

# Registration opens for annual Rhody Run



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The Rhody Run draws runners of all ages from throughout the Northwest each year during the Rhododendron Festival.

This year's Rhody Run is happening May 20, beginning at the Florence Events Center at 9 a.m. Runners should arrive by at least 8:45 a.m. if pre-registered and 8:30 a.m. for those registering the morning of the race.

There will be a 10K and 5K events, and the entry fee is \$20 for ages 18 and older; \$15 for ages 13 to 17; and \$10 for ages

12 and younger prior to race day.

Add \$5 to registration fees the day of the race. T-shirts can be purchased for \$15 in advance of race day, and for \$20 on May 20.

This year, Eclectic Edge Racing is partnering PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center Foundation and the Rhody Run committee

to ensure a well-run and fun event.

Participants can pre-register at [www.eclecticedge.com/rhody-run.html](http://www.eclecticedge.com/rhody-run.html).

The race proceeds will go to Peace Harbor Medical Center Foundation's Community Benefit/Health Fund.

This fund has been created to enable Peace Harbor to partner with other community

organizations to promote and administer health and wellness practices in the greater Florence and Mapleton area.

For more information on about the Rhody Run and the Community Benefit/Health Fund, contact Michele

Diffenderfer at Peace Harbor by calling 541-902-6589 or email her at [MDiffenderfer@PeaceHealth.org](mailto:MDiffenderfer@PeaceHealth.org).

# Annual Dunes City Triathlon seeks volunteers

Dunes City is gearing up to host its 5th annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon on Saturday, May 13.

Even though the Dunes City's signature event is two months away, organizers are already seeking volunteers to help staff the event.

Volunteers help ensure that the races run smoothly and safely while also playing a vital support role for all of the participating athletes by providing encouragement and hospitality-many.

Most volunteers work only half a day and all volunteers

will receive a free event T-shirt.

Again this year, Dunes City will award a \$250 donation to the organization that brings the most volunteers on race day. Be sure to mention your organization's name when you register to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed between about 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. on race day, May 13.

Anyone who has a few hours to spare and wants to be part of this exciting and fun event can call Dunes City Hall at 541-997-3338.

# Chinook season extended through Monday on lower Columbia

The spring Chinook fishing season on the lower Columbia River has been extended through April 10 under rules adopted today by Oregon and Washington fishery managers.

Managers cited poor fishing conditions and limited harvest to-date in making their decision to extend the season.

The Columbia River from Buoy 10 upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline will remain open for spring Chinook through Monday, April 10.

The closure area near the mouth of the Lewis River

remains in effect.

The daily bag limit is two adult salmonids per day, but only one may be a Chinook.

Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept; all sockeye must be released per permanent regulation. All other permanent regulations apply.

Anglers are reminded that

under rules previously adopted, from March 16 through May 15 the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead from Buoy 10 to the Highway 395 Bridge, and shad from Buoy 10 to Bonneville Dam only in areas open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

# Public input sought on ODF forest projects

SALEM — Each year, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) invites public comment on work plans, called Annual Operations Plans (AOPs), outlining state forest activities for an upcoming fiscal year.

From now through 5 p.m. on Monday, May 4, public comments are invited for ODF's district activities for the 2018 fiscal year, which starts July 1 and ends on June 30, 2018.

These plans describe specific

activities such as timber sales, reforestation, road building, stream enhancement and recreation projects that accomplish the current Implementation Plan objectives.

These objectives are designed to reach the goals of long-term Forest Management Plans. Two districts have also noted Forest Land Management Classification changes within their draft

AOPs that are open to public comment from March 20 to May 4.

The draft annual operations plans are available for review online on ODF's State Forests Management at [www.oregon.gov/ODF/Working/Pages/StateForests.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Working/Pages/StateForests.aspx). After the comment period closes, each district will review comments and finalize draft AOPs for the district forester to review and approve.

An online survey is provided for submitting comments regarding the AOPs at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFH88TK](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFH88TK).

Online comments are also received through ODF's comment page at [www.oregon.gov/ODF/AboutODF/Pages/Comment.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/AboutODF/Pages/Comment.aspx).

Comments may also be mailed to: ODF Public Affairs, 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310.

## ODFW from 1B

person without a tag may not carry a rifle or bow or take a shot at the big game animal with their friend's weapon.

Participants need to register for the contest at [www.oregonhunter.info](http://www.oregonhunter.info) no later than Dec. 31.

Both mentor and mentee will be provided with safety guidelines to review, and must commit to having already mentored or plan to in 2017.

For the full eligibility and contest rules, visit the contest page at [www.oregonhunter.info/take-a-friend/](http://www.oregonhunter.info/take-a-friend/).

While both parties need to register and provide a Hunter/Angler ID#, the mentor will win the prize. Winners

will be notified in January 2018. The list of partner prizes is growing as organizations and manufacturers jump on board with these efforts encouraging new hunters. See the list of prizes at [www.oregonhunter.info/prizes/](http://www.oregonhunter.info/prizes/).

The Take a Friend Hunting Contest is part of ODFW efforts to raise awareness of the benefits of hunting among Oregonians and encourage more participation in the sport. Through their purchase of hunting licenses and equipment, hunters fund wildlife management, research, habitat restoration and other work that benefits both game species and wildlife species that aren't hunted.

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