



A SPRAWLING mountain cabin, top, provides a rustic enough setting for any camper. With a few modifications, it can also provide a learning experience for handicapped children. At right, Janna Beggs, left, discovers a high point of any camper's day: mail call. As a counselor to about 15 children, Marie Truscott has time to give her undivided attention. A North Clackamas County learning specialist during the year, Chuck Kuhnhausen, above, has become camp director for six summers, with visions of expanding the camp to serve more of the handicapped.



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A plan for more seasons

Fishing only begins with the bait. At Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp this week, handicapped children also learned a new taste.

"Who will help me catch the fish?" asked Chuck Kuhnhausen.

A campful of hands shot into the air. When the camp director asked for volunteers to clean and eat the catch, however, the 36 children were more reticent.

For many of the blind, deaf, retarded or emotionally or physically handicapped children, the experience was a new one from beginning to end.

The 13-acre Kiwanis camp "probably serves more handicaps than any camp in the Northwest," Kuhnhausen figured. Kiwanians would like to improve the record.

"Roughly 18,000 people in the Tri-county area have been identified as handicapped between the ages of 3 and 21," the director said. "Our program serves ages 9 to 18, so a lot of those people are eligible."

"We reach only 275 a season. A lot of others simply don't have a camp to go to."

The roadblocks are many. The camping experience, if you're handicapped, must include a full-time nurse and equipment like oxygen tanks and suction machines.

A 3-foot-deep swimming pool is heated to 90 degrees and is supervised by a certified Water Safety Instructor.

There are two counselors to every three campers.

"We also modify activities so handicapped kids can have success," Kuhnhausen said.

"We do a lot of hiking because

handicapped kids don't have the endurance they need."

Despite the special requirements, it is a typical camping experience. Campers learn archery, create arts and crafts, join in camp songs, make nature weavings and send notes to parents on nature post cards.

Kuhnhausen has more in mind. So does the Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp board, which supports the program, and Portland State University, which provides counselors and expertise.

The two groups plan a three-phase development program that will result in a brand-new camp in 15 years.

"Eventually," the director explained, "we'll house 200 campers and operate on a 12-month schedule."

To further adapt the physical surroundings to the handicapped, the board plans to add asphalt walks for wheelchairs, non-slip floors, ramps and other modifications.

The 40 Kiwanis clubs in the Portland area have just begun to raise a projected \$1.5 million needed for the project.

"We operate on a yearly basis. The camp will cost \$50,000 to operate this year. The expanded camp will cost more," Kuhnhausen acknowledged. "But we'll also have more receipts."

"People are always looking for a place they can rent. It would be really exciting to open the camp on a 12-month basis. Outdoor schools could then focus on winter as well as spring and fall."

The most exciting prospect, he noted, would be the opportunity to serve between 900-1200 handicapped people, including adults, for whom there are few other outdoor options.

Potpourri of activities planned for July 4

by DAWN MORRISON

There's a potpourri of activities planned in Hoodland during the week of July 4.

To start off the holiday, the Welches Community School and Hoodland Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring an "Old Fashioned 4th of July" at the Hoodland Women's Club. Beginning at 5 p.m., there will be a potluck picnic, games for all ages, music, and then a fireworks display at dusk.

A buffet-style picnic will be held on the tables in back of the Women's Club on Salmon River Road. Each family attending is asked to bring a main dish

and a salad or dessert, their own utensils, and a non-alcoholic beverage, reported Leah Behan, chairwoman of the potluck picnic.

Community School Coordinator Reva Cox said "old-fashioned games for both adults and children such as a potato sack race, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, softball and volleyball, are planned. The games will be interspersed throughout the evening's celebration."

"The people on the mountain like a 4th of July celebration, especially those that are away from their families and friends during the holiday," said Cox. "This is a good and fun way to get together with neighbors and friends in a

family-type atmosphere. We had approximately 120 people attend last year, and expect more this year."

Shelley Butler, in charge of music entertainment for the celebration, said "Bring your instruments and join in together in a relaxed atmosphere. We can all improvise."

The fireworks display, sponsored by the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce, will begin at dusk. "We have a much bigger display than last year, with over 100 different salutes and shells that will be fired off from behind Welches Elementary School," said fireworks chairman Dave Enna. He noted the fireworks can be viewed from

anywhere in the area of the school, and Hoodland Women's Club parking lot.

Rick Carey, vice president of the Chamber, reported that last year more than \$600 was spent on fireworks, and this year the Chamber raised approximately \$1,100.

"Kurt Mezger of the Chalet Swiss prepared a banquet dinner at cost to help the Chamber raise enough money for the larger display," he noted.

"The Women's Club and Lions Club also gave donations, and collection jars were placed in various Hoodland businesses."

The following weekend, the Hoodland Lions Club will hold its "Annual Fourth

of July Breakfast" with pancakes, eggs, sausages, bacon, juice, milk and coffee. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to noon by the Lions members and the Lions Women's Auxiliary. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

After breakfast, there is a turkey shoot and putt-putt golf planned at the Lions Club, weather permitting.

"A frog jumping contest is in the planning for the children, too," said Bruce Erickson, newly elected president of the Lions Club. The proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to organizations and charities.

To work off the big holiday breakfast, drop in at the Hoodland Women's Club on Salmon River Road for its annual

Rummage Sale, also held Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8. The doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Good buys are available," said Florence Simmons, co-chairman of the Rummage Sale.

Proceeds from the sale will go back into the community to help individuals and different organizations and charities. Coffee and homemade refreshments will be available.

Simmons said the club will accept rummage sale donations through July 7 at the Women's Club from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For a large donation a receipt can be issued for tax deduction purposes. Call 622-3288 for further information or pick-up.

Timberline inaugurates summer skiing

Fifty free-style skiers will jump, glide and fly down the Palmer snowfield July 4 in a competition arranged and judged by "Airborne Eddie" Ferguson.

Traffic objections cited in proposed townhouses

OREGON CITY — A major objection to the Wallstreet West planned unit development surfaced Monday in the form of traffic concerns on Sunnyside Road.

Some opponents contended before land-use hearings officer Richard Crist the 129 "townhouse" units will create additional traffic, already unmanageable in the area.

The development, on the south side of Sunnyside Road near its intersection with Valley View Terrace Road, would contain 129 units grouped into four clusters over a 14-acre area.

The remaining 22.6 acres of the tract, near Mt. Scott Creek and on the north slope of Mt. Talbert, would be left as open space.

Wallstreet Development asked a zone

change from R-10 and R-20 (10,000- and 20,000-square-foot minimum lot sizes) to R-8.5 and R-15; a conditional use permit for the development of cluster housing units; and a subdivision of the 36.6-acre parcel to create a planned unit development.

The staff recommended approval of all three requests, citing the need for development such as attached dwelling structures proposed, in order to provide a choice in housing style consistent with state land-use planning goals. However, the portion of the zone change from R-20 to R-15 was not recommended for approval.

Crist will announce his decision this Monday in a 7 p.m. hearing at the county courthouse in Oregon City.

activities to celebrate Independence Day and the opening of the Palmer Kohnstamm calls the "inauguration of summer skiing in North America."

Timberline is hosting several evening activities include music by The Conductors, a Dixieland Band from Portland, and a ski-down with 203 torch bearing skiers illuminating the south side of the mountain between 9:30 and 10 p.m.

"It will be much like the ski-down we had for the Bicentennial," Kohnstamm said.

Kohnstamm said Ferguson is "probably the most famous of the airborne ski aerialists, and is an outstanding acrobat."

Three events will round out the competition, with prizes given for "the best combined effort."

The aerial portion of the competition will include trick jumps. Mogul skiing will focus on "reckless skiing with excellent recovery," Kohnstamm said.

"They try to fall then pull out in a spectacular way."

Ballet skiing, Kohnstamm added, will stress "grace and style."

Competitors may enter on a first-come, first-served basis. Those entering must be over 18 years old and have been in previous competition.

Kohnstamm said the first 50 qualified registrants will be allowed to participate, and advised that skiers register in advance or come by 8:30 the morning of the race.

First prize, donated by Blitz-Weinhard, will be a sailboat, with second prize being a pair of Blizzard skis. Third prize will be Kastinger boots and fourth prize will be ski poles.

Kohnstamm has invited national media to cover the christening of the chairlift.

"Summer skiing is quite a big thing in Europe, and is just getting started here," Kohnstamm said. "It's a new sport, a new thing to do in the summer. Some persons have told me that the best skiing they've ever had has been in May on Mt. Hood."

Palmer has been in operation since May 7. Kohnstamm said the lift has been closed only two days due to poor weather.

"We've had an unusually dry and sunny June and May," he said.

Tri-Met may someday run on solid waste

Tri-Met buses someday could be powered by fuel from solid waste.

It's already happening in Salt Lake City and Riverside, Calif., and Craig Berkman of the Metropolitan Service District says it could happen here. The value would be in gaining relatively non-polluting fuel and alleviating the increasing problem of solid waste in the county.

"Unlike fossil fuels, this would be very, very low polluting," said Berkman, chairman of the MSD public facilities and solid waste committee.

One way to provide the fuel depends on construction of a proposed resource recovery system at Oregon City. "There's no question that if that facility is built, we could produce steam from burning solid waste, then separate the oxygen from hydrogen and store the hydrogen to eventually use in buses," Berkman said.

If the Oregon City recovery system

isn't built, there's another way to produce the clean fuel for Tri-Met buses. That's through a water wall incinerator, something that has been used in Europe for 20 years, Berkman said.

It would take \$50,000 to convert one bus to run on hydrogen fuel. Enough money is available to convert a couple of buses now and use them on a trial basis until more funds are available, Berkman said.

Tri-Met officials say they're interested in pursuing the possibilities, but haven't had the time to delve into the issue.

Berkman will propose during the next week that a committee of MSD and Tri-Met officials be established to study the solid waste power plan. A film outlining Denver's plans to switch its buses to hydrogen fuel from solid waste will be shown to Tri-Met officials, Berkman said.