

Cheers! Eastern Oregon Beer Festival is June 25

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LA GRANDE — For the 21+ crowd, the Eastern Oregon Beer Festival is returning to the Union County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 25.

Brewers from Eastern Oregon and beyond will congregate with a selection of beers and ciders to fit any preference or palate. Tickets can be purchased at Benchwarmer's, Side A or Tap That, as well as online at eobeerfest.org.

General admission passes to the La Grande festival can be purchased for \$30 — saving you the extra \$5 you'll spend if you wait to purchase at the gate — giving you access to live music, food and drink, and local crafts. The pass includes four drink tokens.

You can mark this as an educational event as well, as there will be a Q&A with the brewers.

Still available (as of the writing of this) are VIP passes of a limited supply. These can be purchased for \$50, and give the



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purchaser access to a special event on Friday, June 24, 6-9 p.m., with a host

of brewers and brewery reps. VIPs also enter the festival an hour early, at noon.

All passes come with a commemorative tasting glass, and proceeds support La Grande Main Street Downtown, a nonprofit organization dedicated to aiding in the "community and business development, community events and beautification" of downtown La Grande.

Those who don't drink can still find food and music at the festival, and entry is just \$5.

If you have attended in years past and want a refresher on what breweries have participated, or perhaps you have not attended and simply wish to know what selections have been enjoyed in past years, you can head to www.eobeerfest.org to see the history of brewery participants as well as the past "Taster's Choice" winners.

Bonus: The Wasteland Kings will play live from 5-7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.eobeerfest.org or check out the festival's Facebook page.

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