

PCC Plans Second Annual Community Fair

Deciding to build on a successful first year event, Portland Community College staff and students are planning the second annual PCC Community Fair. The Fair is intended to heighten awareness about the hundreds of degree, job training and community education programs available at PCC campuses and centers throughout the area.

According to Rock Creek executive dean Bill Christopher, more than 4,000 visitors attended last year's Fair for a day that combined fun and learning.

"We expect even more attendance this year," says Christopher. "It's a wonderful opportunity for high school students and their parents to meet with our faculty and staff to learn more about what PCC has to offer." He added, "We also expect that



The headline for this year's Community Fair at PCC's Rock Creek Campus will be the N.W. Afrikan American Ballet.

farm." Along with displays about PCC programs, activities include dog agility demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides, a helicopter drop with prizes for kids, clowns, facepainters and jugglers. Other kid-pleasing activities include trucks, planes and helicopters to climb aboard.

The headline act this year is the N.W. Afrikan American Ballet presenting two free performances in the Forum Theatre at 12:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The outdoor Community Fair Main Stage features the Latin dance troupe, Milagro Bailadores, Duduluza Marimba Band, jazz with the Allen Jones Trio, area high school choirs and a special appearance by the "No Kidding" choir from Portland's Fernwood Middle School.

PCC Rock Creek campus is located at SW. 185th and Springville Rd. Community Fair hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Parking is ample and there is no admission fee to any of the day's events.

this year we'll again have many families with younger children and toddlers on campus to enjoy the entertainment, activities for kids and the baby animals at our

Amala Peace Walk Celebrates Dalai Lama's Visit to Portland

On Sunday, May 13 - hours prior to the Dalai Lama's arrival in Portland - thousands will gather downtown to symbolize their wish for a more peaceful planet by participating in the "Amala Peace Walk."

The "Amala Peace Walk" starts at noon on May 13 (Mother's Day) at Lincoln High School and winds 1.5 miles through downtown before ending in the PSU South Park Blocks. The walk is part of the "Pathways to Peace" festival, which celebrates the Dalai Lama's first visit to Portland. "Amala" is the Tibetan word for "mother," and Tibetan mothers in their traditional dress will lead all walkers at the event. Up to 5,000 walkers will offer their support for peace and the Dalai Lama's philosophy of compassion and nonviolence.

Walkers can register on the web by visiting www.nwtca.org or call 503/222-7172 for a registration form. Registration forms are also available at the Central Library.

Day of event registration begins at 10 a.m. at Lincoln High School. The first 2,000 walkers registered receive "kata," a traditional Tibetan scarf which symbolizes one's good intentions and pure motivation.

At the end of the Amala Peace Walk, an extensive "Vendor Village" will feature a multicultural assortment of food, as well as Tibetan handicrafts and information from Tibetan support groups.

Other Pathways to Peace events include:

- Welcoming Celebration, Sunday, May 13, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square (the Dalai Lama arrives at approximately 4:30 p.m.);
- Generating a Good Heart and Awakening the Mind two-day Buddhist teaching, Monday and Tuesday, May 14 and 15, 9 to 11 a.m., University of Portland Chiles Center;
- Educating the Heart Youth Summit, May 14, 3 to 4 p.m., Memorial Coliseum;
- A Human Approach to World Peace benefit luncheon, May 15, Noon to 1:30 p.m., Hilton Hotel in downtown Portland;
- An Evening with the Dalai Lama lecture, May 15, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Coliseum.

The Pathways to Peace festival and the Dalai Lama's visit will help the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association (NWTCA) in its plans to build a permanent Tibetan Studies and World Peace Center to be located in Portland. The first of its kind in North America, the center will help preserve Tibetan culture and foster the study of peace and understanding.

For more information on Pathways to Peace, please call 503/222-7172, visit the web at www.nwtca.org or e-mail infor@nwtca.org.



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