp. Check one or more categories for your parade entry:

<input type="checkbox"/> Music (youth band)	<input type="checkbox"/> Music (adult band)	<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Athletics	<input type="checkbox"/> Marching
<input type="checkbox"/> Humorous	<input type="checkbox"/> Club/Organization (Youth)	<input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Club/Organization (Adult)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuff Truck
<input type="checkbox"/> Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> Tractor
<input type="checkbox"/> Classic Auto (1950 +)	<input type="checkbox"/> Antique Auto (Pre-1949)	<input type="checkbox"/> Custom Auto
<input type="checkbox"/> Horse & Rider (adult)	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse & Rider (youth)	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse & Rider (group)
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe entry and/or history: \_\_\_\_\_

2016 IV Lions Labor Day Parade / Vendor Participation  
HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

The parties to this agreement are the ILLINOIS VALLEY LIONS CLUB and \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of participation in the following event, 2016 Labor Day Parade / Vendor Participation, the undersigned agrees to release the ILLINOIS VALLEY LIONS CLUB and/or its members from any liability for all claims, damages, caused or actions, or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever, and particularly on account of any injuries, known or unknown, which have resulted or may result from the participation in the above mentioned event.

In the event the undersigned or any other parties are injured during the participation in the above mentioned event, the undersigned agrees to indemnify the ILLINOIS VALLEY LIONS CLUB and/or its members and pay for the costs of any defense, including advancing attorney fees, in the event a cause of action is initiated against the ILLINOIS VALLEY LIONS CLUB and/or its members for any injuries resulting from participation in the above event.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Parade Questions Call Parade Chairman:** Gary Price 541-592-2505

**For Vendor Booth Questions Call Booth Chairman:** David Anderson 541-597-4486

**All parade entries and booth requests subject to LIONS approval.**

**Mail PARADE entries to: IV Lions • PO Box 396 • Cave Junction, OR 97523**

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**BOOTH PARTICIPATION ENTRY FORM**  
**There will be NO Raffles allowed**

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Check Those that Apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Individuals	Josephine Co Health Dept. Permit Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization	
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Provider	
<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity.....	.....\$5.00 usage fee (see below)

Electricity is available on a limited basis for a fee of \$5.00 per vendor. Vendors must furnish UL approved cord of appropriate size and length. Pop-ups, tents, etc. must be fire retardant and approved fire extinguishers must be provided if preparing hot foods.

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Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Booth Description and Items: (i.e. Pop Up, Trailer, Tent, Game, Food Booth, Jewelry, Clothing, what items you will be displaying and or selling)

Booth Total Size When Completely Set Up: \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity requested:  Yes  No

Yes I will donate an item for the Lion's Auction Item

Yes I will donate 1 hour of my time helping in the Lions Hamburger booth (Day and time?)

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To reserve booths: Please pay in advance: \$75 for 3 days or \$30 per day for 12' x 12' space.  
Booth Chairman: David Anderson 541-597-4486 Leave name, phone & address on voicemail.  
**Make checks payable to IV Lions with booth entries to:**  
**IV Lions • PO Box 796 • Selma, OR 97538**

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**Waiver (must be signed)**

The parties to this agreement jointly hold each other harmless and waive all rights of subrogation regarding any and all liability for bodily injury and Property Damage that may occur during and connected to the Labor Day Festival event.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All entries are subject to the approval of the IV Lions Booth Chairman. All information must be completed in order for your entry to be considered official.

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