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Oregon Is Indian Country Traveling Exhibit

The Tillamook Forest Center is hosting a special traveling exhibit of Oregon's Native American heritage, *Oregon Is Indian Country*, through the month of March. The exhibit was produced by the Oregon Historical Society in partnership with Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes.

The Center will host two of the three themed display panels including: *The Land* and *Federal Indian Policies*. The Tillamook County Library will host the third panel, *The Traditions That Bind*.

The exhibit is the story of the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon and the indigenous peoples who have occupied these lands for thousands of years, since long before Oregon became a state 151 years ago. The Oregon tribes are rich in culture as expressed in our languages, governments, histories and traditions that have nourished us for thousands of years. From the oceans and valleys to the high desert and plateaus, tribal people have adapted to the environment, creating lives that are of this land, just like our ancestors.

The Center staff values the relationships that we have forged with our tribal neighbors and is committed to sharing their history, stories and life ways as a valuable part of our public programming. Along with the exhibit, the Center will host two Native American presenters:

On **March 13th**, **Robert Kentta**, Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Director of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, will provide a cultural share, a display of traditional regalia and a demonstration of basketry.

On **March 27th**, **Eirik Thorsgard**, Cultural Protection Coordinator of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, will present a brief history of western Oregon Native Americans and the laws that have shaped their lives. He will also conduct several flint knapping demonstrations during the day showing a variety of ancient and modern techniques.

Check our online [Program & Event Calendar](#) for details on the presenter schedule, along with other events.



Klamath man overlooks giuwas (Crater Lake) — Curtis Collection. (Photo provided by Taylor R. David, Klamath Tribes News Dept.)



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Thoughts From the Director

Tillamook Forest Center Reopens, Sparkles Following a Productive Winter Closure

Greetings Friends!

All of us at the Tillamook Forest Center are excited to be open again following our 3-month winter closure. Since reopening on March 3rd, we've been pleased to once again hear the voices of students in the exhibit hall and see visitors exploring our trails, discovering wildflowers and simply enjoying a day outdoors.

Our winter has been very productive as our core staff members have worked diligently from temporary office space at the Department's Office in Forest Grove. Together, we've accomplished important evaluation and planning work while also offering in-school education programs for nearby schools.

At the Center we've worked hard during the winter closure to check off a long list of maintenance and deep-cleaning projects. Many projects were completed with the assistance of a terrific Oregon Youth Conservation Corps crew from Tillamook. The energy and dedication of this OYCC crew, funded by federal stimulus dollars, has made it possible to complete a variety of projects including a backlog of grounds keeping work that has made the Center and surrounding landscaping look like new! We are grateful for the work of this youth crew and say a big "thank you" to each of them.

We've also had tremendous ongoing support from the Department's nearby South Fork Camp. Crew leaders from the Camp, with the work of their inmate crews, have completed important projects for us including construction and installation of new donor benches on trails near the Center and fabrication and installation of a new entry sign for our highway entrance. We appreciate the work of the South Fork crews very much.

For those who have not been out to the Center for a while, we hope you'll plan to come out again soon.

We know you'll enjoy our Oregon Historical Society exhibit "Oregon is Indian Country" during

March and, perhaps you can join us for our tree planting event on April 3rd. Then, too, on any day you visit (Wed-Sun, 10-4), I know you'll be impressed, again, with the beauty of the Tillamook State Forest and with the quality of our facility and program at the Tillamook Forest Center. This Center is a very special place, freshly re-opened for the new year, and, it really does sparkle!



An Oregon Youth Conservation Crew provides valuable assistance to Center operations.



A South Fork Crew installed new benches at the Center (above). Our newly refurbished sign welcomes visitors back after a winter closure (right).



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

What you can do to support the Tillamook Forest Center

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 _____

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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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Arbor Day Plant II: The Treequel

Last April, the Tillamook Forest Center and the Oregon Department of Forestry helped commemorate Oregon's Sesquicentennial — 150 years of statehood — by sponsoring The Great Oregon Tree Plant, an event that recognized Oregonian's efforts to plant trees and promote stewardship of our forest resources. It was so well received that we have decided to make tree planting an annual event, timed with Oregon Arbor week and the Tillamook Forest Center's anniversary.



Kids in the 50's and 60's get a lesson in tree planting



Tree Planters' Tent Exhibit: Imagine planting trees all day in the Burn and returning "home" to a 12-man canvas tent— during the coldest part of the winter!

Tree planting is our legacy! Sixty years ago, a great experiment in reforestation began in earnest in the Tillamook Burn. At the time, it was heralded as the largest reforestation project in the world! 24 years later, more than 108,000 acres were planted with 72 million, two-year-old seedlings. In addition, 116,000 acres were seeded from the air. Over time, the Oregon Department of Forestry and citizens' hard work transformed a blackened landscape to the Tillamook State Forest that we all enjoy today.

We hope you will join us for our second annual tree planting celebration on Saturday, April 3rd, 2010. Staff will guide you to a site and supply the seedlings and tools to plant trees at the Center and in the Tillamook State Forest.

Please visit our online [Program & Event Calendar](#) to see a list of the tree-mendous activities planned.

The Power of Partnerships

The Tillamook Forest Center has been making more efforts to establish mutually beneficial partnerships within our neighboring communities, particularly in the area of teaching, learning and community service.

Through grant funds, we have been able to employ five Oregon Youth Conservation Corps students from Tillamook each summer to accomplish substantial maintenance projects and create new learning opportunities for our visitors. This summer, students will be working with youth and adults to deliver forest education programs and informal talks.

We have also formed a new relationship with Springville School in Beaverton to help us rehabilitate a section of the Wilson River corridor. ODF crews prepped the site by removing litter, blocking motorized vehicle access, and readying the ground for replanting. An OYCC crew brushed in a new trail making it more accessible for future Center visitors. The Springville students then replanted the area with native trees and shrubs and will create a trail guide or interpretive signs to educate hikers about the local habitat, watershed restoration efforts, and flora and fauna. This same group will also work with ODF this spring and next school year to collect data on plant growth patterns in harvested forest stands.

Our collaboration with students is building essential job skills and creating long-lasting relationships that foster feelings of ownership, responsibility, and pride. By combining our strengths and capabilities, the Center is able to achieve more objectives than we could do alone, and bring exciting change to the typical school curriculum as well as the community.

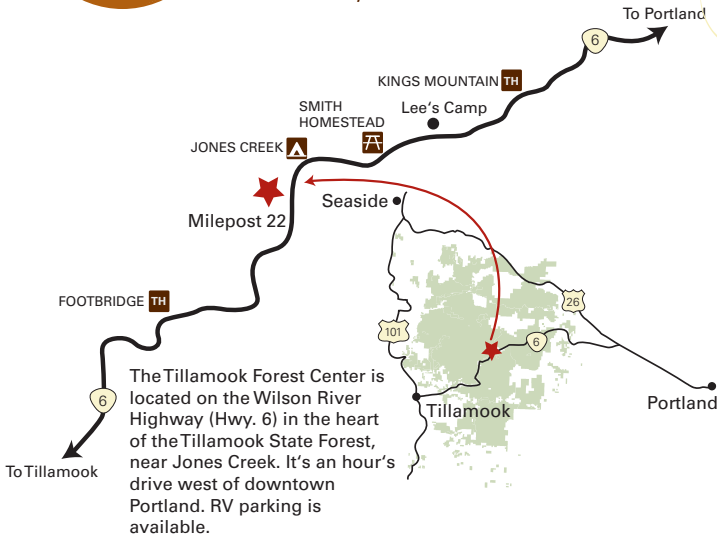


Springville School's forest artwork will be on display at the Center in late March and April.



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The TFC Wants YOU!

Are you looking for a rewarding way to share your love of forests? Looking to get involved in your community or complete a service project? Are you a scout, in a youth group, a retired forester, teacher, carpenter or landscaper? Do you have a special skill or interest? If so, have you considered volunteering at the Tillamook Forest Center?

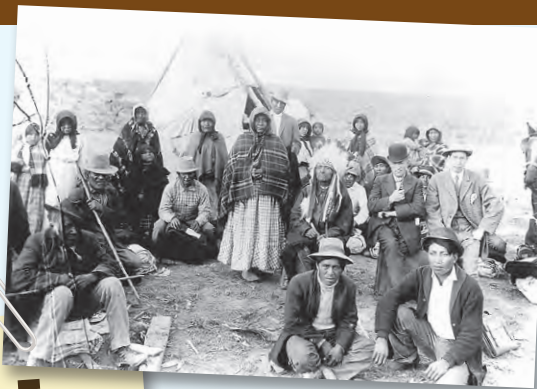
Your skills could be put to use maintaining the building and native landscaping, giving nature presentations about salmon, homesteading, forestry and more, answering questions about the local area, forests and history at our gift shop/reception desk, serving as a local historian capturing, cataloging and archiving historic materials, or...???

Our volunteer schedules are flexible and include opportunities such as work parties, day volunteering or on-site hosting!

If you're interested in joining our team as one of our valued volunteers, contact us for a volunteer application. Call (866) 930-4646 or stop in and see us at the Center. We can't wait to meet you!

Mark Your Calendar

Important DATES!



Oregon Is **INDIAN COUNTRY**

Special Guest Presenters

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March 27th: Eirik Thorsgard
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Indian agent Heinlein issues blankets, tents, and clothing to the Paiutes in exchange for their land.

(Photo courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society, OrHI44161.)

Plant a Tree for Arbor Week!

Join us here at the Center for our annual Arbor Week tree planting activity. There will be three planting times: 9:00, 11:00 and 1:30, and we will provide all of the tools, seedlings, and some transportation. Log Cabin Inn will be on-hand selling their delicious BBQ lunches to feed your hungry tree planters. Don't miss it!

Wildflowers are out early this year, you be too!



Don't miss an issue!

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