

OSP announce online auction for eclipse campsites

The Oregon State Parks Foundation has announced that it will be hosting an online silent auction of 30 Campsites at the Crooked River Campground in the Cove Palisades State Park in Central Oregon.

This location is within the path of Totality for the Eclipse, and slightly south of the expected central line. Bids will be for four night campground spaces from 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, through 1 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22.

The auction will be held in five sections, with six spots available in each section. Each section will close at a different time.

- The first will close on Monday, May 15, at 8 p.m. PDT;
- The second will close on

Tuesday, May 16, at 8 p.m. PDT;

- The third will close on Thursday, May 18, at 8 p.m. PDT;

- The fourth will close on Friday, May 19, at 8 p.m. PDT;

- The fifth will close on Monday, May 22, at 8 p.m. PDT.

Six Campsites will be in each closing section. The winners will be notified each night.

If you did not receive a notification that you won, you may want to bid on sites in the next sections.

Vehicles at these campsites are limited to what can fit within the 48-foot paved area, and are RV accessible (power water hook-up available). The available sites can be seen online at www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineprogramguide.php?group=1045=1757.

Online bidding will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 12.

In order to bid, you must be a member of the Foundation. You can become a member with a donation of \$25 or more.

Join today at www.oregonstateparksfoundation.org.

You must be a Member by May 12 in order to participate. Members will be emailed a link to bid on May 12.

This is a fund raising event for the Oregon State Parks Foundation, which is the only state-wide nonprofit partner of the Oregon Parks Recreation Department.

Winning bids will be considered donations to the foundation, which allows the foundation to work on projects that

preserve protect the parks, and enhance the experience of using the parks.

This includes supporting initiatives such as the Ticket2Ride program, which funds travel expenses for K-8 students in Title One schools to go to the Parks, our Bike Pod program, and the Cottonwood Crossing Summer Institute.

To learn more about the Foundation and our current initiatives, visit www.oregonstateparksfoundation.org.

Note that all sales are final. Winning bids are tax-deductible as a donation to the extent allowed by law.

The IRS requires written documentation for all contributions claimed as charitable deductions.

Oregon Dunes Triathlon seeks volunteers

Dunes City is ramping up preparations for its fifth annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon on Saturday, May 13.

With the event just days away, Dunes City is looking for volunteers to help on the race courses.

It's not too late to sign up. Call Dunes City Hall at 541-997-3338 to volunteer. Most work only half a day between about 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. and all volunteers will receive a free souvenir T-shirt.

Dunes City will host volunteer orientation meetings at City Hall on Tuesday, May 9, and Wednesday, May 10, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on both days.

Volunteers are encouraged to attend the orientation meetings. Whether you're a new volunteer this year or a returning volunteer, orientation meetings are an excellent source of information about the Tri/Du.

Volunteers help ensure that the races run smoothly and safely. And, volunteers play a vital support role for all of the participating athletes by providing lots of encouragement and Dunes City hospitality.

Many athletes have returned to the Tri/Du each year because they appreciate its enthusiastic volunteers.

To volunteer, call Dunes City Hall at 541-997-3338.

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