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Deepening our roots in the forest community

As the season comes to close at the center, we reflect on a year that overflowed with the spirit of community. From stunning displays of local artistry to helping hands that showed up when we needed them most; from thousands of school children with whom we shared our passion to tribal relationships we continue to grow, the center strives to better connect with our neighbors.

Our year began with a trip to the Clatsop State Forest to help create forest learning environments beyond the center. Spring and fall were filled with education programs where more than 5,000 students engaged with the forest. Thousands of visitors flocked to summertime offerings on birds, bugs, bears, beavers, and forest bounties. We even went global, reaching over 29,000 people in 45 different countries through social media.

Closer to home, our staff worked with local artists to display our community's creative talent in woodwork, paint, and wax. Equally talented volunteers spent hundreds of hours



Volunteer service aids in providing for the public



Discovering more about our historic forest community at the Reeher Homestead

hosting visitors, cleaning and clearing trails, and taking care of public spaces. Enhancing our community understanding further, staff attended the Grand Ronde Cultural Symposium and worked with the Confederated Tribe of Siletz, strengthening our relationships with tribal nations.

Digging our roots deeper each year would be impossible without the support of our forest community. You, the visitor, the adventurer, the supporter, are the most important part of what we do here at the center and we thank you for being here this year.





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with the Tillamook State Forest.*

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Looking forward...

As our 2017 season ends, we enjoy watching the rains reinvigorating the forest and feeding the Wilson River. The winter season is a time of renewal for center staff as well, as we reflect on the past season and plan for 2018.

Several exciting developments are in the works:

- The Forest Education Pavilion is several steps closer to reality, with an opportunity for you to help with the final donations needed to break ground before summer. Find details about donations on our website: www.tillamookforestcenter.com/about_04-1.html.
- We have a new river camera, which is posting images to our website once again, and will soon be featured as an official KGW-TV weather camera. Watch our Facebook page for the official inauguration of the camera.
- The center's website is on its way to being refreshed and updated, to ease and enhance information discovery.



*Come out and find yourself walking
along the Wilson River.*

Another big change beginning in 2018 is that the center will be open Wednesdays through Sundays (closed Mondays and Tuesdays) March - November due to budget and staffing restrictions. While this reduces our hours open to visitation in summer, it ensures the greatest possible customer service during our operating hours.

As we prepare for the next season, we hope that you will make the Tillamook Forest Center part of your plans for the 2018 season.

An opportunity to show your appreciation

Your experiences in the Tillamook State Forest help contribute to your personal wellbeing in mind, body, and spirit. Now is your opportunity to give back to improve the wellbeing of your forest.

At the Trust, we believe that our state forests hold unparalleled opportunities for teaching and learning about the role of forests in our lives today, as well as the natural and cultural history of forests.

This past year, much of our fundraising energy has been focused on enhancing those teaching and learning opportunities through our efforts to fund the Forest Education Pavilion project at the Tillamook Forest Center. As calendar year 2017 comes to a close, we hope you will consider a year-end donation to this important project seeking to provide our students and visitors with a dry, comfortable, and enhanced educational experience. Make your contribution today by contacting the Tillamook Forest Center at (503) 815-6800, or visit our website at www.tillamookforestcenter.com/about_04-1.html.

The non-profit Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, formed in 1999, serves as catalyst for public/private partnership in support of the Tillamook Forest Center and developing tools and experiences that help Oregonians better understand and appreciate the Tillamook State Forest and all of Oregon's State-owned forests.

Seeking volunteers for the 2018 season

Do you enjoy the forest? Become a Tillamook Forest Center volunteer! Volunteers play a vital role within our community by supporting and enhancing the center's programs services and mission. We are currently seeking volunteers for school field trips, visitor services/information desk, facility and grounds maintenance, roving interpretation (greeting the public, answering questions, telling our story) and on-site hosts for the 2018 season.

On-site hosts live in their own RV at a full-hookup site on the center grounds. Hosts must be able to commit to working 24 hours per week for a minimum of 4 weeks.

Day volunteers must be able to commit to working a minimum of three hours per week for one quarter (three months).

Applications for the spring quarter (March – May) are due by February 15, 2018. Please visit www.tillamookforestcenter.com/about_05.html to complete an application or call (503) 815-6803 for more information.

Connect with visitors one-on-one



Join a fun team!



Share your passion

Help visitors find their way



Enjoy full hook-up camp host sites!



Share a love of forests with the next generation





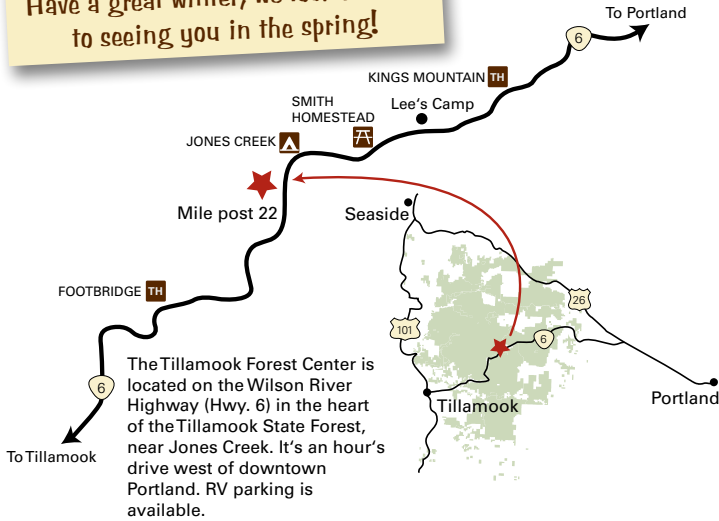
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Winter closure

The center will be closed to the public November 27, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

Have a great winter; we look forward to seeing you in the spring!



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Save the Date!

Certified Interpretive Guide Training (CIG)
January 29th - February 1st
<http://bit.ly/2AS0IX4>

Volunteer Field Trip Educator Training
March 14th (Wednesday)
Volunteer applications due by February 15th

For details, visit:
www.tillamookforestcenter.com/events_05.html



Volunteer Cleaning Party February 10th (Saturday)

This incredible group of volunteers helped us prepare the center for our 2017 season at last year's volunteer cleaning party. We would love your help getting ready for 2018!

Call (503) 815-6803 to register

Please Note!

New summer hours coming in 2018

Due to budget restrictions, the center will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays during the 2018 summer season (Labor Day – Memorial Day)



Spring hours

Begin Thursday, March 1
Wednesday – Sunday
10 am to 4 pm

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