

# Poverty Simulation event set for May 20

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Redmond residents are invited to participate in Poverty Simulation on May 20, an event designed to show the general community the realities of poverty.

The event, which is being hosted by the nonprofit organization Rogue Retreat, will simulate how difficult everyday tasks and responsibilities are when living under the poverty line, according to the event's description.

Participants will attempt to accomplish tasks by visiting tables around a room represented by service providers, government agencies and others with lived experience, according to Jim Cook, a Redmond homeless advocate. "This simulation dramatically

demonstrates how much time and energy many families have to give to survive from day to day," according to the event description. "It quickly dispels the myth that people would do fine if they would only go out and get a job!"

The event will be held at Mountainview Fellowship Church in Redmond between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The event is free and lunch will be provided. To volunteer or participate, people can visit the Poverty Simulation Eventbrite page or contact Oasis Village, a group of people trying to start a managed tiny-home village in Redmond, at info@oasisvillage.org.

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## Bond

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Some specialized teams Lewis has in mind include a mental health team that would initially be made up of two or three officers specially trained to deal with mental health crises, and who would work closely with licensed behavioral health workers. The model is similar to the co-responder mental health crisis team at the Bend Police Department, Lewis said.

Redmond Mayor George Endicott is also in support of the bond and urged voters to vote yes.

"Our current police station is not only outdated in terms of maintenance and upkeep, but also in size," Endicott said. "We aren't even growing our police force commensurate with the population growth, but



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Redmond  
Police Chief  
Devin Lewis

we still have a lot more officers than we had before, and we've run out of room. We've run out of capacity."

Endicott said the police station project was developed with a consulting firm and while it is not going to be extravagant, it is expected to be functional

and practical for Redmond, which has seen significant and steady growth in the past decades.

The new police station project has been in the works since April, and if accepted by voters is expected to be up and running by 2024 or 2025 at a cost of

around \$49 million.

The bond measure would cover the \$40 million for construction, while the rest of the \$9 million will come from the federal government and the city's general fund.

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Trey Thomason, a Realms High School junior, and Robert Wooldridge, a teacher, pull invasive plants at Smith Rock State Park on May 6.

## Realms

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Harju also said that these programs are critical ways to reignite student enthusiasm that waned during the pandemic. He added that students are often more excited about school in the weeks following the week-long program than they were before.

Last week, students took part in a variety of activities both on and off campus. Some students took a culinary class, where they learned about the science of fermentation. Others were refurbishing and riding mountain bikes. Another group of students held a mock trial, Harju said.

The group at Smith Rock spent the week learning about the basics of rock climbing in the gym. They capped off the week with outdoor climbing Thursday and the invasive plant cleanup Friday.

On Friday, students started their day learning from Vanderbeek about the "dramatic geologic history" that shaped

the park where they'd spend their day. They also learned about the different flora and fauna in the park. Then, they spread out along park trails and got down in the dirt, yanking up plants while scaring each other with stories about rattlesnakes and spiders.

Wyatt Winterbottom, a junior at Realms High, said it was thrilling to climb outside, which he had never done before. He and other students said the invasive plant removal reinforced in them the "leave no trace" ethic among those who enjoy the outdoors.

While students and teachers tossed their invasive plants into bags, Vanderbeek, the park ranger, laughed as he recounted the many days he has spent pulling the plants that he said are dominating the park.

Plants like these — medusahead rye, knapweed, cheatgrass — are among the leading causes of native biodiversity loss in habitats like Smith Rock's. Some species can increase fire danger, while others



have spikes that can get lodged in dog paws or deer nostrils. But many will continue to "spread out and spread out" in a relatively rapid fashion if they aren't removed, Vanderbeek said.

Standing in what he called a "hot spot" for invasive plants, he estimated that the students would do in a few hours what would ordinarily take him a week's time.

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## SOLUTION

Sudoku on A2

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1	5	4	8	6	3	7	2	9
6	2	7	1	9	4	5	3	8
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ABOVE: Realms High School student Brett Ross rock climbs May 5 at Smith Rock State Park during an alternative learning opportunity. LEFT: Realms High School student Haley Delgado climbs at Smith Rock State Park on May 5 during an alternative learning opportunity.

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