

# Goonies: 'We will need a case of glass cleaner'

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## Same window as Chunk

Throughout the year, the bowling alley welcomes a few fans a day interested in looking out the same window as Chunk. The view is of Marine Drive toward the Astoria Bridge.

"We see that on a normal basis. They are on the coast and come through. I'd say three-fourths just stop in, and don't bowl," Gray said.

About six years ago, the bowling alley put a guest book by the window for Goonies fans to sign. Above the guest book is a world map, where fans can mark where they live.

The map is filled with dots in all 50 states and various countries around the world.

Multiple guest books have been added, and include messages similar to those found in a high school yearbook.

Gray plans to remove the dots from the map and start fresh for the 30th anniversary.

"People get bummed if someone already put a dot on the map where they are from," Gray said.

Gray has met Goonies fans from New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom and other countries throughout Europe. One fan came from Tibet with a translator.

A woman came in with a Goonies tattoo across her stomach, and a man visited with a tattoo of Chunk on his arm. Jeff Cohen, the actor who played Chunk, has come back to the bowling alley a couple of times.

"It's fun to meet people from where they are from and hear their stories," Gray said.

## Old jail

Along with the bowling alley, Goonies fans enjoy seeing Clatsop County's old jail, used in the opening scene of the movie.

The jail and bowling alley were not as featured in the movie as the Goonies house on 38th Street or Ecola State Park, but have still attracted almost as much interest from fans.

The jail was operational until the 1970s, when the county built a new jail and used the old one as storage and office space.

In June 2010, the old jail was transformed into the Oregon Film Museum in time for the Goonies' 25th anniversary.

McAndrew Burns, executive director of the Clatsop County Historical Society, which oversees the Oregon Film Museum, said the jail always had an allure to fans.

"Goonies fans have wanted to see that jail ever since the movie came out," Burns said. "Folks would talk their way in and staff would let them in. Short of the Goonies house, this is one of the spots all the Goonies fans really want to see."

Attendance at the Film Museum has increased from 9,099 visitors the first year to more than 25,000 in 2014. Nearly 9,000 have already visited this year.

"For people who came for the 25th anniversary, it's a very different museum than it was then," Burns said. "It's a whole bunch more interactive than it used to be. We hope to keep growing and keep doing more."

## Old-school style

Dave Palmberg, owner of Lower Columbia Bowl since 1989, said the bowling alley was owned by a group called Lower Columbia Bowl Inc. during the filming of the movie.

Palmberg does not recall how the bowling alley was included in the film.

"I'm sure they talked to the manager at the time and said we'd like to take some shots," he said.

The old-school-style building, as Palmberg describes it, was built in 1946 as a car dealership and garage. It became a bowling alley in 1956.

Since the filming, Gray said, the floor has been raised and the carpet and windows have changed. The original windows seen in the film were destroyed in the Great Coastal Gale of 2007.

Despite the upgrades, Goonies fans can still look out the window in surprise like Chunk.

Fans this weekend are just asked not to spill any milkshakes or smear pizza on the window.

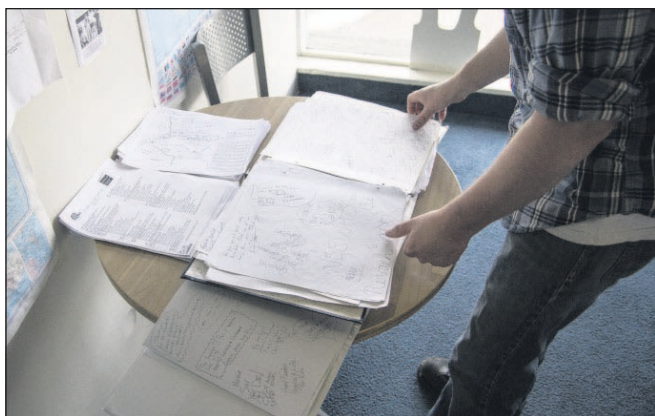
"We will need a case of glass cleaner," Gray said. "Everyone will put their hands on it."



Owner Dave Palmberg stands by a map on the wall showing where visitors to the bowling alley came from. According to the map, people have come from every state and many counties to visit Lower Columbia Bowl.



Layers and layers of Goonies-related notes are shown on a board in the Oregon Film Museum Tuesday.



Manager Casey Gray flips through a sign-in book near the window at Lower Columbia Bowl.

## Sand Trap Pub hosts Goonies celebration

'You can't have a Goonies party without Baby Ruths'

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GEARHART — McMenamins' Sand Trap Pub in Gearhart is marking the 30th anniversary of "The Goonies" with special treats and showings of the Astoria-based movie.

The pub will play "The Goonies" in the Livingstone's Room from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and participants can watch for free. The restaurant also will have a Goonies Gold Ale and offer Goonies food specials and Baby Ruth milkshakes — "because you can't have a

Goonies party without Baby Ruths," manager Taz Davis said.

Scavenger hunts on the McMenamins property, 1157 N. Marion Ave., will be open to participants of all ages. Attendees also can get their McMenamins Passports marked with a Goonies stamp.

Originally, the pub created its Goonies Gold Ale for the 25th anniversary of the movie.

"Everyone's got a little Astoria in them at some point and we like to celebrate that," Davis said.

This year, for the 30th anniversary, they've expanded on that.

"For those of us that were younger when the movie came out, it kind of hit home and it had quite a cult following and it's kind of grown from that," Davis said.

## Volunteer at the Goonies

Volunteers are needed for the Goonies 30th celebration Thursday through Sunday to assist in a number of roles ranging from tour guides, treasure hunt location hosts, crowd monitors, ticketing, merchandise sales and more. Shifts will be about four hours in length.

Volunteers receive a lanyard with a Goonies 30th volunteer ID badge and one free admission (with

badge) to attend the concert and movie showing at Warren Field. Volunteers working 10 hours or more will receive a gift from the merchandise store.

For information about volunteering, go to [www.thegoondocks.org/volunteering.html](http://www.thegoondocks.org/volunteering.html). To sign up, go to <http://bit.ly/1ESynJO>

For questions, contact Regina Willke, event manager, at [regina@oldoregon.com](mailto:regina@oldoregon.com) or 503-325-6311.

## GOONIES WEEKEND

Movie fans converge on Astoria this week for the 30th anniversary of "The Goonies," the lovable 1985 adventure comedy about a ragtag bunch of youngsters who save their Uppertown homes from being razed for a country club golf course.

The Daily Astorian has planned a week's worth of coverage. Visit [www.dailyastorian.com](http://www.dailyastorian.com) for updates.

### Coverage

• **Today:** A look at Lower Columbia Bowl and the old county jail, backdrops for the movie's memorable opening scenes.

• **Thursday:** Plenty in Astoria never understood the cult following around the movie; a treasure hunt using geocaching.

• **Friday:** A peek inside The Goondocks, the nerve center of the celebration; a recap of the beach party and bonfire in Cannon Beach.

• **Monday:** Scenes from a long weekend of Goonie excess.

• **Tuesday:** An Ecola State Park ranger opens a behind-the-scenes window into the park's cameo in the movie.

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Astoria's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DailyAstorian](http://www.facebook.com/DailyAstorian).

Check out **The Goondocks**, a website from the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, at [www.thegoondocks.org](http://www.thegoondocks.org) for a full list of activities.

### Highlights

• **Thursday:** One-Eyed Willie Treasure Hunt, all day, Astoria Armory.

• Beach gathering and bonfire, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Ocean Lodge, Cannon Beach.

• **Friday:** Shot in Astoria bus tours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Astoria Armory.

• Block party and concert, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Astoria Event Center.

• **Saturday:** Growing up Goonie with Jeff Cohen (Chunk), 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Liberty Theater.

Autograph signing with Jeff Cohen (Chunk), 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Liberty Theater McTavish Room.

Farewell to Warren Field with a group Truffle Shuffle and outdoor movie screening, 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., John Warren Field.

• **Sunday:** Truffle Shuffle 5K Fun Run, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., Tolovana Park, Cannon Beach.



## Relay for Life Fundraiser CMH Car Show

### Come to the 2015 CMH Car Show

Columbia Memorial Hospital's Relay for Life team welcomes you to join us for the first annual CMH Car Show to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Join us on Goonies Weekend for classic cars and a good cause!

**Who:** Car Lovers

**What:** CMH Car Show and Fundraiser

**When:** June 6, 2015, 10am-4pm

**Where:** Columbia Memorial Hospital, westside parking lot (near the helipad)

**Cost:** No cost for visitors, \$30/vehicle

**Contact:** Ivan Sultan, CMH Relay for Life Team Captain at 503-338-4005 or [ivan\\_sultan@columbiamemorial.org](mailto:ivan_sultan@columbiamemorial.org)



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Please complete this form and mail it with the entrance fee to the address below.

Entrance Fee: \$30/vehicle OR Relay team participant (Make checks payable to American Cancer Society/Relay for Life)

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