

Pendleton Outdoor School Program plans its 50th session celebration

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PENDLETON — A celebration is in the works to mark the 50th session of the Pendleton Outdoor School Program.

The event is April 29 at Buck Creek Cabins on the Umatilla National Forest and open to former ODS campers, counselors, field study volunteers, teachers and community supporters. The planning committee is working to connect with these groups and individuals to invite them to the event.

Since the early 1970s, Pendleton sixth graders have ventured to Buck Creek Cabins and the U.S. Forest Service's Corporation facility on the banks of the Umatilla River. There, students have applied skills developed in the classroom to real-life situations in the natural environment.

The event includes dedication ceremonies to name three buildings in honor of individuals who contributed their time, talents and skills to the program: the Cookhouse will honor Bob McMillan, the Bunkhouse Jim Christensen and the Ranger Cabin the late Vern Willcox.

Due to limited parking at the ODS site, the Intermountain Education Service District is providing transportation via Mid Columbia Bus Company from



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Biological research technician Tami Johlke, with the USDA Agricultural Research Center, teaches a class on soil erosion in May 2015 at the Pendleton School District's Outdoor School in the Blue Mountains east of Pendleton. The program is holding a celebration of its 50th session on April 29, 2022.

Pendleton for the event.

The schedule for the day follows:

- 11:30 a.m. — Bus leaves Pendleton (from IMESD parking lot, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave.).
- 12:30 p.m. — Bus arrives at Outdoor School site.
- 12:30 p.m. — Hot dog lunch is served.
- 1:15 p.m. — Bus shuttles visitors to Buck Creek area.
- 1:30 p.m. — Flagpole ceremony at Buck Creek.
- 1:50 p.m. — Bus shuttles visitors

back to Corporation.

- 2:00 p.m. — Building dedications at Corporation.
- 3:00 p.m. — Bus departs ODS.
- 4:00 p.m. — Bus arrives back in Pendleton.

People interested in learning more about this historical occasion can connect with the program by emailing pendletonods@pendletonsd.org, visiting its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BuckCreekCabins, or search on Facebook for Pendleton Outdoor School.

Spring River Cleanup is Saturday in Pendleton

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PENDLETON — Round up your family, friends and colleagues and volunteer for a morning along Pendleton's River Parkway and the banks of the Umatilla River, beautifying the area. And maybe take home a tree or other plant as well.

The annual Spring River Cleanup is Saturday, April 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Participants meet at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton, and should bring sturdy shoes, a bottle of water and a willingness to pick up litter along the Umatilla River.

Stewards of the Umatilla River Environment, or SURE, Umatilla Basin Watershed Council and Pendleton Parks & Recreation sponsors the event and provide safety information, gloves and trash bags. Last year, volunteers removed almost 1,700 pounds of trash from the banks

of the Umatilla River.

Everyone who cares about the river and enjoys spending time outdoors along the Pendleton River Parkway and riverbanks is welcome to join the effort. Children 12 and younger need an accompanying adult. Those who are not up for physical exertion can help by staffing the sign-in table during the event.

In addition, Pendleton Tree Commission, Pendleton Parks & Recreation, Umatilla National Forest and Oregon Community Trees are teaming up for a tree and plant giveaway 9 a.m. to noon also at Roy Raley Park. The groups will be giving away seedlings to celebrate Arbor Day, which is April 29.

And you do not have to participate in the river cleanup to get a free tree.

If you have questions, call Kathryn Brown at 541-278-2667 or email kbbrown@eastoregonian.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Golf tourney to benefit Hermiston teams

HERMISTON — The Hermiston High School Golf Association will host a two-person scramble on April 23 at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla.

The fee to play is \$60 for adults and \$40 for students. Entries can be made at Big River Golf Course.

Carts are not included. If players would like a cart, they need to reserve one by April 16 by calling BRGC at 541-922-3006.

There will be a biscuits and gravy breakfast from 7:30-8:45 a.m., and a barbecue lunch will follow the tournament.

There also will be raffle prizes and a silent auction. Local businesses have stepped up as hole sponsors, and there's still room to add your name.

For questions, or to register, contact Pat Kerrigan at 541-571-0166, or Josh Browning at 541-701-9363.

The tournament helps support the Hermiston High School boys

and girls golf programs.

Chili feed supports Westminster Woods Day Camp/VBS

PENDLETON — Tickets are available now for the new chili feed to support Westminster Woods Day Camp/Vacation Bible School.

May 6, 5-7 p.m. join friends and neighbors at First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton, to enjoy chili with toppings, a beverage and ice cream for \$7 per person or \$20 per family.

This year's day camp is during the second week of July. Funds from the chili feed will go toward the costs of the busses to transport the children and all the craft supplies used throughout the week. The bus costs are \$42 per seat, and Westminster covers the cost for all attending campers.

Call 541-276-7681 and ask for Barbara Wright to reserve a meal.

— EO Media Group



Hunting Easter eggs in the snow

Snowflakes swirl as a girl hunts for Easter eggs Saturday, April 16, 2022, at Pioneer Park in Pendleton. The event sponsored by Eagles Lodge No. 28 was one of many egg hunts around the area.

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