





Crazy or cultural?

Take your pick of 1000's of Oregon outings

by Jenny Spiker
Contributor

Before we let the gas shortage doldrums set in this summer, let's look closer to home for jaunts that will keep us happy without padding the oil company coffers.

One of the best places to find out what you can do without straying beyond Oregon is to pick up a copy of **Oregon for all Seasons, A month by month guide to activities, happenings and events**, by Linda Lapman, Julie Sterling and David Falconer.

This 160-page book costs \$6.95 (few of us can buy a tank of gas for that any more), and is available in many area bookstores. It's delightfully written, has inviting photos and thousands of ideas for ways to spend several hours, a day, or longer—all pretty close to home.

Take a look at just a few of the possibilities:

Spectator Fishing - Frankly, I'd never considered that, but why not let the other guy get all wet while you watch rainbow trout up to 18 inches long near the Metolius River, under the bridge at Camp Sherman, 5 miles off U.S. 20, northwest of sisters?

Chamber Music Northwest - You can combine picnic suppers, wine and chamber music at Reed College in Portland during July and August. Call or write Chamber Music Northwest, P.O. Box 751, Portland, 97207 (229-4079) for specifics.

Portland Mavericks Baseball - Starting in June, this apparently wild and crazy minor league pro team hits Portland's Civic Stadium, 1844 SW Morrison. They're said to play good ball full of surprises.

Tangent Arts Festival and Chautauqua - Now that's close to home. Watch for this in early July some time after the 4th.

The National Rooster Crowing Contest - Really! It takes place the last Saturday in June at Rogue River, on I-5 between Medford and Grants Pass. A Linn-Benton contingent would certainly add to the festivities. Anyone can enter, and cash

prizes are awarded.

For Strawberry Freaks - Serious area strawberry lovers have always set aside the first weekend in June for Lebanon's Strawberry Festival. But if you're really hooked on the fruit, you can also go to festivals in Portland (during the Rose Festival), at Wilsonville's annual Strawberry Festival and Ham Dinner, at Silverton and Aurora (last Sunday in June).

Sandcastle Building Contest - Mid-June in Cannon Beach is where closet sculpturers of all ages arrive between 8 and 9 a.m. at the beach to compete for most beautiful, most imaginative, the largest, etc.

Smokejumping Demonstrations - Visitors are welcome to watch the jumpers train during June and early July either at Cave Junction in southwestern Oregon or at the Redmond Air Center in central Oregon. Call ahead to learn the best hours to watch them practice jumping and prepare to fight forest fires.

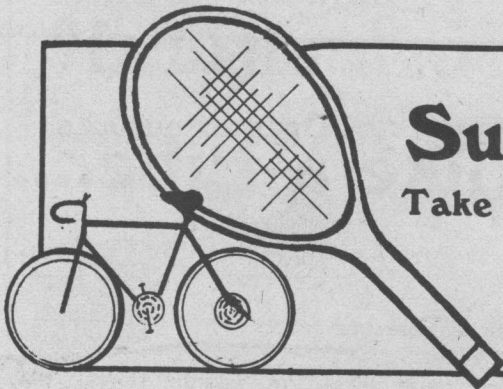
Linn County Pioneers - For three days in Brownsville in mid-June folks gather for tug-of-wars, penny scrambles, spelling bees, horse shows, a carnival etc. All is in honor of the history of the area.

Jacksonville's Children's Festival - For admission of a nickel some 10,000 kids have been known to swarm Jacksonville's Peter Britt Gardens in mid-July. Historic Jacksonville, just west of Medford, is the scene of drama, storytelling, arts and crafts for the kids.

Eugene Festival of Music - In early July for two weeks musical events take place on the University of Oregon campus.

Monmouth Art Festival - The town hosts an art festival, featuring music and puppet theater in early July, and Oregon College of Education has an arts and crafts mart in late July.

Woodburn Mexican Fiesta - The Chicano community sets aside a weekend in early August for a special Mass, Mexican food and handmade items, horse rides and wrestling. Woodburn is off I-5 between Salem and Portland.



Summer school?

Take the whole family and have a blast!

by Kathy Buschauer
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A summer school schedule does not necessarily have to include purely academic courses at conventional costs.

For those who may be unsure of how to spend their summer or at least a part of it, some new LBCC courses being offered for this next term could be worth serious consideration.

With tuition climbing to \$11.75 per credit, the Community Education Division has devised a Family Tuition Plan to allow an entire family to participate in seasonal, recreation studies at a low cost. According to the plan, if one family member registers at the regular, \$11.75 per credit price, then the rest of the family may register at half price.

One of the new Family Tuition Plan classes is **Bicycling for Fitness**. The class will concentrate on bicycling of course, but whether the bike trips will be overnight camping excursions or simple afternoon rides will be left up to the students to decide. The class meets for 12 weeks.

Field Astronomy, Wild Crafting and Floral Greenery, Backpacking, and Canoeing are some other Family Tuition Plan courses.

Field Astronomy is a four-credit class that includes a four-day, three-night observation trip to the Pine Mountain Observatory located east of Bend. An orientation meeting will be held prior to each of the four class sessions and students should provide their own food, lodging and transportation.

Wild Crafting/Floral greenery (the harvesting and marketing of various plants found growing wild) is a three-week course that features field trips around the Valley and in the Coastal and

Cascade mountains.

Backpacking and **Canoeing** are both non-credit, five-week courses with a \$20 seminar fee payable under the Family Tuition Plan. Both begin June 19 at the Benton Center and will include field trips. They will also be offered at the Lebanon Center. These sessions will be announced.

The Land of Linn, a new course to be taught at the Albany Center by local historian and author Floyd Mullen, will include a personal tour of Linn County. Each of the two class sessions requires a \$20 tuition fee.

Aside from outdoor activities, LBCC has also scheduled some courses on the preparation of seasonal summer dishes.

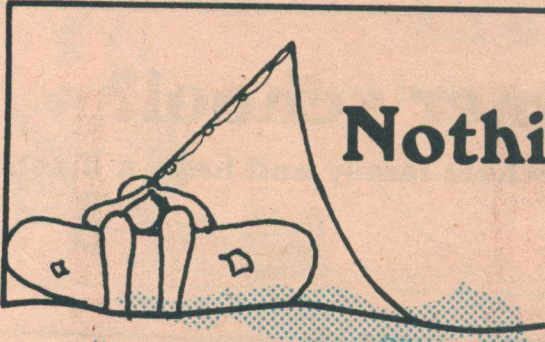
Cool and Simple Meals is a three-hour, one-session class that will focus on making summer cooking a breeze. Tuition is \$6.

Food Drying is a four-week class with a \$10 tuition fee payable under the Family Tuition Plan.

Other LBCC courses offered for fun this summer include **Nature Study Art, Landscaping and Home Gardening, Geology Along the Oregon Coast, Summer Herb Gardens, Dog Obedience, General Woodworking—Patio Planters and Furniture, and Photo Outdoors—Evenings and Sunsets**.

Registrations for any of these and other LBCC summer courses will be accepted in class during the first two meetings. You can also register in advance at your nearest LBCC Center. They are located at the Albany campus as well as in Corvallis, Lebanon and Sweet Home.

For further information, call any of the centers or the main Albany campus at 928-2361. □



Nothin' like a tube...

by Micheal Bracher
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From quiet lakes, to mighty rivers, the Willamette Valley water ways have the challenge for you. For those who enjoy inner-tubing, Linn and Benton counties offer a variety of lakes and rivers to choose from. Freeway Lakes and the reservoirs of Foster, Green Peter and Detroit are just a few.

Freeway Lakes are two small, adjoining lakes approximately two miles south of the Albany exit on I-5. These lakes offer some fishing, quiet atmosphere and relaxation.

For larger bodies of water, the Sweet Home area has Foster and Green Peter Reservoirs. Both reservoirs offer fishing and small areas that are restricted from motor boats to allow you the safety from being run over.

Detroit Reservoir offers fishing and a little more than the others. If you are adventurous, you can tube across to the far side and have little company due to the lack of roads.

Many more small lakes lie in the mountains around the valley with easy access.

Grand Prairie, Crabtree and Jonny Lakes make up a few of the smaller lakes hidden away in the nearby mountains.

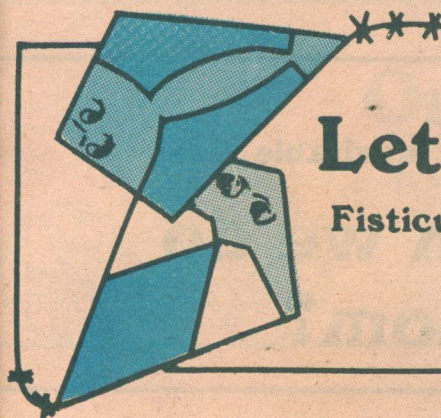
For those who want more challenge, the rivers and creeks around Linn-Benton counties offer everything from quiet tubing to all out survival.

The North and South Santiam Rivers offer tubing areas such as Waterloo on the South Fork. Put in at the south end of the Waterloo Park and tube through the small section of white water there.

If you demand more from tubing, the North Fork of the Santiam above Mill City, located on Highway 22 east of Salem, offers the second best tubing through white water available in the valley.

For die-hards who must have the ultimate, McKenzie River holds the title. Care should be taken on these rivers for many lives are lost each year due to tubers' negligence.

If done with proper equipment and a sound mind, tubing any of Oregon's lakes or rivers can be fun and challenging, not to mention a great way to go fishing. □



Let's go fight a kite !

Fisticuffs anyone?

by Dale Stowell
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With its feet on the ground, one breezy past-time takes its strategy to the skies.

Kite fighting puts the innocent sport of kite flying on a competitive level.

According to Paul Brookhyser, an LBCC student who has taught a kite fighting class through the Experimental College, after understanding a few of the fundamentals, anyone can acquire the technique to fight kites.

However, no ordinary kite will do for the fighting purposes. One drawback to the game is that Brookhyser knows of nowhere nearer than Eugene where fighter kites can be purchased.

However there is a plus for the game: it is fairly inexpensive. Ten dollars will cover the cost of a kite and string that will get you off the ground. Brookhyser suggests that people who really want to try out "fighting" should buy two kites so opponents will be less difficult to find.

Brookhyser says that a good kite should have a mylar surface, a fiberglass cross bar and a spine of plastic or flexible wood. A natural fiber string is also suggested. A trick that he also mentioned is that of coating the string with beeswax. This will keep the string from knotting and also from blistering the operator's fingers.

The fighter kite, says Brookhyser, has only one string that attaches to the kite. This makes it a great deal less stable than the normal kite, but a good deal more maneuverable—an asset since the goal of the game is to cut your opponent's string.

The kites are manipulated simply by watching which direction it is pointed. When it is pointed

in a direction that you want it to go, you give the string a firm tug and the kite will go that way. Since the kite is unstable this requires a lot of concentration, Brookhyser says.

He also suggests that rather than fighting to cut strings, make crepe paper streamers on the string and work to sever these. This way you run a lesser risk of losing or damaging your kite.

Getting the kite off the ground is another area that requires some knowledge.

To judge if the wind is right for flying, Brookhyser notes that if the leaves are moving, there's enough wind to fly. If the limbs are moving there's too much.

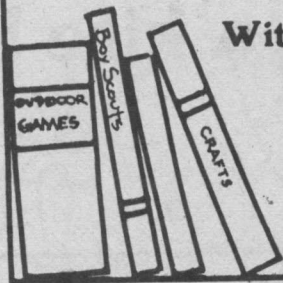
You never run with the kite. A triend should hold your fighter while you stand with the string about 50 feet away. You should pull the string in hand over hand, and reel the string in until the kite becomes airborne.

It should only take an hour or so to get the hang of the kite, Brookhyser says, but just as with any other kite, there are times when it is best to leave the craft on the ground.

Low dark clouds are a good leave-it-on-the-ground sign. Even if you haven't seen lightning that can accompany these clouds, "All you have to do is make the connection," Brookhyser says.

Also stay away from power poles with heavy insulators. These are high voltage lines and the chances of getting fried are too high to risk. Brookhyser suggests that if you're not sure, stay away from power poles all together.

Brookhyser said that almost any Saturday or Sunday, kite fighting competitions can be found in Amazon Park in Eugene or Delta Park near Jantzen Beach. □



With summer comes the inevitable plea:

What can we do NOW, Mom?

by Julie Brudvig
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It's almost summer. In two weeks school will be out and thousands of youngsters between the ages of five and 12 will flock from their classrooms and onto the streets with faces full of jubilation at the thought of no school for the next three months.

Some of the kids have vacations planned with their families, and some have odd jobs lined up to earn spending money. But, the majority of the kids will have nothing planned and will become bored stiff after one week of vacation.

In the Corvallis, Albany and Lebanon areas, activities are on the make to help the summer months be enjoyable all the way through, without being costly.

For example:

The Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department will offer a variety of classes including golf, tennis, photography and swimming. Track and cross country meets as well as softball and baseball games are planned. Also offered is a daily track program.

Another activity, "**Experifun '79**", will be conducted at the eight elementary schools in the city limits. Activities will run Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the schools.

A week-long activity, **the Beaver baseball camp**, will be held on the OSU campus June 11-15, 9:30-12:30, for 4th through 9th graders. A \$5 registration fee will be charged.

Registration is now being conducted for all these programs at the Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department.

The Corvallis Library offers a summer reading program for children entering first grade in the Fall and those older. "World of Friends" is the title of the program which starts June 19. Register at the library.

Also at the library, a Story Hour for children three to four years old begins Wednesday, June 13, at 10:15 and runs for eight weeks.

Albany Parks and Recreation Department offers classes in swimming, tumbling, tennis, disco dance and ballet and modern dance. Featured is a special recreation for the handicapped. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department.

A highlight of the department's activities is the **Neighborhood Playground Program**. Supervisors will be at the many parks in Albany starting June 18, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration will be conducted at the parks.

The Albany Boys Club is offering classes for both boys and girls of all ages. Scheduled are Arts & Crafts day camp, Rock Shop, Outdoor Cooking Class, Leather Craft, Backpackers (for 12 years and older) as well as basketball and baseball clinics being conducted at the LBCC. Register at the Boys Club.

The Albany YMCA offers activities in swimming, racketball and gymnastics. Register at the YMCA starting June 11.

The Albany Public Library has a summer reading program titled "Super Heroes." The program is for first through sixth graders and involves reading up to 20 books for free copies and an upcoming carnival. Sign up the week of June at the library for this program which starts June 11.

A Girl Scout Day Camp running June 11 through July 27, at the North Albany Park, is offered for scouts and non-scouts at \$7.50 and \$10.00, respectively. For more information, contact Mrs. Phillips at 928-8067.

Also offered through Girl Scouts is a week-long camping trip at the Girl Scout camp, Whistling Winds, 15 miles northwest of Corvallis. Contact Mrs. Clyde Richards, Camp Registrar at 463-4268.

The Lebanon Boys and Girls Club has a membership fee for their activities, which include baseball and softball. Also planned is "Smelly Sneakers Day," June 8, with a prize of a new pair of sneakers to the kid who brings the smelliest pair. □



Oregon bikepaths:

a haven for the two-wheeled wonder

by Julie Trower
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Whether it's a gleaming, foreign-made 10-speed or a vintage one-speed costing a dollar at a garage sale, bicycles provide a medium for inexpensive outdoor recreation.

Sunny weather seems to bring bikes of all sizes and styles out of the proverbial woodwork. On a clear day you can see two-wheelers dotting nearly every road and bikeway.

Oregon offers a network of bike trails lacing through suburban and urban areas, as well as routes through purely scenic terrain.

Oregon, a leader in establishing bikeways, dedicates one percent of its annual gas tax to the development of bike routes. State law rules that whenever a highway or street is being constructed, bike paths shall also be established.

Bikers can pick up a copy of **Oregon Bikeways** at local Chambers of Commerce. The brochure lists the locations of bike trails in Oregon, as well as their distances and classifications. The three classifications tell whether it's an independent bike path, separated by a curb or a striped shoulder.

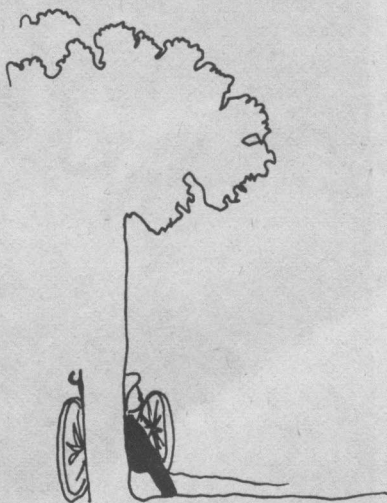
One of the best bikeways in the state, according to **Oregon for all Season**, can be reached by taking I-5 to Salem then heading toward Dallas on Oregon 22.

The bike route, says the book, "edges this new cutoff toward the Oregon beaches, beginning in North Salem and ending in Monmouth, first following the road and then cutting up through pastures, parks and groves of oaks along the Willamette River."

True bicycle enthusiasts flock annually to Sunriver Resort (near Bend) on Labor Day weekend. Sunday of the holiday is usually dubbed Annual Bike Day. Bike races, a parade of decorated bicycles and a barbecue combine to celebrate the two-wheeled invention.

Finally, bikers can take advantage of several summer classes offered by LBCC's Community Education Division. Bicycle for Fitness and Bike Touring are offered by Albany and Benton Centers, respectively.

Whether you ride a bike to conserve fuel, for exercise or just for fun, Oregon has a variety of different ways to enjoy the sport. The only essential equipment is a two-wheeled vehicle and plenty of elbow—or rather knee—grease. □



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Happy Summertime!

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