



Champoeg State Heritage Area

2008 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

CHAUTAUQUA AT CHAMPOEG

SATURDAYS: FEBRUARY 23, MARCH 29, APRIL 26 2PM TO 4PM

LOCATION: Champoeg Visitor Center
SPONSORED BY: Friends of Historic Champoeg, Oregon Council for the Humanities in cooperation with Oregon State Parks
DESCRIPTION: A series of lectures exploring various natural history and cultural topics: 02/23: *Innovators and Traders: The Indigenous People of The Columbia River.* 03/29: *Changing Perspectives in Oregon Geology.* 04/26: *Place and History: In Search of the Pacific NW*
COST: \$3 per vehicle parking fee

EARTH DAY AT CHAMPOEG

SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2008 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
- Ranger-led bicycle tour focusing on the varied wildlife habitats of Champoeg
- Nature-related video presentations at the Visitor Center

COST: \$3 per vehicle parking fee

FOUNDERS DAY

SATURDAY MAY 3, 2008 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 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
- Tours of historic sites and refreshments
- *Horse Plowing Competition* in field area adjacent to Oak Grove Day Use Area

COST: \$3 per vehicle parking fee

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

SATURDAY MAY 17, 2008 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Champoeg Visitor Center
SPONSORED BY: Oregon State Parks with SOLV (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism)
DESCRIPTION: Volunteer clean up of major rivers and tributary streams. This is the inland version of Beach Cleanup Day on the coast
ACTIVITIES: Because of the steep, hazardous brush covered slopes, we will do other environmentally friendly projects, including spreading wood chips on park trails, and removing non-native vegetation. If you are interested in helping, call 503-678-1251 x 222.
COST: \$3 per vehicle parking fee waived for volunteers participating in the event

OREGON STATE PARKS DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 7, 2008 10:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Champoeg State Heritage Area Visitor Center, historic area and campground
SPONSORED BY: Oregon State Parks, Friends of Historic Champoeg, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
DESCRIPTION: Annual State Parks Day features a variety of activities to help visitors discover Champoeg.

- Tours of Champoeg historic town-site and Manson Farmstead
- Evening program in the campground
- Junior Ranger program for kids with an appearance by JR Beaver
- Refreshments

COST: **Free** park admission, **free** admission to DAR museums, **free** camping for Saturday night

FREE FISHING DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 14, 2008 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Champoeg Boat/Fishing Dock in the Oak Grove Day Use Area
SPONSORED BY: Oregon State Parks, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and local merchants.
DESCRIPTION: Fun events and learning activities for anglers of all ages.

- Fish without a license in the Willamette River Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15
- Free use of rods and reels (subject to availability) with free bait and fishing instruction
- Fishing related contests, activities, and refreshments and Junior Ranger program for the kids

Free park admission

CHAMPOEG BLUEBIRD DAY
SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2008 1:00 PM TO 4:00PM

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
- Refreshments

COST: \$3 per vehicle parking fee

CHAMPOEG BARN DANCES
SATURDAYS: JULY 26, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008 6:00PM TO 9:00PM

LOCATION: Donald Manson Barn behind Champoeg 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: \$3 per vehicle parking fee

PIONEER FARMSTEAD DAY
SATURDAY, August 30, 2008 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: \$3 per vehicle parking fee

APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008 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 enjoy 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: \$3 per vehicle parking fee

CHAMPOEG HOLIDAY GATHERING
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008 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

- Make pomanders and garlands
- Make ornaments
- Play old-time children's games
- Decorate holiday cookies
- Hear holiday music

COST: \$3 per vehicle parking fee

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CHAMPOEG EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Champoeg Promise School Program: Engaging students in grades 1-8 in the rich history of this area, utilizing hands-on activities, stories, and living history. March – June 13th

Champoeg Legacy Adult Program: Immersing life-long learners in the colorful history of this area through four unique, participatory programs: Archeology, Stories, Flavors & Pastimes, and the Changing Landscape. Sept. – May.
For more information or to register, call 503-678-1649 or visit www.champoeg.org.
