

Artists: Keep Oregon Green wants anniversary billboard submissions

Keep Oregon Green is celebrating its 80-year history by unveiling its first billboard poster art contest. The association is asking Oregonians of all ages to create and submit entries and share their vision for keeping Oregon free of wildfire.

The contest opened on June 1, and the entry deadline is 5 p.m., August 9, 2021

(Smokey Bear's birthday).

All submitted artwork will be reviewed in the fall of 2021, and Oregon will become an open-air art gallery in 2022, showcasing the first-place winning artwork on billboards at major intersections, highways and interstates across the state.

There will be three separate divisions based on age. Within each division will be first, second, and third-place winners. Cash prizes and certificates will be awarded to the first three people who place in each age division (grades 1-5; 6-12; and 18+ years). All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Keep Oregon Green's annual wildfire prevention campaigns encourage residents and visitors to practice basic wildfire safety while enjoying the outdoors. TV and radio commercials, social media posts and billboards provide daily reminders to be careful with activities that can spark a wildfire during the most critical time of year. This year's campaign features stunning photos of Oregon's iconic landscapes and the use of the #OregonOurOregon hashtag.

For more wildfire prevention inspiration, contest rules, prizes and information on how and where to send your artwork, go to keeporegongreen.org/kog-billboard-contest-submissions.

Carousel marks 20 years

The Salem Riverfront Carousel will celebrate its 20th anniversary Saturday, June 5.

Rides are \$1 all day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beginning at noon, complimentary birthday cookies and ice cream will be served while supplies last. A carving exhibition and Alexander "The Master of Marvels" Magician will perform.

The event is free to the public. Popcorn, cotton candy and hot dogs will be available to purchase.

All COVID-19 safety precautions and policies are in effect.

The carousel will also be debuting new keepsakes and souvenirs and discounting yearly ride passes.

CASA looking for speedster heroes

The 2021 CASA Superhero Race will be on Saturday, June 19, at the Riverfront Park in Salem.

The 5K or 10K benefits Court Appointed Special Advocates of Marion County, a program providing court advocacy for abused and neglected children.

There will be a 10k run at 9 a.m., a 5k run at 9:30 a.m., and a one mile lap for kids at 10 a.m. The 10k and 5k are \$25 and the one mile lap for kids is free.



Race packet pick up will be on Friday, June 18, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at our CASA office located at 3530

River Road N. in Keizer. Day of registration/race check-in will begin on Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Riverfront Park Pavilion.

To sign up or for more information visit runsignup.com. Salem Electric is the title sponsor of the event.



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