

Obsidians: hike McKenzie Pass Geology, 3 miles; backpack Hunt's Cove, 15 miles, sign up obsidians.org

Annie Rhoades Band, 6pm, Saginaw Vineyard, 80247 Delight Valley Rd., Cottage Grove. FREE.

Oregon Festival of American Music: George & Ira Gershwin's *Girl Crazy*, 7:30pm, Hult Center, \$11-\$48, www.ofam.org or 434-7000.

How to Train Your Dragon, 9pm, Washington Park, 19th-21st & Washington. FREE.

The Wizard of Oz, continues. See Aug. 11.

Scandinavian Festival continues. See Aug. 11.

SATURDAY, 8/13

Obsidians: climb North Sister, 15 miles; climb Middle Sister, 14.5 miles; hike Mount Pisgah sunrise, 2.8 miles; hike Black Crater, 7.2 miles Sign up obsidians.org

Nearby Nature Quest: Creepy-Crawly Bug Safari, 10am-noon, Alton Baker Park. 687-9699. \$5 per family, \$2 per person, mem. FREE.

Eugene/Springfield Pride Festival, noon-7pm, Alton Baker Park, www.eugenepride.org \$5 sug. don.

Oakridge Keg & Cast Festival, street fair, wine and beer tasting, vendors and entertainment, 2-8pm, Oakridge, www.ci.oakridge.or.us

Cymbeline, 6pm today & tomorrow, Amazon Park, 2700 Hilyard St. FREE.

The Wizard of Oz, 6pm today & tomorrow, Maurie Jacobs Park. FREE.

Scandinavian Festival continues. See Aug. 11.

Northwest World Reggae Festival continues. See Aug. 12.

SUNDAY, 8/14

Obsidians: ext. trp.: Mt. St. Helens & Mt. Rainier. Sign up obsidians.org

Calamity Jazz Dixieland Band, 6:30pm, Washburne Park, 20th & Agate. FREE.

Amos Lee, Calexico, 7pm, Cuthbert Amphitheater. \$40 & \$27.

Scandinavian Festival continues. See Aug. 11.

Northwest World Reggae Festival continues. See Aug. 12.

Cymbeline continues. See Aug. 13.

The Wizard of Oz continues. See Aug. 13.

MONDAY, 8/15

Eugene Emeralds vs. Everett, 7:05pm today, tomorrow and Wednesday, PK Park, 342-5367. \$6-\$12 per game.

TUESDAY, 8/16

OBRA Criterium continues. See June 7.

Ems vs. Everett continues. See Aug. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 8/17

Accessible Aquatics, ages 6 & up, 10-11am, Amazon Pool, 682-5311. \$30.

Lane County Fair, 11am-11pm today through Saturday, 11am-8pm Sunday, Lane County Fairgrounds, www.atthefair.org \$9, \$6 under age 15, FREE under age 5, season pass \$17 adv., \$20 gates.

Evening Kayak Trips, "urban wilderness" kayak trips on Willamette River, for kids ages 12 & older and their relatives, Whitewater Kayak Level 1 course experience required, 5:30-9pm, River House Community Center, 301 N. Adams St., reg. at 682-5329. \$5 per person, includes transportation.

Full Steam Eugene Fashion Show, 7pm, Kesey Square, Broadway & Willamette. Don.

Eric Church, 8pm, Main Stage, Lane County Fairgrounds, www.atthefair.com FREE with fair admission.

Bike Riding for Fun & Fitness continues. See June 8.

Ems vs. Everett continues. See Aug. 15.

THURSDAY, 8/18

The Wizard of Oz, 6pm today & tomorrow, Campbell Center, 155 High St. FREE.

Jerry Zybach & The Stagehogs, 6:30pm, EWEB River Edge Plaza, 500 E. 4th.

Eugene Emeralds vs. Salem-Keizer, 7:05pm today, tomorrow and Saturday, PK Park, 342-5367. \$6-\$12 per game.

The Benjaminz, 7:30pm, Main Stage, Lane County Fairgrounds, www.atthefair.com FREE with fair admission.

Walk with Us continues. See June 9.



Cars 2

COOL OFF WITH YOUR BRAIN OFF VI: Son of Sequelitis



According to Box Office Mojo — as referenced by Roger Ebert in a required-reading *Newsweek* piece about Hollywood, sequels and originality — there are 27 movie sequels coming out this year. And those aren't all IIs and IIIs — gosh, no! Though to be fair, the highest number belongs to *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*, which is an eight, and a thing to be excited about, no matter how you slice it.

Sequels aren't all bad. I know that as well as any geek who's ever argued about which superhero movie is the best (*The Dark Knight!* No, *Spiderman 2!* No, *X-Men 2!*) and who counts *The Empire Strikes Back* as a lifelong favorite. But there's a difference between a story worthy of continuation and a two-hour ad designed to sell cheap toys and make all its dough off product placement. As Ebert writes, "Weekend releases between May and September might better be covered by marketing specialists than film critics."

And what might they be covering? Let's take a peek.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 3 There was a 2?

PUSS IN BOOTS: This wholly unnecessary spinoff from the hideous *Shrek* franchise makes me cover my fairy-tale-loving eyes and moan hopelessly.

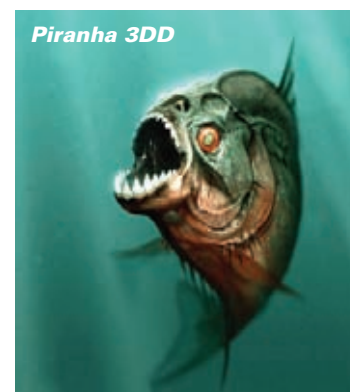
SPY KIDS 4 If you accidentally keep holding down shift while typing that title in all caps, it becomes *Spy Kids \$*, which seems appropriate.

CARS 2 Wait, you cry! *That's Pixar! They make good movies!* Yes, they do. But might there be something of a disconnect between Pixar's the-world-is-going-to-hell *Wall-E* and the continuation of a story about the vehicles that are helping drive us there? (Also, is *Cars* anyone's favorite Pixar flick? Really?)

PIRANHA 3DD Points, at least, for taking the title exactly where it ought to go.

GREEN LANTERN Not technically a sequel, but it feels like the sequel to an idea someone once had about how superhero movies might be cool, or smart, or not look like they were created on someone's laptop in the '90s. If anyone's abs don't need cheesy digital enhancement, they're Ryan Reynolds' abs. No?

FINAL DESTINATION 5 JUST DIE ALREADY. — *Molly Templeton*



Piranha 3DD



Green Lantern