

SCOUTING FOR FOOD



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On Nov. 9, about 25 local youth went door-to-door in Cottage Grove for the annual "Scouting for Food" event. Scouts from Pack 140, Troop 140 and Girl Scout Troop 20007 collected 792 pounds of food to donate to Community Sharing. The scouts would like to thank the generous people who contributed food for this worthy cause.

Gingerbread workshops being offered to families

The Cottage Events Venue is offering several opportunities for families to have creative holiday fun this season by decorating a handmade, pre-built gingerbread building together.

Participants will have over thirty different candies and decorating items to choose from, ranging from candy canes to gummy butterflies to gingerbread fences and everything in between.

The Venue's owner, Kim Still, designed the three styles of buildings and bakes and assembles them in advance so they are ready for decorating when folks arrive.

There is a classic cottage style, a country church and model of the Mosby Creek covered bridge. Each of the models has hard sugar "stained glass" windows and tiny LED lights inside.

"Since we are in Cottage Grove, I especially wanted to include a covered bridge as an option, so I did some research and chose the Mosby Creek bridge as my



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Gingerbread house workshops will continue through Dec. 18 for families wanting to create their own handmade gingerbread houses for the holidays.

model. It's the oldest, it's still a working bridge, and it's closest to The Cottage Events Venue," said Still. "I went and took photos so I could get the shape just right. It took quite a bit of engineering to get it to go together properly."

"It actually has an elevated road bed; I'm really happy with it."

Workshops began Nov. 17 with more scheduled Dec. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m., Dec. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., and

Dec. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. Each building costs \$30 and includes six choices of decorations. Additional candies can be purchased for 50¢ each. Reservations must be made in advance.

The Cottage Events Venue is located at 2915 Row River Rd. in Cottage Grove.

To reserve or for more information, see www.cottageevents.com or call Kim Still at 541-942-6888.

CGPD, Walmart partner for 'Shop With a Cop'

On Dec. 12 at 5 p.m., the Cottage Grove Police Department will partner with the Cottage Grove Walmart for a holiday "Shop with a Cop" event to serve the community.

Each qualifying pre-selected child will be paired with an officer

to shop for their family's holiday gifts and enjoy a positive holiday experience.

The pre-selected children and their families can expect to meet K-9 units, view the department Humvee and a patrol vehicle and even

snap a picture with Santa Claus.

Light refreshments will be provided for some extra holiday fun.

For more information, contact Community Service Officer Tisha Fetter at 541-942-9145 ext. 267.

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