

News of the Tillamook Forest Center

Tillamook Forest Center staff and friends

are honored to receive the 2007 Gene Leo

Memorial Award from the Oregon Tourism

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Awards Kick Off Second Visitor Season for TFC

Two major statewide awards presented to the Tillamook Forest Center this spring raised the Center's profile as a major Oregon visitor attraction. The awards, given in the fields of Oregon heritage and tourism achievement, give visitors a good reason to come up to the forest to see what all the buzz is about. These awards highlight the high quality visitor experience at the Center and its effectiveness at connecting visitors with the natural landscape.

Oregon Tourism Achievement Award

In April, the Center received the Gene Leo Memorial Award for outstanding achievement and effort connecting the public with Oregon's natural resources, scenic beauty and outdoor recreation. The award was

one of six Oregon Tourism Achievement Awards presented by Travel

Oregon and the Oregon Tourism Commission at the annual Governor's Conference on Tourism. The award honors Gene Leo, the enthusiastic and charismatic former director of the Oregon Zoo and Portland Rose Festival who died in 1994. Gene helped plant trees in

the Tillamook and loved to fish Tillamook State Forest rivers. Project Leader Doug Decker and Center Director Jim Quiring accepted the award on behalf of the wide team of people, past and present, who have contributed their time, expertise and energy to the project and the day-to-day operation of the Center. The award is on display at the Center. Oregon Heritage Excellence Award In early May, the Center received this new special award from the Oregon Heritage Commission,



recognizing the successful planning and development of the Tillamook Forest Center as a place for forest history and heritage. The award, presented by Oregon First Lady Mary Oberst at the 2007 Oregon Heritage conference in Pendleton,

was accepted by Doug Decker on behalf of the team that planned the TFC. This award is also on

display at the Center.





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To regularly receive this free quarterly newsletter, please contact us. We appreciate your comments or questions on this publication or other forest activities.

From the Director

Greetings Friends!

Engaging displays excite and captivate visitors throughout the Tillamook Forest Center. People are drawn to these displays while connecting to something within their own experience. Each exhibit gives the visitor opportunity for enjoyment and helps them develop a better appreciation for forests.

Finding clothing in an old trunk, kids delight in dressing up as pioneers. What a fun way to get us thinking about what life was like for people who lived in this forest a hundred years ago. Many adults are drawn to "Share Your Memories" where they are welcomed to write their own personal accounts of the Tillamook Burn and the years of reforestation. These stories are a wonderful way to

the years of reforestation. These stories are a wonderful way to share experiences and learn from each other.



One of my favorite exhibits, "Learning from the Past – Foresters look to what was lost to build a better future" helps us learn that natural forests teach us valuable lessons and guide us toward sustainable forest management practices. The last subtitle is: "Sustainable Future" which emphasizes an important point; we all love the Tillamook State Forest and appreciate forests for the values they have in our lives. Seeing the words "Sustainable Future" printed in bold is an affirmation of the fact that we care about this forest. The Oregon Department of Forestry is committed to ensuring a variety of benefits from our forests for future generations.

Next time you come to the Center, take another look at the displays and see which ones connect to you in a meaningful way. We'd love to hear which ones have special meaning for you.

We all hope to see you here again soon.

Jim Quiring

Visitor Feedback

Our guest book is filled with many memorable thoughts from our visitors. Look for their quotes throughout the newsletter.

"You have given us an inspirational model for the 2 million acres to be reforested in Vietnam as a consequence of the war." — From the Director of the Vietnam Forest Science Technology Association and the Coordinator of the Agent Orange Education Project



Epson Portland Lends a Helping Hand, Again!

The Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust and the Center express a special thanks to Epson Portland Inc. for their second generous gift that assists us with forest education activities. In 2005, the Portland based manufacturer of computer peripherals donated a projector, digital cameras and printers for the Center's classroom. This winter, the company has made a generous cash gift which will help make the Center's Forest Discovery Camp possible this summer. Special thanks to General Director Randy McEvers and Public Relations Director Beth Graser.



Our List of Friends and Supporters Continues to Grow

A special thanks to all who have made donations to the Trust on behalf of the Center since the last newsletter:

Gail Barnhart, Amy Berriman, Don & Randi Biedscheid, Ernie Bonyhadi, Jill Bradford, Mary Lou Busch, Irene Christensen, Sheron Christensen, Larry Christiansen, Paul Clapshaw, Richard E. Classen Sr., Charles Clay, Elaine Cole, Cliff and Sharron Ebert, Jerry Eckstein, Nancie Fadeley, Deborah Fellman, Vince and Nadine Gillis, Andrew Glen, Jeff Grogan, Ned and Sis Hayes Jr., Karen Hoffman, Randall Holce, Nancy Hollmann, Meredith Holmes, Scott Horngren, James Hubler, Barbara and Bill Hutchison, Harold Jensen, SueAnn and Doug Johnson, Katherine Kaster, W.S. Kraxberger, Muriel Lezak, Charles Lilley, Eva Lowen, Karen Lund, David Macfarlane, In Honor of Janet McLennan (multiple gifts), Gregg and Bonnie Martin, Bryce and Barbara Mitchell, Mark Morgans, Nehalem Bay Garden Club, Verne Newcomb, Carol Newman, Stanley Olson, Hollie Pihl, Carol Pritchard, Betty Ramsey, David Rankin, Jim and Ann Reeher, Dixie Reeves, Marilyn Richen, Linda Robinson, Roberta Rogers, Judith Ruben, Erik Running, Cecelia Sadtler, George Schroeder, Neil Schroeder, Florence Smith, Doreen Ring and Ken Spidal, Dave and Bonnie Stere, Charlie and Karen Stone, Sharon Streeter, Tillamook-Clatsop Chapter of SAF, Laura Tuttle, Kathleen Waldron, Bob and Peggy Weil, Kenton Wells, Celeste West, Donna Woolley, Patricia Zakocs. *We are grateful for your support!*

Become a Center Supporter

If you'd like to join our ever-growing list of supporters, consider giving a Donor Tree. These gifts (see order form on this page) allow you to "plant your tree" in a unique forest landscape sculpture located in the Center's entry plaza. In recognition of your \$75 gift, your name or the name of the person you honor or memorialize will be engraved on a tree medallion which will be set against the forest backdrop created by the sculpture. All donor tree gifts are acknowledged with an attractive certificate.

Many other donation opportunities are available, from trailside benches to becoming a Cultural Trust partner. As you make your charitable giving decisions, we invite you to keep the Tillamook Forest Center in mind. Please contact the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at (503) 359-7474 for more information on the various donation opportunities.

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Upcoming Programs in the Tillamook State Forest



Summer is a great time to bring your family and friends out to the Tillamook State Forest. Warm, sunny days and cool, starry evenings provide the perfect setting for your recreation adventure. This summer, Center staff are offering an exciting array of programs at many locations in the forest. From programs held at the Center, to campground programs and guided adventure hikes, there is sure to be something that your whole family will enjoy. A full description of each program is available on our website at www.tillamookforestcenter.org/calendar. All events are FREE and open to ALL AGES. We hope to see you on the forest!

Programs at the Center

Programs are held daily at 11:30 AM and again at 1:30 PM (unless otherwise noted). Our weekend programs are listed below.

June 2007

(Fri, Sat & Sun)

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1st, 2nd & 3rd	(Fri, Sat & Sun)	Fabulous Frogs	11:30 AM & 1:30 PM	"This program was
8 th , 9 th & 10 th	(Fri, Sat & Sun)	Discover Bald Eagles	11:30 AM & 1:30 PM	1- organi was
15 th , 16 th & 17 th	(Fri, Sat & Sun)	Salmon in our Streams	11:30 AM & 1:30 PM	interesting for ages
22 nd , 23 rd & 24 th	(Fri, Sat & Sun)	Batty about Bats	11:30 AM & 1:30 PM	ages
29 th , 30 th & July 1 st	(Fri, Sat & Sun)	Wildflower Walk	11:30 AM & 1:30 PM	8, 13 & 51!"
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July 2007				
6 th , 7 th & 8 th	(Fri, Sat & Sun) Bashful Black Bea	ars	11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
13 th , 14 th & 15 th	(Fri. Sat & Sun	•		11:30 AM & 1:30 PM

August 2007

20th, 21st & 22nd

27th, 28th & 29th

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3 rd , 4 th & 5 th	(Fri, Sat & Sun)	Incredible Insects	11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
10 th , 11 th & 12 th	(Fri, Sat & Sun)	Browsing for Beavers	11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
17 th , 18 th & 19 th	(Fri, Sat & Sun)	Courageous Cougars	11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
25 th	(Saturday)	Return from the Burn Event	ALL DAY
31st, Sept 1st & 2nd	(Fri, Sat & Sun)	Skullduggery	11:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Nature's Yucky!

Forest Birds

Bluegrass Open Jam

Our monthly bluegrass jam is a celebration of the settlers that lived in the hills and mountains and composed music about their day to day life experiences. The Tillamook Forest has had its share of settlers and homesteaders and we certainly have our share of mountains. Bring your mandolins, fiddles, guitars and banjos and join in the fun! All ages and abilities are welcome. An open jam will occur the first Sunday of each month.

June 3 rd	(Sunday)	Bluegrass Open Jam	1 PM
July 8 th	(Sunday)	Bluegrass Open Jam	1 PM
August 5 th	(Sunday)	Bluegrass Open Jam	1 PM



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Upcoming Programs (continued)

Campground Programs

Campground programs are geared for campers and the general public and are offered at select campgrounds in the Tillamook State Forest. Programs last approximately one hour and begin at 7 PM on Saturdays (unless otherwise noted).

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30th (Saturday) Discover Bald Eagles Browns Camp 7 PM



July 2007

7 th	(Saturday)	Fabulous Frogs	Smith Homestead	7 PM
14 th	(Saturday)	Owls: Silent Hunters of the Night	Reehers Camp	7 PM
21st	(Saturday)	Forest Birds	Gales Creek	7 PM
28 th	(Saturday)	Bashful Black Bears	Browns Camp	7 PM

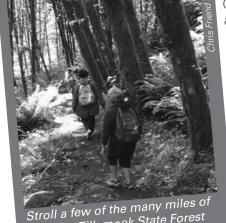
August 2007

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4 th	(Saturday)	Signs of Wildlife	Gales Creek	7 PM
11 th	(Saturday)	Recreation Jeopardy	Browns Camp	7 PM
18 th	(Saturday)	Night Skies	Reehers Camp	9 PM

September 2007

1st (Saturday) Night Hike Gales Creek 9 PM





trails the Tillamook State Forest has to offer during one of our

guided hikes.

Guided Hikes

Come hike the trails this summer! Our guided hikes are offered every third Saturday at various locations in the Tillamook State Forest. Registration is required. Please call (866) 930-4646 or register online at www.tillamookforestcenter.org. Wear sturdy hiking boots, dress in layers, bring water and a lunch or snack. Optional equipment: binoculars, camera, field guides.

June 16th	(Saturday)	University Falls Guided Hike (1 mile)	11 AM
July 21st	(Saturday)	Wilson RiverTrail Guided Hike (3.5 miles)	11 AM
August 18th	(Saturday)	Gales Creek Guided Hike (2 miles)	11 AM
September 15 th	(Saturday)	Diamond Mill Guided Hike (2 miles)	11 AM

Program Locations

≜ Browns Camp Hwy 6, milepoint 33 **♣ Gales Creek** Hwy 6, milepoint 35

▲ Smith Homestead Hwy 6, milepoint 22.5 (near Jones Creek Campground)

▲ Tillamook Forest Center Hwy 6, milepoint 22

▲ Reehers Camp Hwy 6 to milepoint 39.5; then north on Timber Road

to the town of Timber. Take Cochran Road 2.5 miles to

Reehers Camp

The Tillamook State Forest — At Your Leisure



Summer Recreation — Ensuring Quality Forest Experiences for Everyone

Visitors experience forests on foot, horseback, mountain bike or off-highway vehicle. Oregon has many amazing natural and scenic areas. Of the 68.8 million visitors seeking out recreational activities each year on Oregon public lands, an estimated 30.8 million or 45% occur at forest related sites.*

As we enjoy our forests in increasing numbers, our recreation activities can have lasting effects on the surrounding forest environment. Litter, eroded soils,

trampled vegetation, and carved or cut down trees are just a few of the challenges on the Tillamook State Forest. Forest visitors can improve the quality of everyone's experience by being considerate and respectful of



- Every forested area is unique. Know the regulations, special concerns and permit requirements for the forest you visit.
- Stay on designated trails and set up camp in established sites to reduce impacts.
- Avoid travel when environmental conditions, such as muddy trails, make recreation impacts more likely or severe. Avoid sensitive times and habitats.
- Pre-plan your meals to avoid leftovers that may attract animals. Package food in reusable containers or plastic bags and pack out any waste.
- Minimize campfire impacts. It is preferable to use a stove, but if you must have a campfire, use wood brought from home. Firewood smaller than the diameter of your wrist breaks easily and burns completely to ash. Never leave a campfire unattended and do not try to burn trash that would have to be removed later. During regulated use, fires are only allowed in designated camp sites. Check the regulations prior to your camping trip.
- Observe wildlife from a distance to avoid startling them or forcing them to flee. Never feed animals. If you travel with your pet, always carry a leash for control. Pets must be on a leash in campgrounds and day use areas, at trailheads and at the Tillamook Forest Center.

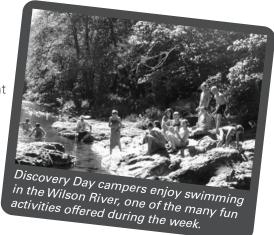
While enjoying your Tillamook Forest this summer please help ensure quality recreation experiences for everyone by respecting the forest.

*Source: Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

Tillamook State Forest Discovery Day Camp

Do you have a child between the ages of 9 and 11 looking for an exciting week in the forest this summer? Join experienced educators, foresters, and recreation leaders for a week of discovery and fun in the Tillamook State Forest! Campers will explore the forest, search for wildlife and participate in hands-on learning and recreation activities while learning how to do each safely and responsibly. Throughout the week they will be introduced to forest ecology, history and current management, closing with an overnight camp out at Jones Creek Campground where campers practice leave no trace ethics and go on a night hike.

This year, two camp sessions are being offered. Session #1 runs July 23-27 and meets at the Forest Grove Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) district office. Session #2 runs August 6-10 and meets at the Tillamook ODF district office. Registration must be received before July 6th for session #1 and July 20th for session #2. Transportation is provided from the district offices to the Tillamook Forest Center. Check our website at www.tillamookforestcenter.org/events_01-3.html, or call toll free (866) 930-4646 for more information.



Thanks to our Volunteers!

Gail Barnhart

Volunteers...the life blood of many organizations and the Tillamook Forest Center is no exception. Our volunteers have manned and in some cases "wo-manned" many positions at the Center. With smiles, they have greeted visitors and directed them to excellent locations to hike, replaced hand towels, picked up litter, and presented special programs. Volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the Center that is, without question, beyond price. We are deeply grateful for the time that volunteers give us and the friendships they offer. We know that volunteers will come and go, but the Tillamook Forest Center will always remember each of them with deep fondness and appreciation. We look forward to another year of working with all these wonderful people — our friends — the volunteers.

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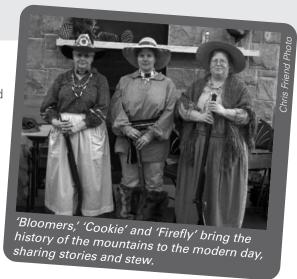
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special values of the Tillamook State Forest. "Cookie", "Bloomers" and "Firefly" demonstrated Dutch oven cooking (and gave free samples!), shared examples of clothing, demonstrated the use of tools, and displayed clothing worn in this period of our history. Visitors were thrilled to take part in this program.



Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for a rewarding way to share your love of forests? Did you contribute to the Tillamook Burn in any way? Are you a retired forester? Do you have a special skill or interest? If so, have you considered volunteering at the Tillamook Forest Center?

There are two types of volunteer opportunities:

- A Day Volunteer works a flexible schedule and may use Center transportation from the Forest Grove or Tillamook areas.
- An On-Site Host Volunteer lives in their own RV at a full-hookup facility on the Center grounds. Space is still available for the 2007 summer

season. Call (866) 930-4646 to volunteer for a week or more.

Volunteer Positions

A few of the exciting opportunities at the TFC include:

- Leading school groups through our state-of-the-art exhibits and trails
- Giving nature presentations about salmon, homesteading, forestry and more
- Helping answer questions about the local area, forests and history at our gift shop/ reception desk
- Maintaining the beautiful building and native landscaping
- •Serving as a local historian including capturing, cataloging and archiving historic materials

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact us for a Tillamook Forest Center volunteer application.



Teaching Together in the Tillamook Michelle Balfe

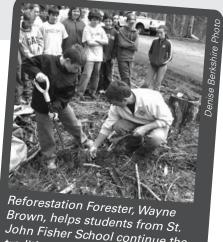
We are busy working on lesson plans, organizing our teaching materials and ironing

"Visiting the Center and "Visiting the Center and working with you was one of working with you was one of the best experiences 9've had the best experiences in years!"

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anticipation the staff awaits the school they are led by Oregon Department of

Forestry staff to begin their day of forest education.



John Fisher School continue the tradition of student planting in the Tillamook Forest.

Once the day has begun, ODF staff share information about the forest through a variety of programs. These education programs offer a way for students (and adults) to learn while having fun. The Center offers programs that are hands-on and get the students outside to get a glimpse into the work that ODF does.

Students are able to meet and learn from staff who work in all aspects of the agency. Staff from the Private Forests, State Forests, Resources Planning, Urban and Community Forestry, Administration and Protection from Fire programs take a day off from their regular jobs to spend time passing along important

> lessons and connecting students to the forest.

The Tillamook Forest Center would like to thank our fellow agency colleagues for their generous commitment who make the education program possible.

Reforestation Unit Supervisor, Mitch

Taylor, helps two students prepare

their 'History of the Tillamook State

Bring Them to the Forest

Are you looking for a fun forest experience for your class? With field trips for students grades K-12, we might have one that's perfect for you! Programs are free and bus funding is available. The schedule fills up quickly, so be sure to register early for the 2007-2008 school year. Registration begins August 15th. For more information about our programs and to register visit our website at: www.tillamookforestcenter.org/events_01.html

Liz Dent, Aquatic and Riparian Specialist with the Oregon Department of Forestry, explains the water cycle to a class of $6^{
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Special thanks to those who spent a day teaching since we opened our doors in April 2006. You are truly valued and appreciated!

Jay Anderson, Andy Austill, Gary Baker, John Barnes, Wayne Brown, Mike Cafferata, Jim Cathcart, Casey Cornils, Liz Dent, Malcolm Hiatt, Kevin Hill, Dave Johnson, Tom Kennedy, Tim Lieske, Diana Morris, Laurie O'nion, Jeff Peck, Jacob Phillips, Nick Stumpf, Mitch Taylor, Andrew Walker, Dave Wells and Clyde Zeller.

Answers to Fun in the Sun

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> FOREST RECREATION ACTIVITIES ARE FUN!



Forest' skit.

Mark Your Calendar (see inside for complete program calendar)

Important DATES!

Summer Fun in the Tillamook State Forest

Our schedule is listed inside and program descriptions are available on our website at www.tillamookforestcenter.org/calendar.

Discovery Day Camp: Fun and Adventure in the Tillamook Forest

For ages 9 through 11. One session will be held July 23-27 and a second August 6-10. See inside for more information about registering for this great week in the woods, or check our website at www.tillamookforestcenter.org/events_01-3.html.

To save paper and costs consider receiving this newsletter by email in the future. Contact us at tfcnewsletter@odf.state.or.us to sign up.

Programs at the Center: Daily at 11:30 and 1:30 (unless otherwise noted)

Bluegrass Open Jam: First Sunday of the month starting at 1 PM

Campground Programs: Various

campgrounds, Saturdays at 7 PM (unless otherwise noted)

Guided Hikes: Various trailheads, third Saturday of the month starting at 11 AM



Captivating programs, great for the whole family!



Our Summer Hours:

(Memorial Day to Labor Day)

7 Days a Week 10 AM - 6 PM