



OREGON STATE PARKS TRUST

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OREGON STATE PARKS TRUST. May 2008 be a wonderful year of prosperity, health, and adventure for you and yours!

Oregon State Parks Trust's Board and Staff

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE TO OREGON STATE PARKS TRUST IN 2007!

***This is it!* December 31 is the last day to donate to Oregon State Parks Trust in 2007.** So why should you make a donation today?

- You'll be supporting Oregon State Parks Trust, the *only* statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing Oregon's state parks.
- Your hard-earned money will be used effectively and efficiently to help preserve and enhance Oregon's state parks (only 9.7% of the funds we receive are used for fundraising and management).
- You'll be supporting an organization that is by the people and for the people (91.4% of Oregon State Parks Trust's funding comes from individuals, businesses, and foundations).
- Your donation will be fully tax-deductible in tax year 2007.

How can you donate and still have your contribution count for 2007?

1. Send a check, made out to Oregon State Parks Trust, *postmarked December 31, 2007 or earlier* (the Portland airport post office is open 24 hours for those who need a very last minute postmark).
2. Donate online at www.oregonstateparkstrust.org or <https://secure.groundspring.org/dn/index.php?aid=2880>.
3. Call us at 503-227-0479 with your credit card information.



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CHAMPOEG INTERPRETIVE CAMPAIGN TAKES OFF



Oregon State Parks Trust is leading a fundraising campaign to raise \$456,250 to upgrade what are currently 20-year old exhibits displays and exhibits at one of Oregon's most significant cultural and historical sites, the Champoeg State Heritage Area.

The new interpretive plan, developed by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of Historic Champoeg, and other partner groups, calls for replacing the obsolete displays and out-of-date information with exhibits that provide visitors—both young and old—with a more engaging, up-to-date, and thorough learning experience. Further, given the importance of the events that transpired in the Champoeg area relative to Oregon's statehood, we plan to raise these funds and complete these renovations in advance of Oregon's 2009 Sesquicentennial celebrations.



Collins Foundation Provides Major Funding for Champoeg

The **Collins Foundation** recently contributed \$50,000 toward the Champoeg project's costs. Including the Spirit Mountain Community Fund challenge grant, we have raised over 27% of the needed funding.



Spirit Mountain Community Fund Issues \$50,000 Challenge Grant for Champoeg Project

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund recently issued a \$50,000 challenge grant for the project. If we can raise \$406,250, before November 2008, the Spirit Mountain Community Foundation will donate the last \$50,000 needed to fund the project.

Other Community Support got Champoeg Project

Several other community funders have stepped forward to support the Champoeg project with leadership gifts. These include:

- The Bridges Foundation (\$10,000)
- Swigert Foundation (\$5,000)
- US Bank Foundation (\$5,000)
- Oregon Cultural Trust (\$4,000 pledged)



YOUR INTERNET SEARCHES CAN BENEFIT OREGON STATE PARKS TRUST

What if Oregon State Parks Trust earned a penny every time you search the Internet? Well, now we can! GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities that its users designate. Use it just as

you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and help Oregon State Parks Trust get the funds it needs to help preserve and enhance Oregon's state parks.

Simply go to GoodSearch.com and enter Oregon State Parks Trust as the charity you want to "GoodSearch" for. Better yet, set GoodSearch.com as your default search engine and Oregon State Parks Trust will automatically benefit every time you search the Internet.

EVERY ONLINE PURCHASE YOU MAKE CAN BENEFIT OREGON STATE PARKS TRUST

By using GoodShop.com, a percentage of every purchase you make online will go to support Oregon State Parks Trust achieve its mission of preserving and enhancing Oregon's state parks. [GoodShop](http://GoodShop.com) is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Oregon State Parks Trust's Executive Director Dave Eshbaugh recently used GoodShop.com to buy clothes and subscribe to magazines—*paying the same amount that he'd have paid if he'd purchased directly from the vendors own online stores*—and a portion of the cost of his purchases was donated to Oregon State Parks Trust.

Simply go to GoodSearch.com and follow the link to GoodShop.com or go directly to GoodShop.com and enter Oregon State Parks Trust as the charity you want your purchases to benefit.

VISTA HOUSE PROJECT EARNS NATIONAL AWARD

The innovative Vista House elevator project is the winner of a Federal Highway Administration award that recognizes "hallmark demonstrations of environmental stewardship." Designed as a solution to an ADA compliance problem for the historic structure, the project is one of eight singled out as "exceptional" among 38 nationwide nominees for the federal agency's first Exemplary Human Environment Initiatives awards. The project was recognized for "retrofitting the site for ADA compliance without impacting aesthetics." The elevator, the award points out, is hidden from view when it descends to the lower level of the structure, thereby preserving the building's original aesthetics. The elevator project was specifically honored for "enhancing the environment for human activities," one of five categories in the awards recognizing "transportation projects and activities that are particularly effective and innovative in how they adapt and enhance the human environment."

Partners in the project were the Oregon State Parks Trust, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Friends of Vista



House.



To see the SMCF Annual Report, [click here](#).

FORT YAMHILL INTERPRETIVE PROJECT FEATURED IN SPIRIT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FUND'S 2007 REPORT

Oregon State Parks Trust's successful Fort Yamhill Interpretive Project--which raised \$50,000 for interpretive signs, living history costumes and an interpretive brochure is prominently featured in the Spirit Mountain Community Fund's 2007 annual report.

FAREWELL TO TRUSTEE JERRY HULSMAN

Gerald R. "Jerry" Hulsmann recently stepped down from the Trust's Board, having served from January 15, 2001 to October 11, 2007, the eighth longest term served to-date. Jerry is one of the Trust's most loyal supporters; during his tenure, he was its fifth Chair (2003-2005) and fourth Treasurer (2002). Jerry was a volunteer for several Oregon State Parks Trust campaigns, including the Vista House, Oregon Lighthouse, and Champoeg State Heritage Area visitor center interpretive exhibits campaigns.

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Oregon States Parts Trust is a member organization of the Oregon Cultural Trust. Culture rewards us in countless ways. If you donate to any cultural nonprofit in Oregon and then make a matching gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust before December 31st, you will receive a 100% tax credit - up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly and \$2,500 for corporations. For more information visit Oregon Cultural Trust's website at www.culturaltrust.org or call (503) 986-0088.

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