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## UPDATE ON PRIORITY CAMPAIGNS

Our last e-newsletter highlighted the successful culmination of our campaign to raise funds to restore the Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum. This issue focuses on two of Oregon State Park Trust's other priorities, the Oregon Lighthouse and Willamette River Water Trail III campaigns.

### **Oregon Lighthouse Campaign**



*Great news!* The **Kinsman Foundation** is donating \$100,000 to the Oregon Lighthouse Campaign! These funds will be dedicated to stabilize, restore and assess the most imperiled of Oregon's seven publicly accessible lighthouses. You can help leverage the Kinsman Foundation grant by making your own donation. We need to raise \$781,800 for the critical stabilization and restoration at Cape Blanco, Cape Meares, Coquille River, Heceta Head, Umpqua River, Yaquina Bay and Yaquina Head. Go to [www.oregonstateparkstrust.org/ourwork/coast/lighthousecampaign](http://www.oregonstateparkstrust.org/ourwork/coast/lighthousecampaign)

to learn how you can contribute to this critical campaign to preserve some of Oregon most significant historic icons.

Special thanks to the Kinsman Foundation for its generous support of the Oregon Lighthouse Campaign. We'd be remiss if we didn't note that the Foundation has also been a major contributor to other Trust priority projects, helping underwrite the restoration of Vista House and that of the Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum.

### **Willamette River Water Trail III**

The Trust is also moving ahead with raising \$501,250 in funding for guidebooks, interpretive signs, and outreach for the third—and final—phase of the Willamette River Water Trail, running from Wheatland Ferry to the Columbia River. Once complete—next summer—the 204-mile long Willamette River Water Trail will provide water-based recreational opportunities from Eugene to the Columbia River.



We recently participated in US Representative Darlene Hooley's Willamette Livability Forum, where we highlighted the importance of the Willamette River Water Trail, not only in terms of recreation, but as a means of enhancing the region's livability, economic opportunities, and network of communities. In December, the Trust will host the next meeting of the partner organizations and agencies involved in establishing and maintaining Willamette River Water Trail III.

Special thanks to **Columbia Sportswear** and **G.I. Joe's** for helping fund this important project. If you would like to be involved, go to [www.oregonstateparkstrust.org/ourwork/valley/willamatterivertrail](http://www.oregonstateparkstrust.org/ourwork/valley/willamatterivertrail).

*Next month's priority project update: Model Sustainable State Parks.*

### **A GIFT GIVING IDEA**

Don't stand waiting in long lines or pay outrageous sums on e-Bay for Nintendo's Wii video-gaming console—give a gift that benefits the health and well-being of the recipient, while also changing our world for the better. Make an unrestricted donation of \$50 or more and you (or the person you designate) become a member of Oregon State Parks Trust. **An unrestricted donation of \$100 or more entitles you to a complimentary Annual Day Use Pass to Oregon's state parks** (a \$25 value). For information about membership and membership benefits, go to <http://www.oregonstateparkstrust.org/programs/member> or call us at (503) 227-04769 or (800) 497-2757. And remember, your donation also helps support our work to preserve and enhance many of Oregon's most magnificent natural, scenic, cultural, and historic places.

### **SPECIAL REPORT: OREGON RECREATION SURVEY**

A recent Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) survey suggests that future parks should be made for walking. Results of a statewide mail survey of Oregonians, ages 41 to 80, indicate that walking is the most popular activity among all age groups surveyed.

“Oregon Recreation in Oregon: The Changing Face of the Future” surveys the effects of an aging population on parks and outdoor recreation, links between health and outdoor recreation, the effects of Oregon’s growing minority population and the participation of youth in outdoor recreation.

Based on the amount of time people engage in an activity, the survey suggests that park environments should be inviting enough to attract birds. Bird-watching is second only to walking in recreation time spent by respondents in the five age categories between 55 and 79.

Other top-rated activities, measured by age group and recreation time spent are: jogging (ages 40-59), cycling (40-74), sightseeing (45-74) and RV/trailer camping (65-74).

As Oregonians get older, keeping fit and healthy, exposing children or grandchildren to something new, learning something new and meeting new people are leading outdoor recreation motivators, according to the survey. The survey also suggests that management strategies most likely to increase the number of older participants in outdoor recreation are providing clean, well-maintained facilities, developing trails closer to their homes, offering more free activities and making parks safer.

A final report, with an analysis of the results and recommendations based on the findings, will be available by the end of the month. A summary will be posted on OPRD’s website.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT OREGON STATE PARKS



**Nov 23-Jan 1: “Shore Acres Holiday Lights.”** Twentieth annual display of more than 250,000 holiday lights. Info: Shore Acres State Park (541-888-4902, [www.oregonstateparks.org/park\\_97.php](http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_97.php)) or Friends of Shore Acres (541-888-2472).

**Nov 29: “Discovering Past Treasures and Preserving Your Own.”** Learn about the history of the Champoeg area by examining artifacts left behind by Native Americans, trappers and settlers. Also find out about the archaeological process and discover how to preserve your own family treasures, like photos, quilts, and memorabilia. \$5 fee and pre-registration is required. Info: Friends of Historic Champoeg ([www.champoeg.org](http://www.champoeg.org), 503-678-1649).

**Dec 2-Dec 3: “Whale Watch volunteer training.”** Join renowned whale expert Bruce Mate for a two-day volunteer training, held at Oregon State University’s Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport. Info and training application forms at [www.whalespoken.org](http://www.whalespoken.org) or contact OPRD’s whale watch week volunteer coordinator Morris Grover at [morris@state.or.us](mailto:morris@state.or.us) or 541-765-3304.

**For other upcoming events at Oregon state parks, go to [www.oregonstateparks.org/events.php](http://www.oregonstateparks.org/events.php).**

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