

## Get Ready for Success at The Landing's Big Blowout Back to School Burner

Get energized and equipped for the fall semester at the Butte Falls Back to School Burner on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at The Landing. Dozens of sponsors and contributors will be on hand to make sure students and their families are ready for success.

Rain or shine, the Butte Falls Back to School Burner will be a big party with live music, an open mic (for those brave enough to show their stuff), a free lunch of ribs, chicken and burgers, a 50-50 raffle, dime toss and corn hole. The Learning Tree preschoolers will run food booths, serving up nachos, snow cones, baked goods and popcorn.

Not only that, but community partners like Project Youth Plus, Voc Rehab, Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University, Options, Maslow Project, Equus and others will be available to share the many resources available through their agencies. Also participating are local Butte Falls' businesses, the Butte Falls Fire Department and the Town of Butte Falls.

"This is our very first, very big outreach event at The Landing," says Angela Ellis-Wells, Program Director for The Landing. "Covid shut us down and now we're ready to connect with our partners and our community; we want to let everyone out there know what we have, who we work with and share as many resources as possible!"

The Butte Falls Back to School Burner is all about the kids. Rogue Community Health is donating 200 back packs to the event, enough for all of the students in the Butte Falls system according to Ellis-Wells. Yolanda Ramirez with Straight Razed Barbershop of Medford will be giving free back-to-school haircuts and Robin Moreno will paint faces.

Take some time out during the Back to School Burner and bid on the Harvest Fair Silent Auction. Pickled eggs, a cord of wood, pies, mixed jelly and wine baskets, gift certificates and, a gorgeous wooden cribbage board are just some of the donations contributed by community members. The auction will close at 5 p.m., and top bidders needn't be present at the close. Later on that Saturday night, The Landing's longest running board member, Dan Murphy will run a Saturday night poker party starting at 6 p.m.. Ellis-Wells says Murphy has some pretty good desserts to set out that evening.

And Butte Falls' teachers can't wait to get started this fall. "Teachers have been painting their classroom, putting up material. I can't keep them out of their classrooms!" said Phil Long, Superintendent of Schools. "At the end of last year we sat down, took a big breath, let it out and we're ready to go and this year we are fully staffed which is exciting! I sense a real readiness to get back into the classroom and see their students."

The Landing is Butte Falls' community center with kids' events, a pre-school, clothing exchange, food pantry, a new workout room and much more. In partnership with Butte Falls Charter Schools, The Landing connects kids, families and the community to support services, schools and educators.

For more information on the Butte Falls Back to School Burner or the Butte Falls Community School Partnership, contact Angela Ellis-Wells, The Landing's program director, at [ProgramDirector@BFCSP.org](mailto:ProgramDirector@BFCSP.org) or 541-865-3500.

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