

# The Lookout

News of the Tillamook Forest Center

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## Tillamook Forest Center's *Legacy of Fire* Film Wins Prestigious National Award

Chances are if you've been to the Tillamook Forest Center, you've enjoyed the Tillamook Burn Theater and its main attraction, the film *Legacy of Fire*. Visitors often respond to the film with positive comments. Now, a coveted national award confirms what our visitors have told us: it's a great film.

Recently, the film was honored with a CINE (Council on International Non-theatrical Events) Golden Eagle award, one of only three exhibit films from around the country to win.

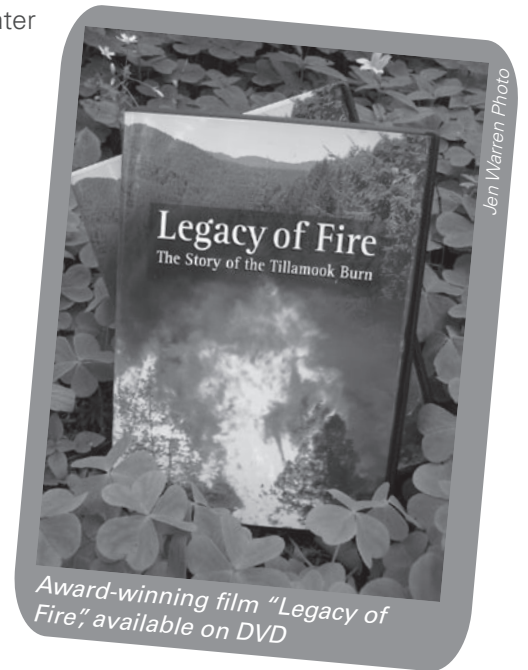
"It's a great honor for the film and everyone who has been involved in it," said Rory Banyard, executive producer and owner of Portland-based North Shore Productions which produced the film. Banyard added that "the Golden Eagle is a prestigious national award and we're thrilled that *Legacy of Fire* was recognized."

"Working on the film was one of the most satisfying parts of exhibit development," said Doug Decker, TFC Project Leader who coordinated work on the film for the Oregon Department of Forestry. "All of us involved in the production were inspired by the firefighters and tree planters we interviewed. A big part of the honor is a tribute to what they accomplished half a century ago."

The CINE Golden Eagle Film and Video Competitions, held each spring and fall, involve hundreds of volunteer media and content specialists who judge thousands of entries in several different categories. The CINE Golden Eagle Award acknowledges high quality professional production in a variety of content categories, as well as in student and independent works.

Founded in 1957 by a consortium representing business, education, and government to depict American life and thought realistically for a global audience, CINE continues to recognize and foster the highest quality of non-theatrical film and video production through its semi-annual competitions.

For more information, visit the CINE website at [www.cine.org](http://www.cine.org).





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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!

Spring is not far off. We already notice the longer hours of daylight and soon we will begin to feel warmer and warmer temperatures. What fun it will be to observe the progression of changes in the forest. Just minutes ago, as I was preparing to write this note, a beautiful bald eagle flew upriver and over the bridge. What a sight! Visitors came running to watch and everyone was excited. Soon we will begin watching for the first spring flowers. Who will be the first to spot a trillium near the Center? If it's you, please come and tell us!

By any measure, our first year has been a tremendous success. Well over 50,000 visitors have come to the Center, over 2,500 students have participated in education programs at the Center and an equal number of visitors have joined in various interpretive walks and programs presented by our staff. Our gift shop has been busy as guests purchase excellent books and beautiful gifts which celebrate the richness and diversity of our surrounding forest. I still love to quote the visitor who wrote in our guest book "you're the 8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world!"

Looking ahead, we are planning a series of special programs to coincide with our first anniversary. Check out the schedule of events on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter. We hope you will make plans to come see us, to enjoy the forest, and to help us celebrate. We look forward to seeing you here again soon.

Jim Quiring



*A resident bald eagle perched  
in the historic "Kissing Tree"  
near Smith Homestead*

## Visitor Feedback

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

*"A tremendous view of life in this area and the wonderful faith of the local people to believe that they could rejuvenate an area larger than the country that I am from. Inspirational."*

*— Visitor from South Wales, UK*

*"First Class."*

*"Excellent Customer Service."*

# News From The Trust

Doug Decker



A special thanks to the many friends of the Tillamook Forest Center who made donations in the last several months. Since Thanksgiving, the Trust received combined gifts of nearly \$10,000, all of which will directly benefit the Center and the work of forest education and interpretation in the Tillamook State Forest. Dozens of new donor trees have been installed on the donor tree monument out front, and you'll see a newly named bench on the trail (thanks Harold and Pearl Jensen!). Several more benches are available



for sponsorship at the \$2,500 level, and there's plenty of room for additional donor trees (see form below). We're even considering adding a second "screen" in the entry plaza to recognize new donor tree gifts.

The Trust welcomes new members Steve Thomas and Bob Stacey to the Board. They join current board members, including Chair Janet McLennan, Vice Chair Jim Brown, Treasurer Jerry Eckstein, Secretary Jim Fisher, and Trustees Vic Atiyeh, Marvin Brown, Doug Decker, Steve Hobbs, Barte Starker and Tim Wood.

Since completion of the capital fundraising campaign to build the Tillamook Forest Center, the Trust has refocused itself on the following goals:

### Goal 1

Create an endowment for the Tillamook Forest Center and conduct ongoing fundraising operations that contribute to the endowment.

### Goal 2

Seek out partnerships of funds and support for specific projects or resources that support the mission of the Tillamook Forest Center.

### Goal 3

Develop new tools, events or resources that support the mission of the Tillamook Forest Center and/ or that contribute to a deeper understanding of Tillamook Forest heritage.

### Goal 4

Administer the James E. Brown Forest Education Scholarship to encourage and support the development and implementation of teaching resources or activities focused on the Tillamook State Forest.

We invite you to join us in supporting this important work.

*For more information on making a gift, contact the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at (503) 359-7474.*

## Yes! I want to help support the Tillamook Forest Center

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tree(s) @\$75 per tree

Here is my check

Please charge my Visa/Mastercard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of...  In Honor of...  Name Only

Name to appear on tree:

Line One:

Line Two:

Line Three:

The Trust is pleased to recognize donations made as gifts, or to honor or memorialize a special person. Send recognition of this donation to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Donor trees are available on a first-come basis. If requesting more than one tree, please make photocopies of this form.

For more information about the Trust, or to consider donation opportunities, please call us at (503) 359-7474.



# Naturalist Notes (Denise Berkshire)

Things are springing to life! Flowers and mushrooms are breaking through the soil while buds on trees open exposing leaves. Migrating birds are returning: hummingbirds, warblers, varied thrush and the Spring Chinook are gliding through the rapids of the Wilson River.

1/11/07

~ Spotted ruby-crowned kinglets in the trees. White eye ring and red crest gave them away. These tiny birds winter here from the north.

1/27/07

~ Greeted by a herd of elk grazing near the bus stop this morning. Each morning we spot fresh sign, but today we actually saw them!

1/30/07

~ On our walk this morning, Jen and I saw golden-crowned kinglets upside-down gleaning insects. One was so close we could have reached out and touched it!

2/01/07

~ While designing a new gathering spot along the trail, Michelle, Kris and Darryl spotted a pair of hooded mergansers. That's a first!

2/06/07

~ Eagle sightings daily: flying over the bridge, eating salmon or perched in the "kissing tree"  
**Idea for Nature of the Week:** Rough skinned newts; Highlight these poisonous amphibians this spring.

**TO DO:**

- \* Hike Peninsula Trail in March to see pink fawn lilies
- \* What to cook for the Dutch oven program? Chocolate cake, bean soup, cinnamon rolls, ?????
- \* Find frog ponds to walk to for April program
- \* Get native plant posters to hand out at wildflower walks



"Part of America's history I didn't know."  
 - Visitor from Ohio

**Q: How deep is a frog's pond?**  
 (answer below)



Chris Friend Photo  
 Pink fawn lilies dot the forest floor with color along the Peninsula Trail in spring

Chris Friend Photo  
 Early morning may provide a glimpse of Roosevelt elk peeking out of the brush

## Upcoming Programs at the TFC

Make plans to join a naturalist for a guided program this season when the forest comes alive with color. All events are **FREE** and open to **ALL AGES** (unless otherwise noted).

### March 2007

**3<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) Special Guest Presenters: 11 AM & 1 PM**  
**The Life of Mountain Women**

Pioneer life was tough for mountain men and women making a life in the remote Coast Range. Join Lynette "Bloomers" Rothwell and Sandy "Firefly" Creson for a presentation about the lifestyle of mountain women and how they survived in Oregon's early forests. They will explore the types of clothing worn, the "tools" they used (including muzzleloaders) and how the American Indians provided items through trade and influenced clothing styles.

**4<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Bluegrass Open Jam 1 PM**

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.

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (Sat & Sun) Slimy Slugs 11 AM & 1 PM**

Did you know that slugs are nature's recyclers; that they provide food for raccoons and many other forest creatures, and that their cousins live in the ocean? While gardeners may not like slugs, they have a special place in the forest. We will look at ways they exist, how to keep them out of your garden and what important roles they play in the forest ecosystem.

**24<sup>th</sup> (Sat) The Eagles Live! 11 AM & 1 PM**

Bald eagles are our national symbol and we are lucky to have a pair living near the Center! These large birds of prey build incredible nests, are efficient hunters and scavengers and rely on streams and rivers in the forest. At the program's end, we will walk over to the Smith Homestead meadow to attempt to view our resident eagles in the historic "kissing tree".

**25<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Family Outdoor Day: 11 AM & 1 PM**  
**Exploration & Adventure!**

Families are invited to explore leave-no-trace ethics, how to be safe in the forest and have fun along the Wilson River Trail during this entertaining program! Participants should bring a water bottle, rain gear, and appropriate hiking shoes. Optional items include binoculars, field guides, nature journal and a camera.

**31<sup>st</sup> (Sat) Wildflower Walk 11 AM & 1 PM**

Spring has arrived and our naturalists are eager to share some beautiful forest wildflowers with you. Come along for an easy, guided walk where we will find trilliums, wood violets, candy flowers, sour grass and much more.

### April 2007

**1<sup>st</sup> (Sun) Tillamook Forest Center's 11 AM & 1 PM**  
**First Year Anniversary ALL DAY**

Celebrate with us! Our first anniversary kicks off Arbor Week. Fun family activities will take place throughout the day. Local storyteller Dave Barrett will perform his lively "Talkin' Tillamook" at 11 AM. At 12 PM, join our director for a recap of the development of the Tillamook Forest Center and its first year of operation. A bluegrass open jam will take place from 1 – 4 PM.



# Upcoming Programs (continued)

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> (Sat & Sun) Arbor Week Celebration ALL DAY**

The first week in April is Arbor Week. Help us celebrate the magic of trees with a variety of activities. Beginning on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> the first 500 visitors will receive a free tree seedling to take home and plant!

Throughout the weekend, we invite you to learn paper-making, create art with tree leaves and bark, meet Smokey Bear and go on a tree scavenger hunt to win a prize. At 11 AM & 1 PM on Saturday and Sunday (April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>), join a naturalist on a tree walk in the beautiful Tillamook State Forest. You are guaranteed to have a tree-mendous time!

*"Great presentation, friendly leader, wonderful facility, we'll be back!"*

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sat & Sun) Green by Design 11 AM & 1 PM**

In the heart of the Tillamook State Forest lies the Tillamook Forest Center, a hallmark of sustainable design and operation. Join us in celebrating Earth Day and explore recycled glass walls, natural linoleum, a pond with a purpose, boilers that burn wood "waste" and much more.

## May 2007

**5<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Fabulous Frogs 11 AM & 1 PM**

What goes "knee-deep, knee-deep", sings in the night and hops through the forest? That's right... FROGS! We will take a look at some of the best hiding spots for these moist creatures and how to identify frogs and some of their amphibian relatives.

**6<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Bluegrass Open Jam 1 PM**

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Jen Warren Photo

*Interpretive Program Coordinator Chris Friend and Interpreter Denise Berkshire cook up some tasty treats at the Dutch Oven Cooking program*

**12<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Wildflower Walk 11 AM & 1 PM**

Forest wildflowers inspire us with their color and variety. Come along for an easy, guided walk where we will search for what is in bloom, explore flower relationships with birds and butterflies and discover how to plant native wildflowers in your yard.

**13<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Forest Birding 11 AM & 1 PM**

Birds display their bright colors and sing their hearts out this time of year. Bring your mom and your binoculars to explore the Tillamook Forest with naturalists to search for secretive birds by sight and sound.

**26<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Recreation Jeopardy 11 AM & 1 PM**

Test your knowledge of recreation in the Tillamook State Forest in a lively game of Jeopardy like you've never seen it played before! Everyone will be involved as contestants to win prizes. Hosted by Alex Treebark!

**27<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Dutch Oven Cooking 11 AM & 1 PM**

Pioneer settlers in the Wilson River valley prepared their hot meals using Dutch ovens. Today, many outdoor enthusiasts still make it a tasty part of their camping experience. Naturalist-guides will demonstrate how to buy, care for, and cook with a Dutch oven, as well as prepare and share a delightful culinary concoction!

**28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day) Lost and Found in the Forest: Intro to Orienteering and GPS 11AM & 1PM**

Did you know that it's possible to pinpoint your exact location anywhere on earth at almost any given time? A global positioning system (GPS) receiver is a helpful tool for work and play. Visitors will enjoy a nice stroll on Tillamook Forest trails while learning basic concepts about GPS navigation and the sport of geocaching.



Chris Friend Photo

*See the birds and hear their song on a fun bird walk at the TFC on Mother's Day*

# The Tillamook State Forest — *At Your Leisure*

This issue's recreation spotlight shines on the Tillamook State Forest's newest campground addition and best kept secret. An hour's drive west of Portland, Reehers Camp is a great forest escape and it offers a little something for everyone. Dip your feet in the cool clear water of the Nehalem River, relax in the shade of towering Douglas-fir trees and explore miles of trails by bike, horse or on foot.

*"Brings back many memories."*

Close to the small town of Timber, Reehers Camp is filled with history. It opened in April 1934 as a Civilian Conservation Corps camp, just one year after the famous

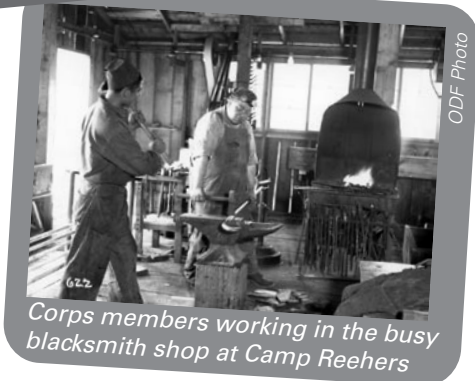
Tillamook Burn of 1933. Young men lived in this camp and worked on road improvements, trail maintenance, telephone line construction and fire-breaks across the surrounding burned-over lands. The camp closed in 1941, but the Douglas-fir trees lining the road to the camp and some cement foundations still remain today as evidence of its existence.



*It's hard to tell today, but at one time this bustling camp housed about 200 young men serving their country*



*CCC members worked building trails, roads and firebreaks after the fires*



*Corps members working in the busy blacksmith shop at Camp Reehers*



*Hit the trail! The Gales Creek Trail can be reached from Reehers Camp campground or day use area*



*Each equestrian site features at least four 12x12 stalls*



*Camp hosts are on site throughout the summer*

While Reehers Camp is popular with equestrians, there are also six campsites for those without horses. All of the clean and spacious campsites include grills and picnic tables, and the ten equestrian campsites offer 12'x12' stalls. A mounting assist ramp, and river access are also available. Tillamook Forest Center staff will offer interpretive programs for campers at the large picnic shelter this summer. Check the TFC website for dates and times.

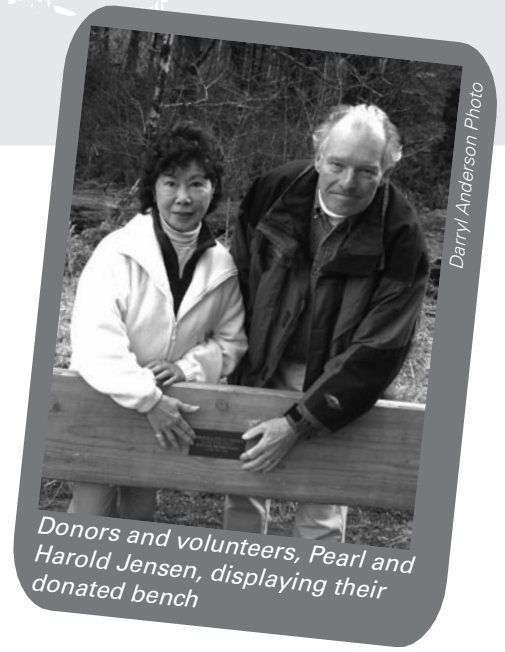
Consider Reehers Camp for your camping adventure this summer. You just might have this quiet and secluded campground virtually to yourself.

Access to Reehers Camp is off Cochran Road, 2 miles west of Timber. For more information about Reehers Camp, contact the Forest Grove District Office at (503) 357-2191 or check the website [www.oregon.gov/ODF/TSF/reehers.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/TSF/reehers.shtml).

# Our Volunteers are Great!

## New Volunteers

**Pearl Jensen**, wife of volunteer **Harold Jensen**, is sharing her time and talents at the TFC. She is helping out in the gift shop, at the front desk and will soon begin helping with education programs. Pearl and Harold live nearby and come in to lend a hand once a week. Their helpful spirit and cheerful smiles are a joy to see.



*Donors and volunteers, Pearl and Harold Jensen, displaying their donated bench*

**Clyde Monroe**, another local resident, really enjoys working outside. Retired from Fred Meyer where he was a manager of the jewelry department, Clyde is volunteering his time at the TFC once a week. He has been doing trail and landscape maintenance, has helped keep our firewood stocked and built a small firewood rack.



*Volunteer, Clyde Monroe, helping to keep the TFC grounds looking sharp*

## A Special Thanks

Though not really volunteers, we can't let this issue go by without mentioning the South Fork Camp. This winter has thrown nearly everything at us, flooding, winds, ice, snow and downed trees. Without their never-ending willingness to help and their expert talents, we would not have gotten through this season. Thanks to Gordon Dana, Chuck Anderson, Scott Vessey, and all the other inmate crews and crew leaders for pitching in when needed. We appreciate all the work that they do!

## 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?

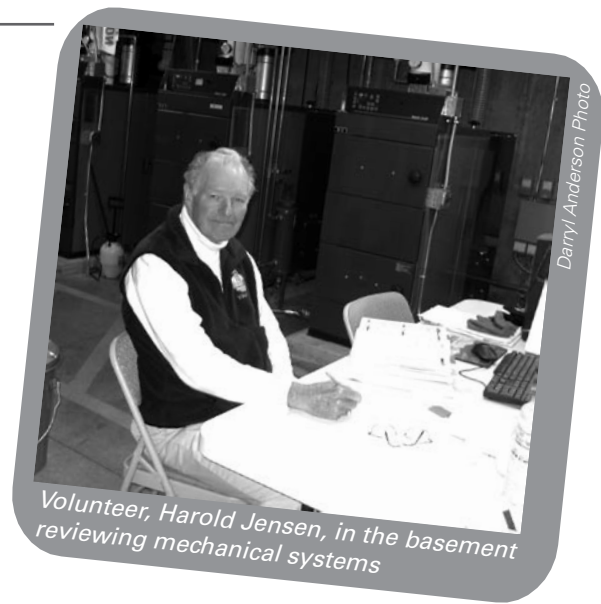
There are two types of volunteer opportunities:

- ❶ A **Day Volunteer** works a flexible schedule and may use Center transportation from the Forest Grove area.
- ❷ An **On-Site Host Volunteer** lives in their own RV at a full-hookup facility on the Center grounds.

## 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, elk, owls 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



*Volunteer, Harold Jensen, in the basement reviewing mechanical systems*

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



## Upcoming Job Opportunities

Do you know someone who loves to work with people while sharing their enthusiasm for nature? We will soon be looking for candidates to fill two internship positions and two seasonal positions. One intern and one seasonal each will be working with the interpretation program and the education program. Jobs will be posted online as they become available. A short description of these opportunities is below, but for more information on these, and other positions with the Oregon Department of Forestry, look online at: [www.oregon.gov/ODF/HUMAN\\_RESOURCES/ODF\\_Employment.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/HUMAN_RESOURCES/ODF_Employment.shtml)



*Intern, Marci Miller, showing aquatic life hidden among the rocks in the Wilson River*

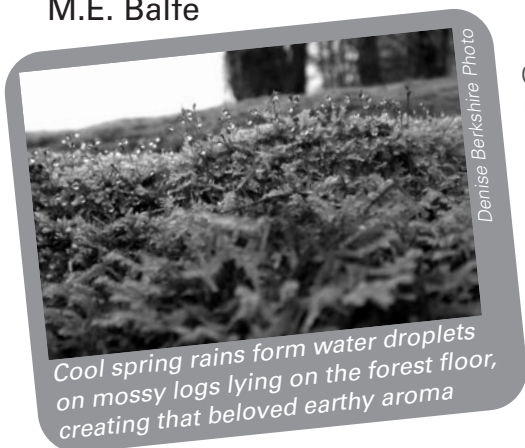
### Internships and Seasonal Positions

The interpretation intern and seasonal will assist in developing and delivering a variety of interpretive presentations. They will lead guided walks, and present information at the Center, campgrounds and at other venues. The education intern and seasonal will assist in preparing and conducting forest education activities for schools and student groups and help with two weeks of summer camp.

All of these positions will assist with other projects that relate to forest education, interpretation and public information needs at the Center or on the forest. These positions will staff the exhibit hall as roving interpretive guides, assist the public with information and work in the gift shop assisting with front desk reception and sales.

## A Visit to the Tillamook State Forest

M.E. Balfé



*Cool spring rains form water droplets on mossy logs lying on the forest floor, creating that beloved earthy aroma*

Can you remember the first time you saw a wild animal? Can you recall the smell of rain in a dense forest filled with ferns and mosses? Can you imagine the color and design of your favorite wildflower and draw it for a friend?

For those of us that choose to take a walk or ride in the woods, sit by a stream and close our eyes, or lie on our backs in the middle of a field to stargaze, there is a common thread that weaves our experiences together...we are creating memories outside, in nature. As we reminisce these moments spent in the natural world, our eyes may light up and we may begin to re-tell vivid stories of something we saw or experienced during that adventure. It is our feelings within those experiences that shape how we remember the places we have been.

There is a place not far from Portland that has played a large part in many lives.

Over the years this place has taken on different meanings, as each experience or benefit received from it is as different as the opportunity itself.

Most reading this article can undoubtedly recall a particular time when you ventured into this forest. I'm sure you could recall the way you felt, what the weather was doing, the faces of the people you were with that day, and of course, your location in the forest. With over 355,000 acres, the Tillamook State Forest will continue to play a part in the memories of Oregonians forever.

Within the heart of the Tillamook State Forest is the Tillamook Forest Center. The Center serves as a gateway to the forest and provides visitors a glimpse into the work of the Oregon Department of Forestry. If you are reading this newsletter, you have probably visited the Center and hopefully we will see you again for one of our naturalist-led programs on the weekends, as a chaperone on a field trip with your children or grandchildren, or on the trails having fun!

If you are planning a visit soon, keep in mind that the Center will be hosting school groups during the weekdays between the hours of 10 AM — 2 PM. You may see students exploring the exhibit hall, hiking on the trails or working in their journals. With spring around the corner, the wildflowers will soon begin emerging from the forest floor, wildlife will be busy preparing for their young and the forest will be buzzing with human activity.

*"The sweetest air  
I've ever smelled."  
— Visitor from  
Tennessee*



# Mark Your Calendar (see inside for complete descriptions)



## March

|                                     |   |              |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     | <b>Special Guest Presenters: The Life of Mountain Women</b> | 11 AM & 1 PM |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                     | <b>Bluegrass Open Jam</b>                                   | 1 PM         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Slimy Slugs</b>  | 11 AM & 1 PM |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                    | <b>The Eagles Live!</b>                                     | 11 AM & 1 PM |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                    | <b>Family Outdoor Day: Exploration &amp; Adventure!</b>     | 11 AM & 1 PM |
| 31 <sup>st</sup>                    | <b>Wildflower Walk</b>                                      | 11 AM & 1 PM |

## April

|                                     |   |              |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                     | <b>Tillamook Forest Center's First Year Anniversary</b> | ALL DAY      |
|                                     | <i>Bluegrass Open Jam, Storyteller, Fun Activities!</i> |              |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Arbor Week Celebration</b>                           | ALL DAY      |
|                                     | <i>Free Seedlings, Arts &amp; Crafts, Smokey Bear!</i>  |              |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Green by Design</b>                                  | 11 AM & 1 PM |

## May

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| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Fabulous Frogs</b>  | 11 AM & 1 PM |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Bluegrass Open Jam</b>  | 1 PM         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Wildflower Walk</b>   | 11 AM & 1 PM |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Forest Birding</b>  | 11 AM & 1 PM |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Recreation Jeopardy</b>   | 11 AM & 1 PM |
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| 28 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Lost and Found in the Forest: Intro to Orienteering and GPS</b> | 11 AM & 1 PM |

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**Tillamook Forest Center**  
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The Tillamook Forest Center is located on the Wilson River Highway (Hwy. 6) in the heart of the Tillamook State Forest, near Jones Creek. It's an hour's drive west of downtown Portland. RV parking is available.

**Our Spring Hours:**  
Wednesday – Sunday  
10 AM – 4 PM

**Starting Memorial Day Weekend:**  
7 Days a Week  
10 AM - 6 PM