

Corvallis Knights vs. Klamath Falls Gems continues. See July 10.

SATURDAY, 7/12

Obsidians: Middle Pyramid, 6 miles; Mt. Washington, 10.5 miles. Reg. at obsidians.org.

McKenzie River Wine Tour, three scenic resorts host this collaborative open house & wine tasting at McKenzie River Inn, McKenzie River Mountain Resort & Eagle Rock Lodge, 10am-5pm today & tomorrow, Eagle Rock Lodge, 49198 McKenzie Hwy., Vida, call 822-3630 for pricing.

Saturday Market, 10am-5pm; 11am Rich Glauber; noon Jill Ledet; 1pm Hello Dollface; 8th & Oak, see eugen Saturdaymarket.org. FREE.

Blues, Brews & Cruise, outdoor summer concert & car show w/Heavy Chevy & Vicki Stevens, beer garden, food & craft vendors, 1-8pm, Siuslaw Bank Amphitheater, Greenwaters Park, 48362 Hwy. 58, Oakridge. FREE.

Oregon Bach Festival: British Columbia Girls Choir, world-touring girls tour, 1-2pm, Hult Lobby. FREE; Women's Choral Festival at PICCFEST, 110-voice chorus composed of four young women choirs from across North America w/conductor Andrea Ramsey, 7-9pm, First Baptist Church, 3550 Fox Meadow Rd. \$15, \$10 sr. & stu; Portland Baroque Orchestra, led by Monica Huggett, concert commemorating anniversaries of composers from the Italian, German & French Baroque traditions, 7:30-9:30pm, Beall Hall, UO Campus. \$15-\$49.

Betty & The Boy, 6-8pm, Route 5 N.W. Wine Bar, 248 E. 5th Ave. #25. FREE.

Family Sunset Raft, float along the Willamette River & enjoy the golden hour as the sun sets, 6-9pm, ages 8+, meet at Island Park, Spfd. \$30. Reg. at eugene-or.gov.

All Dogs Go to Heaven, 8:30pm, State Street Park. FREE.

Corvallis Knights vs. Klamath Falls Gems continues. See July 10.

Emeralds vs. Boise continues. See July 11.

Eugene Metro Futbol Club Adidas Premier Cup continues. See July 11.

Oregon Country Fair continues. See July 11.

Springfield SummerFair continues. See July 11.

SUNDAY, 7/13

Obsidians: Black Crater, 7.8 miles; Clear Lake/Carmen, 8 miles. Reg. at obsidians.org.

Permaculture Earthworks: Ponds, Roads, Swales, Drains & Other Earth Repair Strategies, 10am-3pm, Aprovecho, 80574 Hazelton Rd., Cottage Grove, email apro@aprovecho.net or see aprovecho.net. Don.

Oregon Bach Festival: Intro to Verdi Requiem, explore musical context w/Linda Hathaway Bunza, 1:30-2:15pm, Soreng Theater, Hult Center. FREE; Verdi Requiem, Matthew Halls leads choral & instrumental forces in closing performance of OBF, 3-5pm, Silva Concert Hall, Hult Center. \$15-\$62.

World Cup Viewing Party, see the world's finest players battle it out on the big screen, 11am-4pm, Willamalane Center, 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd. FREE.

Eugene Metro Futbol Club Adidas Premier Cup continues. See July 11.

Emeralds vs. Boise continues. See July 11.

Oregon Country Fair continues. See July 11.

McKenzie River Wine Tour continues. See July 12.

MONDAY, 7/14

Obsidians: Mt. Jefferson, 12 miles. Reg. at obsidians.org.

Recreation Swims, entire facility open to all ages, 6:30-8:30pm, Amazon Pool, 2600 Hilyard St. \$5, \$4.50 ages 3-17.

TUESDAY, 7/15

Cycling for Veterans, 5:30-7:30pm, Maurie Jacobs Park. FREE.

Corvallis Knights vs. NCBL, 6:40pm today & tomorrow, Goss Stadium, 430 S.W. Langton Pl., Corvallis. \$6.

Lane United Football Club vs. Vancouver Victory, 7-9pm, Willamalane Center for Sports & Recreation, 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd. \$10.

WEDNESDAY, 7/16

Shotgun Creek Hike, ages 50+, 9am-1pm, Campbell Community Center, 155 High St, reg. at eugene-or.gov. \$20.

Bike Riding for Fun & Fitness, 9:30am-noon, Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. FREE.

Recreation Swims, entire facility open to all ages, 6:30-8:30pm, Amazon Pool, 2600 Hilyard St. \$5, \$4.50 ages 3-17.

Corvallis Knights vs. NCBL continues. See July 15.

THURSDAY, 7/17

Bohemia Mining Days, music, parade, living history exhibits, breakfast at the mine, pony rides, beard-growing contests, today through Sunday, July 20, downtown Cottage Grove, see bohemiainingdays.org. FREE.

FRIDAY, 7/18

Obsidians: Bike Siuslaw Falls, 24 miles. Reg. at obsidians.org.

Crossing Neptune, live music, wine & food, 6-9pm, Sarver Winery, 25600 Mayola Ln. FREE.

Goo Goo Dolls, Daughtry, Plain White T's, 6:45pm, Cuthbert Amphitheater, 601 Day Island Rd. \$41.50 adv., \$47 door.

Disney's *Little Mermaid*, 7pm today & tomorrow, 2pm tomorrow & Sunday, July 20, Upstart Crow Studios, 855 W. 1st Ave., call 688-8260 for tix. \$10.

Monster House, 8:30pm, Awbrey Park. FREE.

The *Neverending Story*, 8:30pm, Douglas Gardens Park, Spfd. FREE.

Freek-Nite Star Wars vs. Star Trek Party, 9pm, Cowfish, 62 W. Broadway. \$3-\$5.

Bohemia Mining Days continues. See July 17.

SATURDAY, 7/19

Obsidians: Three Mile Lake, 6 miles. Reg. at obsidians.org.

Heroes 2 Oregon Dragon Boat Paddle Challenge, 9am, Dexter Lake, contact 743-8765 or kayla@eugene Cascadescoast.org. \$700/team, \$500/team before June 15.

Eugene Running of the Bulls 4 Mile Run, get a red sash & be chased by bulls (derby girls), 10am, Ruth Bascom Bike Path, Alton Baker Park. \$25.

Saturday Market, 10am-5pm; 10am Foxgloves; 11am Anahid Bertrand; noon David Rogers; 1pm Sacred Harp Singers; 2pm Dreamdog; 3:30pm The Geo4; 8th & Oak, see eugen Saturdaymarket.org. FREE.

The Graand Kinetic Challenge, race events, pageantry, team songs, engineering, art judging & more, time TBA today & tomorrow, Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, call 740-0165 or email graandkineticchallenge@gmail.com. FREE admission, \$5 vehicle parking charge.

Family Sailing, sail on evening breezes as the sunlight fades, 5:30-9pm, ages 8+, meet at Richardson Park Marina, Dock B, Fern Ridge Lake. \$30. Reg. at eugene-or.gov.

Emeralds vs. Hillsboro, 7:05pm today & Monday, 5:01pm Sunday, PK Park, 2800 MLK Jr. Blvd, call 342-5367 for tix. \$7-\$13.

The *Little Rascals*, 8:30pm, Sladden Park. FREE.

Bohemia Mining Days continues. See July 17.

Disney's *Little Mermaid* continues. See July 18.

SUNDAY, 7/20

Obsidians: Mt. Thielsen, 10 miles. Reg. at obsidians.org.

Rock Climbing: Community Climb Time at the Columns, ages 8+, 9-11am, Skinner Butte Park, 2nd & Lincoln. \$10.

Round-Pole Framing: The Art of Joining Wood in the Round, 10am-3pm, Aprovecho, 80574 Hazelton Rd., Cottage Grove, email apro@aprovecho.net or see aprovecho.net. Don.

Eugene Sunday Streets, promote healthy, active living by opening the streets for people to walk, bike & roll in a safe, traffic-free environment, noon-4pm, Washington-Jefferson Park & 5th Ave. FREE.

Washington Jefferson Skatepark + Urban Plaza Skateboard Competition, 4-7pm, Washington St. & 1st Ave., call 682-6321. FREE, \$5 to participate.

Bohemia Mining Days continues. See July 17.

Disney's *Little Mermaid* continues. See July 18.

Emeralds vs. Hillsboro continues. See July 19.

The Graand Kinetic Challenge continues. See July 19.

MONDAY, 7/21

Obsidians: Mount Pisgah Full Moon/Sunset, 3 miles. Reg. at obsidians.org.

Recreation Swims, entire facility open to all ages, 6:30-8:30pm, Amazon Pool, 2600 Hilyard St. \$5, \$4.50 ages 3-17.

Oregon 2014 Welcome Party, join international youth athletes for a fabulous concert by Design, 7-9pm, Island Park, 200 W. B St., Spfd. FREE.

FLOATING THE PARTY

Tubing and drinking while keeping a lid on safety

A muted chorus of flip-flops drags across pavement on a sweltering spring day, as scantily clad coeds make a pilgrimage toward the river, inner tubes draped like bandoleers. Gotta keep those hands free for important things, like beer.

Yes, you can drink on any river in Oregon, but as to whether you should ... well, as in many things, moderation is key.

Legally, first you must mind the composition of your "tube." Any multi-chambered craft — as in it has a bottom, or is two or more tubes tied together — is subject to boating regulations. That means no drinking, as well as the required carrying of a personal flotation device (PFD) and whistle. In all honesty, wearing a PFD is not a bad idea when tubing in general.

Fire department personnel monitor put-ins to assure people have the right equipment. Take that as an act of grace, not an intrusion. It beats a citation from a sheriff's deputy when you land.

While afloat, you're likely to be left to your own devices. Few tubers actually commit to getting hammered on the river; most say it's too damn hot to be getting plumb inebriated and the dangers diminish when you're not trying to prove something.

Amanda Craig, a 20-something Eugenean, has tubed the Willamette River a dozen times with friends. "Every time I've gone, we were

drinking," she says, "but I've never seen anyone have an accident because of it."

Craig says people stick to a couple-few beers because there are dodgy moments, like shallow spots full of sharp rocks or the boat lane/bypass at Interstate-5, where debris can cause invisible hazards. "Going through that route, you can't be wasted and make it," she says.

TYPICAL ROUTES:

Willamette: Island Park in Springfield to around Ferry St. Bridge in Eugene
McKenzie: Hayden Bridge in Springfield to Harvest Landing in Springfield

AREA WATER READINGS:

Temperature (US Geological Survey) goo.gl/OzngqK
Depth (National Weather Service) goo.gl/UzccJX

The Willamette, in general, is tame compared to the McKenzie River. "We were on a faster part of the McKenzie," says UO senior Will Kanellos, "and we got caught on a submerged tree." Kanellos had to stand up on the tree, water rushing past, and untangle several tubes that were tied together. "My girlfriend fell out," he recalls. "It was scary, but we got through it with just a few scratches." Kanellos only had a couple beers, and he says if he'd had a few more, things might have gone awry.

Joe Zaludek, Deputy Chief of Special Operations for the Eugene-Springfield Fire Department, supervises the Water Rescue Team. Zaludek says half of river rescues involve alcohol. Near Island Park in Springfield, he says, "I pulled a guy out who fell from his tube. He popped off and sunk like a stone. He was impaired and couldn't swim. His friends saw him go down, but it was too late."

Zaludek cites high water level at a rapids and lack of a PFD as critical factors in this fatal accident. Temperature, he says, is also dangerous. On May 1, when air temperatures reached 86 degrees, the water was only 48 degrees — cold enough to cause hypothermia, which is easily compounded by intoxication.

There is still a consensus, however, among those who enjoy the float: If you use your head and look out for each other, warnings need not deprive you of pleasure. "I think it's something that everyone who lives in Eugene should try at least once," Craig says. "It's definitely worth it." — *Adrian Black*



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