

Tillamook Forest Center now open

The new Tillamook Forest Center visitor and educational facility opened its doors for the first time Saturday, April 1, on the first day of Oregon Arbor Week. This will be visitors' first chance to enjoy the Center's 40-foot tall replica of a fire lookout tower and walk across the dramatic 250-foot-long pedestrian suspension bridge across the Wilson River.

Center visitors can also explore the past, present and future of the Tillamook State Forest through artifacts, personal stories, photos, film, exhibits, games, hands-on models, computer simulations, interpreter-led programs and other innovative media. Outdoors, the forest comes alive through salmon watching viewpoints

and a network of interpretive trails.

Admission to the Center is free. During the winter off-season (October – April), the Center is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday – Sunday (closed Monday and Tuesday). During summer months (May – September) it will be open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Tillamook Forest Center, located in a stand of trees planted by schoolchildren in the 1950s, is 50 miles west of Portland on the Wilson River Highway (Oregon 6) in the heart of the former "Tillamook Burn," which is today's Tillamook State Forest.

For more information, maps and directions, go to <www.tillamookforestcenter.org>.



On March 4, members of Boy Scout Troop 581, Cub Pack 581, Adventure Crews 581 and 201 went through the Banks area and collected Goodwill/Goodturn bags that they had left the weekend before. Starting at Schlegel Hall, they collected over 167 bags. The bags were deposited at the Forest Grove Goodwill collection center.

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PCC will celebrate Global Green Day starting April 15

What in the world is in your food? You can find out with Portland Community College's inaugural Global Green Day.

This event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, in Building 3 at the Rock Creek Campus (17705 N.W. Springville Road). Come celebrate agricultural traditions of peoples from around the world, learn how to support healthy communities,

find information about locally-grown food and connect with people who like to garden.

Activities include a composting demonstration by Ammi Ludwick, Metro's Worm Lady; seed planting and transplanting demonstration; games and book displays; information tables; and campus eco-tours. Food will be provided by Flaming Carrot Catering.

Highlights include Linda Hummer, Portland State University sociology professor, presenting on "Conventional Agricultural Practices and its

Health Consequences" at 11 a.m. in The Forum; a welcome by Preston Pulliams, Portland Community College district president, and Katherine Persson, Rock Creek Campus president, as well as performances by African American Ballet "Seve" Kan at noon in The Forum; and John Gardner, local farmer, will present on community-supported farming practices at 1:00 p.m. in the Building 2 Town Hall.

During the month of April, the Rock Creek Campus will also host a film series in conjunction with Global Green Day.

The films focus on food issues and will show every Thursday evening (April 13 through May 4) at 6:30 p.m. in Room 101 at Building 7. The films include "Life and Debt," about the survival of Jamaicans (April 13); "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil," (April 20); "Justice on the Table," about Willamette Valley farm labor issues (April 27); and "The Future of Food" (May 4).

Rock Creek Campus parking is \$3. For more information, call Mara Silvera at 503-614-7279.



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