



Champoeg State Heritage Area 2010 Special Events



NOTE: For more information and updates on any of the events listed below, please call the park at (503) 678-1251 x 221

EARTH DAY AT CHAMPOEG SATURDAY APRIL 17, 2010 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Champoeg Visitor Center and Pioneer Memorial Building (Pavilion) in Riverside Day Use Area
SPONSORED BY: Oregon State Parks, Friends of Historic Champoeg
DESCRIPTION: Celebrate Earth Day at Champoeg with a variety of nature-related activities:

- Junior Ranger program for the kids
- Guided nature walk focusing on the park's wetlands and oak savannah habitats
- Help restore Champoeg's historic landscape
- Nature-related video presentations at the Visitor Center

COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

FOUNDERS DAY SATURDAY MAY 1, 2010 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Champoeg Visitor Center and Pioneer Memorial Building (Pavilion) in Riverside Day Use Area
SPONSORED BY: Friends of Historic Champoeg, Oregon Draft Horse Association, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in cooperation with Oregon State Parks
DESCRIPTION: Commemorates the May 2, 1843 vote at Champoeg that established the first American Provisional Government in the Pacific Northwest

- Guest speakers and living history programs with staff/volunteers in period costume
- Presentations by local historical societies
- Tours of historic sites and refreshments
- *Horse Plowing Competition* in field area adjacent to Oak Grove Day Use Area
- Free admission to Robert Newell House and Pioneer Mother's Cabin Museums

COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee.

OREGON STATE PARKS DAY SATURDAY JUNE 5, 2010 10:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Champoeg State Heritage Area Visitor Center, historic area, campground, and boat dock in Oak Grove Day Use Area
SPONSORED BY: Oregon State Parks, Friends of Historic Champoeg, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
DESCRIPTION: Annual State Parks Day features a variety of activities to help visitors discover Champoeg:

- Tours of 1860's Kitchen Garden and Old Champoeg town-site
- Evening program in the campground or at the Historic Butteville Store
- Junior Ranger program for kids
- Refreshments

COST: **Free** park admission, **free** camping for Saturday night – regular campsites only
Free admission to the Pioneer Mother's Cabin Museum – regular fees at the Robert Newell House Museum

FREE FISHING DAY SATURDAY JUNE 12, 2010 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Champoeg State Heritage Area Boat Dock in Oak Grove Day Use Area
SPONSORED BY: Oregon State Parks, Friends of Historic Champoeg, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
DESCRIPTION: Try your luck at catching a variety of warm water fish in the Willamette River.

- Fish without a license in the Willamette River Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13
- Free use of rods and reels (subject to availability) with free bait and fishing instruction Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Junior Ranger program for kids

COST: **Free** park admission

CHAMPOEG BLUEBIRD DAY
SATURDAY JUNE 19, 2010 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Champoeg Visitor Center, Manson Farmstead and Riverside Day Use Area
SPONSORED BY: Oregon State Parks, Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project, Friends of Historic Champoeg
DESCRIPTION: Celebrate the return of Western Bluebirds to the park with a variety of fun and educational activities

- Observe bluebirds at their nest boxes
- Build or purchase a nest box
- Bluebird-related Junior Ranger program for the kids
- Bluebird exhibits, video presentations and sales items

COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

CHAMPOEG LIVING HISTORY SATURDAYS

SATURDAYS July 3, 10, 17, 31 August 7, 14, 2010 1:30PM TO 3:30PM

LOCATION: Donald Manson Farmstead behind the Champoeg Visitor Center
SPONSORED BY: Friends of Historic Champoeg in cooperation with Oregon State Parks
DESCRIPTION: Volunteers in period costumes demonstrate 19th Century farm skills. Interactive activities for kids of all ages
COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

CHAMPOEG BARN DANCES

SATURDAYS: JULY 24, AUGUST 21, 2010 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Donald Manson Barn (directly behind the Visitor Center)
SPONSORED BY: Friends of Historic Champoeg in cooperation with Oregon State Parks
DESCRIPTION: "Foot-stomping" music and dance as enjoyed in the 19th Century

- "Play" a pitchfork, washboard or rattle to accompany the band
- Learn a dance typical of the "old days"
- Refreshments

COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

PIONEER FARMSTEAD DAY

SATURDAY, September 4, 2010 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Donald Manson Farmstead (directly behind the Visitor Center)
SPONSORED BY: Friends of Historic Champoeg in cooperation with Oregon State Parks
DESCRIPTION: The Annual Pioneer Farmstead Day will provide an opportunity for you and your family to view and participate in living history demonstrations, choose fresh produce from the 1860's Kitchen Garden to take home, and refresh yourself with lemonade and music!

- Wheat threshing and winnowing
- Butter churning
- Spinning and wool carding
- Blacksmithing
- Wood working
- Pioneer games, and much more...

COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

APPLE HARVEST DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010 1:00PM TO 4:00PM

LOCATION: Donald Manson Farmstead (directly behind the Visitor Center)
SPONSORED BY: Friends of Historic Champoeg in cooperation with Oregon State Parks
DESCRIPTION: The bounty of the harvest will be the theme for this day as your family enjoys fresh-pressed apple cider, apple butter, desserts cooked in a Dutch oven, garden produce to purchase, and more.

- Cider pressing
- Dutch oven baking
- Apple ornaments
- Music

COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

CHAMPOEG HOLIDAY GATHERING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2010 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Champoeg Visitor Center
SPONSORED BY: Friends of Historic Champoeg in cooperation with Oregon State Parks
DESCRIPTION: Children of all ages are invited to make simple gifts to give or keep.
ACTIVITIES:

- Make cedar swags, pomanders, garlands, and ornaments
- Holiday storytelling
- Decorate holiday cookies
- Enjoy holiday music

COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee