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Members of Headwaters to Ocean (H2O) will be "Shanghaiing" new crew at this year's BITE festival on August 12 and 13 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. H2O Crew will be offering free public boat tours of Portland's working harbor throughout the weekend-long event. Shanghai! Tours of the Working Harbor are H2O's fun and free boat tours designed to get river lovers of all ages out on the Willamette for an in-depth look at Portland's working river. If you've wondered what's inside those huge ships, wondered how so many Idaho french fries reach their destinations around the world, what life is like for a tug boat

captain, or if you simply want a look at a huge ocean vessel from water-eye level, don't miss these tours.

H2O will offer its popular free Shanghai! Tours during The Bite festival at Waterfront Park in Downtown Portland on Sat. Aug. 12 and Sun. Aug. 13. Trip times each day are 11 am, 1:30 pm and 4 pm. Each tour is approximately two hours long and will travel downriver along the Willamette and include a rare glimpse behind Swan Island. Trips are open to all ages on a first-come, first served basis.

To get Shanghai'd, report to H2O's sign-in center at Ankeny Dock in

sign-in center at Ankeny Dock in Downtown, Portland, just south of the Burnside Bridge, to receive an admission pass. All tours are aboard the USCG-certified vintage wooden tugboat Captain Conner, owned and operated by H2O. Trips depart from Ankeny Dock.

Since it began operating programs in 1996, H2O has taken more than 10,000 students, decision-makers and members of the public out on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. The group operates from the Columbia River Bar to the Gorge and on the Willamette, with programs ranging from student field trips, teen leadership overnight

voyages, tugboat/kayak adventures in the Lower Columbia and Shanghai! Tours for the public. Book trips online at www.h2ocean.org.

H2O's major supporters include Port of Portland, City of Portland Environmental Services, Columbia River Foundation and Americorps/Northwest Service Academy. Additional support is provided by Cascade General, Bank of America Foundation, and individual donations.

For more information, please contact H2O at 503/228-9600, or visit its website at www.h2ocean.org.

Bones & Brew national cook-off will benefit new agencies in 2000

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Hundreds of volunteers are needed for the Bones & Brew National Invitational Cook-off, slated for September 8, 9, and 10. This is the eighth year for this event which will support two of Oregon's oldest and most successful social service agencies - Albertina Kerr Centers and The Boys & Girls Aid Society of Oregon. These two agencies, which provide critical programs and services for children, teens and adults, have partnered on other fund raising events and look forward to the opportunity to strengthen an already good working relationship through Bones & Brew.

Festival organizers launched Bones & Brew, a national barbecue competition and beer festival, at Holladay Park in NE Portland eight years ago. The event's popularity has brought it across the river to Tom McCall Waterfront Park, where it will close out the summer's calendar of waterfront event on September 8, 9, and 10. The festival fetures award-winning barbecue ribs served up by rib cookers from across the country and beer supplied by locally-owned Bridgeport Brewery and Weinhard Brewery. Other Bones & Brew entertainment includes live music, a kids' corral with petting zoo, a beer-tasting tent, and cooking demonstrations.

To make Bones & Brew a success, Albertina Kerr Centers and The Boys & Girls Aid Society must recruit hundreds of volunteers to work at entry gates, beer tents, and other areas of the festival. Individuals and groups who are interested in volunteering at this fund raising event should call The Boys & Girls Aid Society at 503/222-9661.

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