

Dalles Dam visitor center reopens for summer

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites guests to visit The Dalles Dam this summer.

The dam's visitor center will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays from May 1 until Memorial Day, and then every day

through Labor Day. The visitor center will then be open Fridays through Sundays until it closes for the season Sept. 27.

The visitor center has many interactive displays, a short film on the benefits and impacts of the dam, and

a bookstore offering local information and treasures. Don't forget to stop and smell the roses at the historic Seufert Rose Garden adjacent to the visitor center, and enjoy the scenic views of Mount Hood. A covered picnic shelter is available.

Tours of The Dalles Dam will be offered every Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. starting May 2. Tours are conducted via electric shuttle from the visitor center along a portion of the Riverfront Trail to Patterson Park. While on

tour, you will discover why a canal was vital to the local economy and travelers, how huge generators spin water into electricity, what trains have to do with Oregon Trail pioneers, and why the fish crossed the ladder.

Pre-registration for tours is encouraged, as space is limited.

Patterson Park on the grounds of The Dalles Dam is open to the public Fridays through Sundays during visitor center hours and is only accessible by trail. Visitors are encouraged to hike, bike or ride the wheelchair-accessible shuttle to the park and enjoy a picnic

or a sight-seeing adventure. Unique features include a historic train caboose and the remnants of the old Dalles-Celilo Canal, which turns 100 years old this year.

The Dalles Dam Visitor Center is located just north of Interstate Highway 84 at exit 87. Turn east onto Bret Clodfelter Way and follow the road to the visitor center.

For more information and to register for tours, please contact The Dalles Lock and Dam Ranger Office at 541-506-7857 or 541-296-9778 or visit www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/ColumbiaRiver/TheDalles.aspx.



Photo by Mark Gibson

THE DALLES DAM visitor center has opened to the public on weekends and will open full time after Memorial Day.

CGCC Foundation hosts event series, 'Gorge Gatherings,' to start on May 13

Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation invites residents to participate in the 2015 Columbia Gorge Gatherings series, benefiting the CGCC Foundation endowment.

The 2015 series includes three "food and friend" events. CGCC Foundation credits volunteers for their help in creating these gatherings throughout the Columbia Gorge community.

The Gorge Gatherings series begins on Wednesday, May 13, at the Historic Balch Hotel in Dufur. This gathering, Mt. Hood Wine and Design, features local artist Courtney Berens as she guides you through painting a Mt. Hood masterpiece. The combination of friends, hors d'oeuvres, wine, instruction, and natural inspiration leads you to success. The cost to attend this gathering is \$75 per person, and the capacity of this gathering is 15.

The U.K. Beer Tasting is the next gathering of the series. On Sunday, May 31, Marley's Corner of Hood River, brings to you an intriguing menu from the U.K., paired with classic beers. Complete with fish n' chips, pasties, and other Scottish favorites, this tast-

ing is not for the faint at heart! The cost to attend this gathering is \$55 per person, and the capacity of this gathering is 20.

The final gathering of the series is the Italian Wine Exploration. This mouth-watering journey, hosted at White Buffalo Wine Bar and Bistro of Hood River, explores Umbria to Abruzzo. It brings together delicious cuisine expertly paired with various wines from the region. Sit back, unwind, and enjoy this fall evening on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015. The cost to attend this gathering is \$75 per person, and the capacity of this gathering is 30.

Space is limited for these gatherings; contact Amanda Bernal at the CGCC Foundation Office at 541-506-6121 or abernal@cgcc.edu to make reservations. You will receive a gift receipt for your contribution to the foundation. All proceeds for the Columbia Gorge Gatherings series benefit the CGCC Foundation endowment. Feel free to contact CGCC Foundation or visit www.gorgefoundation.org for more information.

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Cardboard boat races coming to Dallesport May 16

National Boating Safety Week is May 16 to 22, and Columbia Hills State Park is partnering with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to promote safe and responsible boating by launching the park's first ever cardboard boat race at Horsethief Lake just east of Dallesport Saturday.

The event encourages creativity and ingenuity by providing individuals and teams with a two part challenge. First, teams must construct boats out of cardboard, tape and paint. Second, they must race their creations around a buoyed obstacle course. Awards will be given for first, second and third fastest boats, and best theme. If you think you're up for the challenge, now is the time to ask your friends and neighbors to

help you collect cardboard!

May 16 is also "Ready, Set, Wear it!" Life Jacket World Record Day. Last year, 7,000 people participated in this event worldwide to break the world record for most life jackets worn in a day. You can be a part of making a new world record, simply by showing up with your life jacket and being photographed wearing it in a group shot. If you don't own your own life jacket, you can still be a part of the fun; loaner life jackets will be available on a first come serve basis.

Photographs for world record day will be from 11:30-12 p.m. Regatta participants are encouraged, but not required, to participate in the photo. Regatta participants must pre-register by May 9. Racers should

be at the Horsethief Lake boat launch by 12 p.m. for boats to be inspected and judged. Race will begin at 1 p.m.

If racing doesn't exactly float your boat, join the spectators at the Horsethief Lake Amphitheater and enjoy the warmth of a bonfire, free toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate while you cheer on regatta contestants as they float, sink, or swim on by!

Event Parking Permits will be issued for registered Regatta and "Ready, Set, Wear It!" participants; otherwise a day or annual Discover Pass will be required. For more information on these events and information on how to register, contact Sarah Green at 509-439-9032 or e-mail at sarah.parks.wa.gov.

Forest service hosting free fishing clinics for kids

The Barlow Ranger District and Hood River Ranger District of the Mt. Hood National Forest will be hosting free fishing clinics for kids. The Barlow Ranger District event will take place on Saturday, May 9, and Hood River Ranger District's fishing clinic will take place on Saturday, May 16. Both events will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

This year, the Forest Service is teaming up with Columbia Pacific Council's Boy Scouts of America, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Middle Fork Irrigation District to sponsor these popular events. The Barlow RD's event will be held at Camp Baldwin off Forest Road 44, and the Hood River RD's event will be held at Middle Fork Irrigation Pond on Laurance Lake Road in Parkdale.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will stock the ponds at both locations with trout for the kids to learn how to fish. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult,

and are encouraged to bring fishing gear, but the Forest Service does have a limited amount of fishing poles and tackle available for use. Both fishing clinics will have a hot lunch available for participants. The Hood River fishing clinic will also have related arts and crafts, fly tying, a fish-weighing contest for the largest fish and other games, prizes, and refreshments donated by local businesses.

"I look forward to this event every year because it's not only about fishing. The kids learn about bugs and streams, as well as fun arts and crafts," said Stephanie McKinney, fish and wildlife biologist for the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Other fish clinics will be held in June sponsored by the Zigzag and Clackamas River Ranger Districts.

For more information, contact Stephanie McKinney at the Hood River Ranger District at stephaniemckinney@fs.fed.us, 541-352-1221, or Chris Rossel at the Bar-



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HOOD RIVER RANGER District and Barlow Ranger District are teaming up with local Boy Scouts to host free fishing clinics for kids this Saturday and next Saturday.

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