

Annual SOLVE beach, river cleanup is Saturday

Join friends, neighbors and thousands of Oregonians from across the state on Saturday, 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 choose from more than 100 projects, including 46 beach cleanups coast-wide, 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 down-

stream 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.

LOW WATER MEANS HIGH VIGILANCE FOR BOATERS

It's easy to see the exposed gravel bars and shoals that formed on area waterways as the water levels drop and the temperature steadily creeps up.

Many reservoirs, too, are showing previously submerged stumps. Low water levels can create specific challenges that boaters need to be aware of.

The dynamic landscape, especially in rivers, changes from week to week. It's important for boaters to be aware that what wasn't visible or dangerous a week ago could be now, and to know how to alter their boat operation for a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

The Oregon State Marine

Board (OSMB) offers the following tips on how to have fun and stay safe:

- Boat with a buddy. Especially in paddlecraft. Have at least two boats and a plan if the party is separated. Always let a friend or family member know where you're going, when you expect to return, what clothing you're wearing and who is with you.

- Stand Up Paddleboards are considered boats in Oregon, and require having a properly fitting life jacket and a sound-producing device like a whistle, on board. Better yet, wear the jacket and attach the whistle. If you use a leash, ensure it's the

appropriate leash for the waterway you're paddling.

- Keep a proper lookout and look what's ahead, not what's just in front of you.

- Scouting ahead is worth your time. Determine the safest course around boulders, gravel bars or fallen trees/root wads.

- Read the water. Where is there whitewater? Where does the water eddy? How is the water riffing?

These water characteristics indicate what's below the surface, a sense of depth and gives key information on how to safely navigate.

- Go with your "gut feeling." If something doesn't feel right,

listen to your gut. When in doubt, portage (drag or carry) the boat over and around an obstruction.

Skill level and confidence can mean the difference between an easy run and a potentially dangerous one.

- Stay well clear of log jams and strainers (root wads, trees, branches, logs). They allow water through them, but can catch and entrap paddlers underwater or entangle lines on boats.

- Know your limits — Not when you're at your best, but at that specific moment. Stick to rivers with Class I or II rapids unless you have the skill and

conditioning for advanced water levels.

- Use the right gear for the type of boating. When running Class III or higher rapids, a helmet, properly fitting life jacket, a throw bag and secured gear are incredibly important.

- On reservoirs and lakes, sharp drop-offs are a given. Tree stumps, boulders and fallen trees may not be visible.

Take special care when operating near the banks, where many of these obstructions lie just below the surface. Always wear a life jacket when on the banks. Banks are often unstable.

- On coastal bays, pay atten-

tion to the weather and the tide. A receding tide could leave a boater "stuck" at the wrong place at the wrong time.

- Check the Marine Board's website for reported navigation obstructions and report serious or unexpected ones.

The Marine Board will coordinate an evaluation of the obstruction with local law enforcement.

By reporting obstructions, you can help ensure safe navigation on popular waterways for everyone.

Mans from 1B

Invitational 5K in 18:36.

Viking sophomore Kaeli Ramos was 27th overall, finishing in 23:54.8 in her first race

of the season. Senior harrier Destinie Tatum was 36th in 24:26.3, and freshmen Anne Wartnik and Hannah Rannow finished 37th and 45th, respectively, with times of 24:29.5 and 24:53.4.

For the Viking boys, Siuslaw finished third as a team, lead by junior Isaac Griffes in 14th place (17:47.1). Senior Jack Pickell was 21st (18:05.9), followed by freshmen Brendon Jensen in 22nd place with a

personal record (18:21.8), Kiger Johnson in 24th (18:28.7) and Jonah Jarman in 31st place (18:55.7).

Phoenix placed first overall with 63 points in team scoring, followed closely by Tillamook

(68), Siuslaw (95) and Elmira (117).

The Vikings' next race won't be until Oct. 1, when Siuslaw hosts its annual Woahink Invitational at Honeyman State Park.

Race from 1B

Runners can pick up registration packets that same morning between 6:15 and 7:45 a.m. at Miller Park, 1651 18th St.

The top three female and male finishers within each age group will receive medals. All finishers will receive a finisher medalion.

Though no official awards ceremony is planned, runners can pick up their medals at the park or have them mailed for a fee.

Age groups in the race will be broken up into the following categories: 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and 70 and older.

Chip timing will be provided by Eclectic Edge Racing.

Parking will be available at any of the Siuslaw schools along Oak Street.

For anyone wanting to shower after the race, the Siuslaw Middle School locker rooms will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The race is being produced by

Pink Buffalo Racing of Eugene.

For more information, visit www.pinkbuffaloracing.com/fhm.html.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Trent Reavis

Siuslaw H.S. Vikings Football

The junior receiver and defensive end caught two passes for touchdowns, plus intercepted another for a touchdown in Siuslaw's 37-7 victory over the Newport Cubs. Filling in as punter and kicker, he also kicked one point-after and sailed a 50-yard punt over the return team.

Honorable Mention
Nick Steinman
Siuslaw Football

The Viking defensive back also intercepted a pass and returned it 69 yards for a score.

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