

Roadtrips within 100 miles of CG for winter break



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South Lane students have been home for over a week for winter break and South Lane parents have had to entertain them for over a week.

The following is a list of attractions and events within 100 miles of Cottage Grove for families looking for ways to cure the restlessness of the last few days of winter break.

Please contact each business or attraction for possibly altered holiday hours of operation.

The Science Factory: This tried and true favorite is located in

Eugene and may be a good way to ease students back into the swing of learning before school starts again. The facility is a hands-on, STEM-focused museum with astronomy exhibitions and rotating special events.

Location: 2300 Leo Harris Parkway in Eugene.

Cost: The Science Factory has a cost associated with varies exhibits and events. Visit sciencefactory.org for specific admission fees.

Putters: The one-stop-shop for parents with video-game loving kids who also want to get active, Putter's Family Entertainment center has 50,000 square feet filled with a miniature golf course, billiards, an arcade, indoor playgrounds and a laser tag area. There's also pizza.

Location: 1156 Hwy. 99 in North Eugene.

Cost: \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for students, \$3 for children five and under.

Get Air: If the kids are bouncing off the walls, Get Air might be a great place to end winter break. The indoor trampoline park is located in west Eugene and offers wall-to-wall trampolines, foam pits and two slam ball courts—one for older kids and one for little ones. Be sure to visit the website to fill out a waiver before hauling the kids into town. The facility offers computers on site to complete this mandatory form but encourages parents to do so before hand.

Location: 4211 W. 11th Ave. in Eugene or 3910 Rickey St. in Salem.

Cost: \$12 for one hour of jumping, \$18 for two hours. Jumpers under 46" pay \$8 for one hour and \$14 for two. Jump socks are required to jump and cost \$3 a pair.

Salem on Ice: A new attraction this winter, Salem on Ice provides families a chance to ice skate in groups, for birthday parties or just for fun. The rink offers several skating options. Visit their

website at salemonice.com for specific packages and opportunities.

Location: 274 Water St. in Salem.

Cost: Prices vary depending on day, time and number of skaters.

Carousel: The Albany Carousel is a new attraction in Albany that hosts an antique carousel for kids of all ages. The carousel is the result of a community effort started in 2002 and may provide insight into Cottage Grove's own effort to bring a carousel to Main St.

Location: 503 1st Ave. in Albany.

Cost: Admission is free. Ride tokens are \$2.

Closer to home

If traveling in the winter weather isn't an option, Cottage Grove offers activities for kids as well.

Oregon Aviation Historical Society: The museum offers kids the chance to see aviation artifacts up close including six pre-war aircrafts.

Location: 2475 Jim Wright Way in Cottage Grove

Cost: Free admission

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum: How did prospectors search for gold? Find the answer at the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. Children can explore the artifacts, photos and tools used by real gold miners and hear stories about those from our area.

Location: 308 S. 10th St. in Cottage Grove.

Cost: Free admission with a suggested \$2 donation.

Row River Trail: If weather permits, Cottage Grove's bike path might be an option for getting out some pent-up energy. The trail is part of the National Recreation Trail and recently received an upgrade when the city installed 22 lights along the path.

Location: E. Main St. and S. 10th in Cottage Grove.

Cost: Free.

Why CG corners are clear

Cottage Grove one of few cities to outlaw panhandling



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When Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers accompanied city councilors and Mayor Jeff Gowing to the National League of Cities conference earlier this year, they kept getting the same request: Tell us about your panhandling law.

Anyone traveling down Main St. knows there's a stark difference between Cottage Grove's main corridor and the main streets in more metropolitan areas. Aside from possibly more infrastructure and obvious differences, Cottage Grove's Main St. is free

of panhandling.

"It's actually a traffic ordinance," Meyers said.

Cottage Grove Municipal Code 10.30.010 states: A. A person commits the offense of unlawful transfer on a roadway if the person:

1. While a driver or passenger in a vehicle on a highway, road or street within the boundaries of the city of Cottage Grove, gives or relinquishes possession or control, or allows another person in the vehicle to give or relinquish possession or control of any items, money, or tangible personal property to a

pedestrian in a manner which impedes or is likely to impede the flow of traffic or poses a safety risk to the pedestrian or other vehicles; or

2. While a pedestrian accepts, receives or retains possession or control of any money or tangible personal property from a driver or passenger in a vehicle on a highway, road or street within the boundaries of the city of Cottage Grove in a manner which impedes or is likely to impede the flow of traffic or poses a safety risk to the pedestrian or other vehicles; or

3. While a pedestrian steps, or extends any extremity or instrument, into the roadway to accept or deliver any item, money, or personal property with a driver or passenger of a vehicle in a manner which impedes or is likely to impede the flow of traffic or poses a safety risk to the pedestrian or other vehicles.

The law prohibits the exchange of items in roadways, which has cut down on panhandling on city streets. However, residents report noticing the activity taking place along Gateway Blvd.

"It's private property," Meyers said. "Those restaurants have been notified that we can't do anything about it because it's private property."

Oregon man still missing



The Lane County Sheriff's Office continued the search last weekend for Danny Oberg who was reported missing in April 2017 after his vehicle was found abandoned in the Marcola area. Lane County Search and Rescue teamed up with Linn County Search and Rescue to cover a section of private timber lands north of Marcola in hopes of

turning up new clues regarding Oberg's whereabouts. The area is wooded and had been previously inaccessible due to heavy brush.

On Saturday, a group of 29 Search and Rescue volunteers and staff, including ground searchers and K9 teams, combed the area looking for Oberg. On Sunday, 19 searchers continued to cover the area. By the end of the day, no new clues had been found indicating where Oberg may have gone.

Over the past months detectives from the Lane County Sheriff's Office have conducted multiple interviews trying to locate Oberg, who has not been seen by friends or family for over 7 months now. This search was one of many since April 2017 conducted by Search and Rescue crews.

Daniel Oberg is a 28-year-old white male, standing 6 feet tall and weighing approximately 160 pounds with medium length brown hair and a short beard, which may be grown out by now.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone who has seen Daniel Oberg to call 541-682-4141.



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