AT SUMMER'S END

Festival arrives at Fort Stevens State Park

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The Friends of Old Fort Stevens will bid a final "hurrah" to summer this weekend with a festival at Fort Stevens State Park and everyone's invited.

The first annual Summer's End Festival will take place at the park's historic area. Kami Allen, the event's coordinator, hopes visitors will have fun and enjoy spending time together, learning about the park's historic attractions and sights.

Years ago, Fort Stevens State Park hosted a different event around Labor Day weekend, but it gradually faded away. Later, they put on another family-friendly event for the community. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

The idea of hosting a larger festival has long been a desire, according to Allen. This year, the park decided to give it a go.



Summer's End Festival

Fort Stevens State Park, 1675 Peter Iredale Rd., Hammond

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday

Admission is \$17 in advance and \$20 at the gate. Children 9 and under are free. Several ticket bundles are also available

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Dr. Aaron Brown, of the CMH-OHSU Health Primary Care Clinic in Astoria, is on his way to England Sept. 21-22 to complete a 180-mile bike ride in 24 hours, supporting Lower Columbia Hospice.

How can you assist?

Scan the QR code or visit columbiamemorial.org/ bike-for-hospice to donate any amount per mile that Dr. Brown completes for Lower Columbia Hospice.







Photos by Katherine Lacaze

ABOVE: Samantha Hollo, left, a park ranger, and Kami Allen, a board member of the Friends of Old Fort Stevens, are organizing the Summer's End Festival. BELOW: Samantha Hollo, one of the coordinators for the Summer's End Festival, stands in front of Battery Pratt at Fort Stevens. The battery will be used as a stage by bands providing live music at the festival.

