

A Celebration for ALL SIZES

WHAT TO DO WITH THE KIDS By E. Anderson Cael

Rouse those kids from their cozy beds a bit early this weekend. Bypass the traditional morning cartoon ritual. Your kids have bigger fish to fry.

This year the Eugene Celebration offers even more family-friendly events than before. With exciting things to do and see all day every day, you and your offspring can play, laugh, sing, run, bike and dance your way through the weekend.

"I think of the Eugene Celebration as a modern-day harvest festival," said Steven Remington, director of Downtown Events Management, the main organizer of the Eugene Celebration "The larger goal [of the celebration] is to engage families and involve them in safe and fun activities ... not just as an afternoon of diversion. The activities for kids are primarily there to get families involved in the community."

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18:

The main event for the kids on Saturday is the **parade**. It starts at 9 am at the corner of 11th Avenue and Oak Street. The parade will offer a diverse assortment of costumed celebrants and grand floats sure to dazzle your eyes and feed kids' insatiable curiosi-

ties. It ends around noon at the intersection of 13th Avenue and High Street. For the complete route of the parade you can go to the Eugene Celebration's website at <http://eugenecelebration.com> or just check out our map on page 10.

The KidZone Stage is a great place to catch a variety of interesting acts.

At 11 am, the **Kutsinhira Youth Ensemble** will perform marimba music of Zimbabwe. Give your kids a taste of international music that's sure to make them shake their hips.

At noon the **National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics** will show off their astounding tumbling feats followed by **Rich Glauber's** interactive and energetic hour of movement, music and fun at 12:45 pm.

For kids who enjoy magic and zany comedy, **Dr. Delusion's Illusions** beginning at 3:30 pm will mystify their minds. This family-style act, a regular favorite at the Eugene Celebration, is full of laughter and intrigue. And if you miss him Saturday, he's performing again on Sunday at 3 pm.

Concluding the KidZone Stage entertainment on Saturday is **Dana Smith and his dog Lacey** starting at 4:30 pm. Expect



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juggling, ukulele numbers, audience participation, and of course Lacey showing off her skills as a seasoned canine entertainer.

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Get your day started with some exercise at the **2004 Celebration Run** in Alton Baker Park. The longer adult runs start at 9 am and the 2K **Kids' Fun Run** kicks off a little later at 9:45. Log on to www.goodrace.com for an online registration form and more info.

If you're more of a pedal pusher, skip the run and opt for the **Kid's Cycling Classic**, starting at 11:30 am at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Lincoln Street.

The Kidzone Stage opens at 11 am on Sunday where **The Dance Factory** will get things underway followed by the **Little Kids Jamboree** at noon, where young

aspiring musicians can jam.

Want a different perspective on the celebration? **Go climb a tree!** Seriously. From 11 am to 4 pm the Eugene Tree Foundation and the Pacific Tree Climbing Institute will be hoisting kids of all ages high into leafy limbs to help raise money for the Legacy Tree Program.

Whatever you do, if you're celebrating with the little ones, don't miss the **Pet Parade** at 1:30 pm where pets of all persuasions march through the streets dressed in hilarious costumes. The parade begins at 8th Avenue and Park West. To find out how to register your pet for the parade, contact the DEMI at 681-4108 for more information.

Whether you choose to make it a weekend or just stop by for a few hours, you'll find plenty of fun, kid-friendly events at the Eugene Celebration. **EW**

KidZone HAPPENINGS CORNER OF OLIVE STREET & 8TH AVENUE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

11 am Kutsinhira's Youth Ensemble
Noon National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics
12:45 pm Rich Glauber
1:45 pm Ta Da Dance Group

2:45 pm Jubilee World Outreach
3:30 pm Dr. Delusion's Illusions
4:30 pm Dana Smith & Lacey the Dog

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Noon Little Kids Jamboree
1 pm Dean Livelybrooks
2 pm Rich Glauber
3 pm Dr. Delusion's Illusions

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