

Cross-country skateboard trek to launch from Florence

Historic journey will take Jack Smith across the U.S. on the first electric skateboard.

Jack Smith is a skateboard legend and also sand-boarding pioneer. He has skateboarded across the United States four times and is listed in the Guinness Book of Records.

He is also the founder of the Monterey Bay Skate Museum, the first of its kind.

This Wednesday, Smith will embark on his fifth trip across the country, departing from Florence at 7:30 a.m. As with his past journey's, this one will be to raise awareness for a worthy cause.

This time, his ride across America will serve as a way of raising funds and awareness for Board Rescue, a nonprofit group dedicated to providing skateboards and safety equip-

ment to organizations in the United States that work with underprivileged, at-risk and special needs children.

To do this, he will attempt to become the first person to ride an electric powered skateboard across America.

The journey, which is called Evolve Across America: the First Electric Skateboard Crossing of America, is sponsored by Evolve Skateboards, the leading manufacturer of electric skateboards.

Smith pushed a conventional skateboard across America in 1976, 1984, 2003 and 2013.

This journey will also



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Jack Smith will begin his fifth skateboard trek across the United States Sept. 14 from Florence.

mark the 40th anniversary of his first skateboard ride across America.

He will begin Wednesday morning in Florence, at the intersection of highways 126 and 101, at 7:30 a.m., en route to his final destination in Williamsburg, Va.

Ed Nadalin, who is also a professional filmmaker, will document the entire journey to produce a documentary film.

The community is invited to see Smith begin his journey and witness history in the making.

Sign up for upcoming annual SOLVE beach, river cleanup

Join friends, neighbors and thousands of Oregonians from across the state Sept. 24, for the annual SOLVE Beach Riverside Cleanup, presented by the Oregon Lottery.

SOLVE invites volunteers of all ages to help remove invasive plants, restore natural areas and clean up hundreds of miles of beaches, rivers, parks and neighborhoods before fall rains wash litter and debris into storm drains and out to sea.

SOLVE and presenting sponsor, the Oregon Lottery, is joining more than 5,000

Oregonians who will mobilize across the state for the 33rd annual Beach Riverside Cleanup. This event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup and National Public Lands Day.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (times may vary by site).

Volunteers can find choose from more than 100 projects, including 46 beach cleanups coastwide, at solveoregon.org or by calling 503-844-9571 ext. 332.

From the headwaters of the

Willamette River to the Oregon coast, Oregon's waterways and natural areas are facing serious threats from diminishing wildlife habitat, invasive plants and litter that flows downstream into rivers and out to the ocean.

Join fellow Oregonians in supporting the health of their state by cleaning up litter from source to sea.

"A common thread that binds nearly all Oregonians together is how much we all take pride in our state," said Oregon Lottery Acting Director

Barry Pack. "And one of the things we can all be proud of is how SOLVE and thousands of Oregonians have been helping make Oregon a special place for 47 years."

As a long-time supporter of SOLVE and events like SOLVE's Beach Riverside Cleanup, Pack said the Oregon Lottery encourages everyone to find a SOLVE event in their area and continue the great work that SOLVE has been doing for decades.

The Beach Riverside Cleanup is made possible by:

Presenting Sponsor the Oregon Lottery; Legacy Sponsor: Metro; Major Sponsors: Clean Water Services, Fred Meyer, Pacific Power and Wells Fargo; Coordinating Sponsors: Local Coast Haulers and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department; Media Sponsors: K103FM and KOIN 6; Supporting Sponsors: Chevron and Skanska; Community Sponsor: NW Natural.

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Register for annual Prefontaine Memorial Run

COSS BAY — Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Prefontaine Memorial Run. The 10,000-meter road run is slated for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, in downtown Coos Bay. The run is held in conjunction with the Bay Area Fun Festival, Coos Bay's largest annual community celebration.

The qualities that made Steve Prefontaine a hero to track fans more than four decades ago are still creating new admirers. Many who were not born when "Pre" was setting records, or ever saw him compete, are inspired by his enduring example of courage, determination and charisma.

Now in its 37th year, the

popular run got its start when a group of Coos Bay citizens decided it was time that Steve Prefontaine's hometown did something to honor its favorite son.

For the past 26 years, there has been a high school cross-country team competition as part of the Pre Run. The high school team competition will start at 9:45 a.m. A large contingent of high school teams participated in the run last year with teams from Arcata, Brookings-Harbor, Cascade Christian, Coquille, Grants Pass, Henley, Hidden Valley, Marshfield, Newport, North Bend, Oakland, Roseburg, St. Mary's, Siuslaw, Springfield, Sutherlin, Toledo and Yoncalla.

Awards will be given in five-year age groups. First-through third-place finishers in each division will receive awards. Additionally, a trophy will be presented to the top finishers in the men's and women's open and wheelchair divisions.

High school team scores will also be posted, with the top three teams from each division receiving trophies for both men and women. The awards ceremony for the high school team competition and for the overall men's and women's 10K winners will be held at 11:30 a.m. on the Prefontaine Track, adjacent to the finish line.

Divisional awards will be presented at noon.

The entry fee is \$30 if made

prior to Sept. 14, and \$40 thereafter. High School team competitors must register on athletic.net and receive a discounted registration fee.

All race entrants will receive a T-shirt specially designed to commemorate the run.

Online registration is encouraged by logging on to the Pre Run website at www.prefontaine.run.com.

Registration forms are available at the Visitor Information Center, Farr's True Value Hardware and Nasburg Huggins Insurance in Coos Bay.

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offense with a pair of aces, along with kills from Hays to get ahead 10-4. The Lady Sailors went on to win it with an ace from West, 25-9.

Hays led scoring with six aces, seven attacks and four

kills. Wells had five aces, seven attacks and four kills. West had six aces, two attacks and one kill.

Johnston served up five aces on the night.

Today, Mapleton will play at Triangle Lake, beginning at 4 p.m.

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