



The Lookout

News of the Tillamook Forest Center

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Tillamook Forest Center Ends Season on a Festive Note

Chris Friend

Our popular wreath-making class was offered for the third consecutive year during the last weekend of November. The event attracted 60 participants who came with family and friends to craft their special holiday wreaths. This year's supply of greenery was the best yet, as South Fork Inmate Camp crews supplied conifer boughs and a couple of additional plants from the forest.

As always, the creativity and variety of wreath designs was outstanding. Quite a number of folks were repeat participants who find the event to be a warm, fun and special time. The fireplace, music, and warm drinks added to the festive ambience. Even the weather cooperated with mild temperature and sunshine.

A couple of memorable quotes from happy wreath-makers include:

- *"It was special being with the family-we had four generations working together"*
- *"We plan to come again next year. We had so much fun"*
- *"Second time attended. Like the location and staff"*

This was our last event prior to closing the center for the winter on November 30th. The need for budget reductions required making some hard decisions on how to cut services and staff. While the Center is slumbering for the winter, remaining staff will work on projects out of the district offices, with the exception of one person performing critical maintenance on the building.

Our programming staff will offer a reduced level of service; primarily in-class programs and community outreach.

The center will reopen on March 3rd when we will resume school field trips, public programs and welcome back our most precious asset—our visitors. Until then, enjoy the winter in the forest and your homes.

Season's Greetings from the Staff of the Tillamook Forest Center

*Jim Quiring Melyssa Graeper Darryl Anderson
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Chris Friend Photo

Wreaths made by our visitors bring the beauty of the forest home for the holidays

TFC Host Opportunities for 2010

Host Season

- April—October

Location

- Highway 6, Milepost 22

Facilities

- Interpretive Center
- Suspension Bridge
- Parking & Picnic Area
- Garbage & Recycling
- Restrooms
- Interpretive Trail
- Hiking & Biking Trails
- Wilson River Access

Host Amenities

- Spacious Campsite Featuring:
- Full Hook-Ups
- Laundry Facility
- Telephone
- Internet Access
- Picnic Table
- 2-way Handheld Radio



Host Scheduling

- 1 month minimum

Host Duties (At least 24 hours per week)

- Greet visitors
- Introduce or answer questions about displays
- Assist with sales in the Gift Shop
- Support staff with assorted clerical tasks (answer phones, mailings, filings, etc.)
- Perform routine cleaning and grounds keeping
- Complete maintenance tasks & projects
- Help with special events (set-up, kids crafts, info stations, etc.)

*For more information on availability & the process for becoming a TFC volunteer, please contact the TFC Volunteer Coordinator:
(503) 815-6800 or (866) 930-4646*



To apply for this position, return application to:

Camp Host Program
Attention: Stephanie Beall
801 Gales Creek Road
Forest Grove, OR 97116

Phone: (503) 359-7464
Fax: (503) 357-4548
email: sbeall@odf.state.or.us

What you can do to support the Tillamook Forest Center

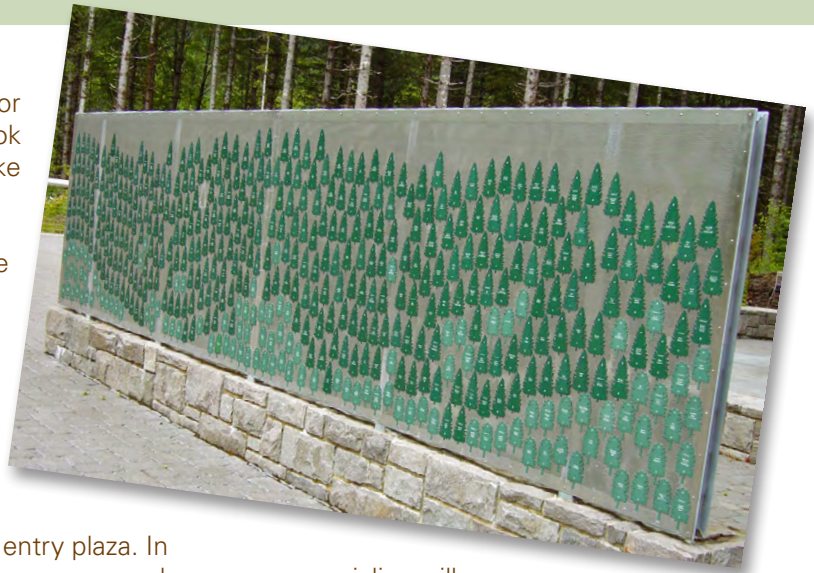
Tillamook Forest HERITAGE TRUST

If you have enjoyed or been touched by a program, exhibit or special moment at the Tillamook Forest Center and want to make sure the center can continue to provide excellent forest education opportunities, please consider offering your financial

support. 100 percent of all gifts go directly to education programs and activities at the Center. Here is a menu of ideas...every gift counts.

Donor Trees: A Great Gift Idea...

The Trust invites you to show your support for the Tillamook Forest Center by "planting 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 (see order form on this page).



Trailside Benches Available for Sponsorship...

Made from Douglas-fir trees grown in the Tillamook State Forest, these benches provide visitors a moment to pause, rest and reflect with views to the Wilson River and the surrounding forest. An attractive brass plaque is inset into the back of the bench and can be used to honor or memorialize individuals or organizations. A limited number of rustic benches are available for a sponsorship gift at the \$2,500 level

Consider a planned gift...

A charitable gift may play a part in your overall estate plan. The Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust's experienced team is pleased to work with donors on life income gift plans, such as charitable remainder trusts, or estate gifts and bequests. Our team can also assist with charitable gifts of specialty assets.

Cultural Trust Partner Means Tax Credit...

Keep in mind that the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust is a qualified partner in the Oregon Cultural Trust, an innovative and widely-supported program for strengthening and preserving Oregon's arts, heritage and culture. Gifts to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, made in concert with a gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust, qualify you for a tax deduction for both gifts and a tax credit, all while supporting important work related to our state's culture and arts.

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.

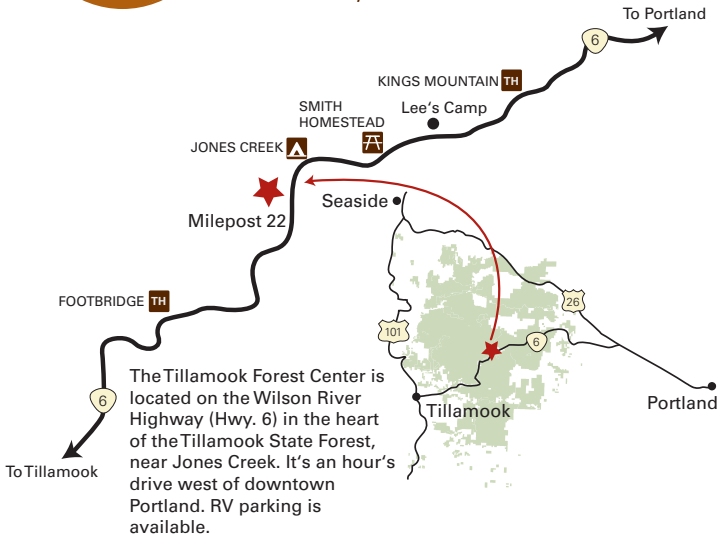
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Tillamook Forest Center

45500 Wilson River Highway
Tillamook, OR 97141



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.

Important Closure Information
Due to budget reductions, the Tillamook Forest Center will be closed December through February, reopening on March 3, 2010



Mark Your Calendar

Important DATES!



Arbor Day Celebration & TFC Anniversary
All day, April 3rd, 2010
Plant a tree with us!
The Tillamook Forest Center's fourth anniversary kicks off Arbor Week and we are hosting a tree planting celebration. Staff will guide you to a site and supply the seedlings and tools. Visit our website to see a list of the tree-mendous activities planned.



Check our website for other upcoming programs
www.tillamookforestcenter.org

Don't miss an issue!
Please contact us to update your address.