

## SUMMER

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Arts, 9-noon. Learn to paint what you see. Ages 6-12. \$90.

■ July 27-30 — Summer art experiences at Columbia Center for the Arts, 1-4 p.m. Creative paper engineering. Ages 8+. \$85.

■ Aug. 10-13 — All the arts theater camp, 9-noon. Ages 4-6. \$85.

■ Aug. 10-13 — Textile play: Intro to weaving, painting on, dyeing fabric with Megan Mesloh from Wildcraft Studio School, 1-4 p.m. Ages 12+. \$135.

### Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 378 in Odell has a couple of summertime events open to boys and their families. You do not need to be a scout to participate; boys must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 541-354-1323.

■ July 11 — Fishing event, 11 a.m. at Laurence Lake. Bring pole and bait. Prize for biggest fish caught. Hot dogs, refreshments provided.

■ Aug. 15 — Hike to Tamanawas Falls. Meet 10:45 a.m. at Mt. Hood Store. Bring day pack, lunch and full water bottle.

### Summer library and reading

■ Story Time at Hood River Library: Baby/Toddler and Big Kids story time, 10:30 a.m. Thursday mornings.

■ Hood River County Library Summer Reading Program. Sign up at the library; choose a goal of how many hours you can read this summer and collect prizes as you progress towards your goal. More info at [www.hoodriver.plinkit.org](http://www.hoodriver.plinkit.org).

■ Hood River County Library Teen Summer Reading Program. Sign up at the library; prizes will be awarded for every five hours of reading completed. Three \$50 cash cards will be raffled off at the end of the summer; provided by Columbia Bank. More info at [www.hoodriver.plinkit.org](http://www.hoodriver.plinkit.org).

### Hood River Hobbies

Hood River Hobbies, 110 Fourth Street, has many activities for kids, from Magic the Gathering games to bird watching to RC car racing; watch the Happenings section of the News for updates to their summer schedule.

■ June 20 and 27 — RC Car Class, 9-10 a.m. at May Street Elementary covered play area. Bring radio controlled car and spare batteries; learn about car repair and maintenance. Students must be old enough to operate their vehicle safely and stay out of driving area while cars are moving for safety reasons, or must be supervised by a parent. \$10. Sign up through Community Ed. More info at [info@hoodriverhobbies.com](mailto:info@hoodriverhobbies.com).

■ June 21 and 28 — Trading Card Game Casual Free Play Sunday at Hood River Hobbies: 1:30 p.m., Pokemon Trading Card Game; 3 p.m., Magic the Gathering; tournament at 3:30 p.m. Bring a deck or buy one, trade cards; supervision required for children. More info at [info@hoodriverhobbies.com](mailto:info@hoodriverhobbies.com).

### Community Ed

The Community Education summer class schedule is filled with kids' activities for everyone from preschool to high school and include summer musical theater, art camps, WAAAM aviation camp, Lego Physics, Rock Band Summer Camp, Astronomy and numerous sporting opportunities, from soccer to sailing. For more info, visit the Community Ed office at 1009 Eugene Street, call 541-386-2005, email [community@hoodriver.k12.or.us](mailto:community@hoodriver.k12.or.us), or visit [www.communityed.org](http://www.communityed.org).

Other favorite Community Ed summer activities include:

■ Movies in the Park, Saturdays at Jackson Park beginning July 11 through Aug. 22. All movies begin at dusk. Sponsored by Community Ed and Hood River Parks and Rec. For more info visit [www.hrcommunityed.org](http://www.hrcommunityed.org).

■ Families in the Park, Thursdays in August at Jackson Park from 6-9 p.m. Aaron Meyer Aug. 6; Quarterflash Aug. 13; Paperback Writer (Beatles Tribute) Aug. 20; and Hit Machine Aug. 27.

### Columbia Gorge Peace Village

Registration is now open for Columbia Gorge Peace Village, held Aug. 3-7. Camp is open to children ages 6-13. Full camp fee is \$335 per camper; scholarships available. Registration is limited to 150 campers. To register, visit [bit.ly/1dGSxkn](http://bit.ly/1dGSxkn) or email [info@columbiagorgepeacevillage.com](mailto:info@columbiagorgepeacevillage.com).

### Blossoms Bilingual summer camps

This new bilingual preschool is located at Pine Grove Elementary. Parents can choose a one or two week commitment, three to five days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more info, contact teacher Socci Galvez at [hrblossomspreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:hrblossomspreschool@yahoo.com) or 541-399-4840.

■ June 15-26 — Science Camp. Will include experiments such as baking, soda volcano, rockets and balloons, and mixing colors experiments.

■ June 29-July 10 — Culture and Language Camp. Five cultures in 10 days: Japanese, Russian, American, Mexican and French.

■ Aug. 10-21 — Nature in the Gorge Camp. Focusing on Gorge nature: trees, animals, rivers, plants.

### Play groups

■ New Parent Services Playgroups. For parents and their children ages newborn to 5; for more info contact Nancy Johanson Paul at 541-436-0319 or [nancyp@nextdoorinc.org](mailto:nancyp@nextdoorinc.org).

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Cascade Locks City Hall gym.

Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m. at Hood River Alliance Church, 2650 Montello Ave. (Contact the church at 541-386-2812 for details.)

Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m. at HR Early Childhood Center (former Pine Grove School), bilingual, with developmental specialists available (follows school calendar). For more info call 541-386-4919.

1-2 p.m., FISH will hold an orientation meeting for any group who may be interested in using the meeting room and/or teaching kitchen at the new FISH food bank.

The meeting will cover priorities, procedures, potential fees and waivers, contacts for reservations, and guidelines for use. The meeting room has the capacity to seat up to 100 people.

For details call Debby Chenoweth at 541-399-2384.

A forum on hunger, planned for June 18 after the orientation, has been postponed, according to Chenoweth.



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CARE TO SADDLE UP for the July 4 parades in Hood River County? Groups and individuals are welcome to get involved, just as these cyclists rode the route in 2014. This year's theme is "Beautiful Bounty," and organizers are encouraging pre-registration for the parade (see story for details). Also on the schedule for July 4, the 4 p.m. Odell parade, which forms at 3 p.m. at Mid Valley Elementary.

## Plan ahead for July 4 weekend fun

The Hood River Lions are working with other community groups for another great Independence Day salute to the United States. Set for Saturday, July 4, the day opens with the 40th annual Kollas-Cranmer Run/Walk from Odell to Jackson Park in Hood River.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. at Mid-Valley Elementary School. Walkers start at 8 a.m. and runner begin their contest at 9 a.m. [www.4thofjulyrun.com](http://www.4thofjulyrun.com)

The parade, with the theme of "Beautiful Bounty," will start at 10:00 a.m. with the line up on Eliot Drive beginning at 8:30 a.m. To speed up the registration, forms and

instructions can be obtained by linking to "gorgelions.org."

The parade fee is \$10 and there will be monetary prizes for the best entries.

The grand marshal will be the people associated with Fish Food Bank which opened its new facility last month. The theme is "Beautiful Bounty" describing the wonderful area of the Hood River Valley and Columbia River Gorge and the assistance that is given to our neighbors by the Fish Food Bank. Attendees are asked to bring a can of fruit or soup to Jackson Park that will be given to the FISH Food Bank.

For safety to children

and adults along with keeping the parade route litter free, the Hood River Lions ask that no candy be passed out or thrown from the entries. The Hood River Rotary Club and Heights Ice Cream are again teaming up to offer ice cream at a discounted price in Jackson Park for the children after the parade.

On lookers will be treated to about 50 local entries but also a Portland band called "The Beat Goes On" with its musicians and baton twirlers. They will also perform in Jackson Park for 40 minutes starting at noon with the raising of the American Flag.

At 11 a.m. the Hood

River Fire Dept. will begin serving its annual BBQ lunch. Around 1:00 p.m. we will be entertained by the Willy & Nelson band. Also in the park will be ice cream, two bounce houses, face painting and some games for the children.

The patriotic celebration ends with a grand fireworks display over the Columbia River starting at 10:00 p.m. thanks to the Hood River Eyeopener Lions Club.

Donations for the fireworks program are needed and can be mailed to Eyeopener Lions, 1767 12th Street #136, Hood River, OR 97031.

## Parenting photo contest nears June 30 deadline

There is still time to share your photos of summer fun with the community, in a photo contest sponsored The Next Door Inc.

Once again this year, in celebrating "Oregon Parenting Education Week," the Columbia Gorge Parenting Education Program of The Next Door seeks photos of children from birth to eight years interacting with an adult in a healthy activity. Activities can include a family outing, playing, eating, story time, making a craft, playing at a park, or any other healthy adult and child interaction.

Parenting Education Coordinator Nancy Johanson Paul said, "In the past two years, photographers have captured wonderful moments showing the joy, fun, teaching and learning that happens between adults and children through their interaction together. I am very excited to see this year's amazing photos!"

Plan to submit photos by June 30. Photos can include a parent, grandparent, child care provider, preschool teacher, or other adult. Submissions can include up to five photos. Eight photos will be chosen for a community photo display, and each of those eight photographers will receive a \$50 gift certificate from G. Willikers Toy Store. Only

one winner will be allowed per family.

Photos must show an adult and a child interacting together, and must include a child age birth to eight years. All photos must be in JPG format, with a minimum of 300 dpi. Download an entry form at [www.nextdoorinc.org/photo](http://www.nextdoorinc.org/photo). Each photographer can submit up to 5 photos.

The Columbia Gorge Parenting Education Program of Hood River and Wasco Counties would like to emphasize the importance of skilled and caring parents, grandparents, foster parents, and child care providers in the lives of children. This year more photos are needed from Wasco County photographers. Some of the photos will be used in The Next Door publication "Parenting in the Gorge Guide" September 2015-August 2016.

Parenting education helps parents and caregivers learn how to best support their child's development and promote the child's success in school and life. In parenting classes, parents learn to have realistic expectations for themselves and for their children. The improved knowledge of positive parenting practices and normal child development encourages loving and skilled parenting, which helps ensure the child's well-being.



Photo by Patrick Mulvihill

EARTH DAY 2015: Nora Hart hangs out with her mother, Kate.

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ery system through a single level loading dock;

■ Offering a more organized shelving, stocking, and display system making the process easier for volunteers and clients;

■ Providing a repackaging area for large quantities of food;

■ Providing larger, more efficient freezers and cold storage facilities.

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