

# OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

## March 2023 Newsletter

# "The Drifter"

"Our mission is to promote in Oregon an RV/Camping organization that creates friendships and education for members as well as goodwill and charitable experiences in our communities."



Hello ORCA members!

We'll be kicking off our new organizations' camping season with our annual Westerners Round Up at Wapiti RV Park near Lincoln City. Please see the attached registration form and get yours sent in right away, as there are only 40 available sites, and most have been reserved at this point. Reservations are first come, first served. **Please send your registrations in to John Monahan ... NOT THE PARK!** The park cannot help you with reservations.

Bill and I have made a goal this year to try our hardest to meet each and every one of you, and would be delighted to attend a luncheon or special event that your chapter is hosting. Please let us know if you ever have the opportunity of adding two more to your table and we'll check our calendar. Having strong leadership is one of the important factors of making an organization successful, and we'd love for you to meet us, also.

We still have not received the 2023 camping schedules from a number of chapters. We'd really like to share this information so that others can see what you're doing, get ideas of where others are going, and to have the opportunity to join your chapter in a campout. Please submit these just as soon as possible so that we may get them into The Drifter. The success of our newsletter not only lies in Barb's hands, but submissions from chapters with ideas would be extremely helpful. Happy camping, and we hope to see you at the beach! Barb and Bill, ORCA State Directors



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**Vacancy** – Capital Gang

## OUR NEW LOGO !!!



Please contact Barb Taylor at [ORCADirector@outlook.com](mailto:ORCADirector@outlook.com) to get a .jpeg, .png or PDF file of the logo to use in your chapter newsletters, name badges, patches, stickers, apparel, etc.



# UPCOMING "ORCA" EVENTS !!

The Westerners Round-Up

April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Wapiti RV Park, Lincoln City, OR

Registration form is on the next page. Please mail as soon as possible, as we only have just a few sites remaining!

See you at the beach!

The ORCA Rally

June 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR

**Theme: "The Call Of The Wild"**

~~ Will include the 2023 Rally Cookoff Contest ~~

For the Guys ... Dig out your favorite stew recipe and tweak it to perfection. Vegetables and your meat of choice are the main ingredients for this contest!

For the Ladies ... Muffins will be the quick bread you will be entering in the contest. Practice makes perfect, so find your favorite recipe and warm up your ovens!

Wy'East PowWow

August 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Hood River Fairgrounds, Hood River, OR

**THEME: "A BLAST FROM THE PAST"**

More information to follow. Watch for the registration form in an upcoming Drifter!

# "WESTERNERS ANNUAL ROUND UP"

## JOIN US AT THE BEACH

**Where:** WAPITI RV PARK; 2118 S Drift Creek Rd, Lincoln City, OR 97367 - Only 40 spaces available

**When:** APRIL 27 - 30, 2023

**DIRECTIONS:** Travel south on Hwy 101 south of Lincoln City to MP 119 (1/2 mile south of Schooner Creek). Turn left on S Drift Creek Road for 1 ½ miles, right at T in the road to the park. **(Do not follow your GPS!)**

**Cost:** Camping fees per Rig per day **\$40**; Rally fees **\$30 per person**, which entitles you to all meals and activities. Meals will be prepared by Chapter members with sign-up sheets for volunteers. Meals included: Breakfast all three days; Thursday evening - ice cream social; Friday Dinner: Lasagna; Saturday Dinner: Fried Chicken and Mashed potatoes/gravy. Each rig will be asked to bring a salad or dessert. (Note: A-M Friday dinner, N-Z Saturday dinner).

**Activities:** We will be having Pinochle, Hand and Foot, and Cribbage tournaments. Card bingo (each participant needs 10 quarters), door prizes, seminars, and crafts. An Oral Auction will be held and each chapter is asked to donate a new item. Proceeds will go to a local charity. Raffles and 50/50 drawings will also be held.

Questions? Contact John Monahan @ jmonahan4620@gmail.com; 360-984-4620.

-----Detach and mail registration with registration fees-----

**Note: Park will not accept reservations; If you plan to arrive early, notify John of additional days - make separate check payable to John \$40 per day.**

**Make checks payable to John Monahan and mail to:  
21717 NE 22nd Ave, Ridgefield, WA 98642**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/ State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Handicap: Y/N** \_\_\_\_\_ We will do our best to get you as close to clubhouse as possible, first come basis.

**Length of RV:** \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer, Motorhome, 5th Wheel, tent trailer. All sites are 30 amp and water, no cable/TV or internet reception. Two dump sites on location.

**Cancellation/refund policy: Full refund by April 19, 2023; Camping 7 days prior full less \$10 fee; 4-6 days - refund 50%; 72 hours or less - No refund (per Wapiti new camping policy)**

Camping Fees \$40 per night: circle day of arrival Thursday, Friday, Saturday \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fees per person \$30 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# CHAPTER CAMPOUTS

## THE LAYOVERS

Feb: February 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 lunch at Butteville General Store – hosted by Toni Kindel

Mar: March 16th, 11:30 lunch at the Troutdale Food Carts – hosted by Larry & Leilani Chartier

Apr: April 27-30, Westerners Round Up, Wapiti RV Park, Lincoln City

May: May 7-10, Midway RV Park, Centralia, WA – hosted by Sooz Barnes

Jun: June 7-11, ORCA Rally, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall

Jul: July 11-17, Crooked River Ranch, Terrebonne – hosted by Larry & Leilani Chartier and Bill & Jeanne Skellenger

Aug: August 17-20, Wy'East PowWow, Hood River Fairgrounds, Odell

Sep: September 30th, Swan Island Dahlia Farm, Canby – hosted by Jan Chapin Hoglund

Oct: TBD – hosted by Lee & Cathi McKee

Nov: Thanksgiving, hosted by Mike, Leslie and Kim Bossen

Dec: TBD

## THE SPRUCE RUNNERS

Feb: February 11, 1:00 Prime Time Restaurant & Sports Bar Forest Grove – hosted by Don & Carol Nedrow

Mar: March 30-April 2, Memaloose State Park, Rowena

Apr: April 27-30, Westerners Roundup, Wapiti RV Park, Lincoln City

May: May 18-20? Hee-Hee Illahee RV Park, Salem

Jun: June 7-11, ORCA Rally, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall

Jul: July 6-9? Gills Landing City Park, Lebanon – hosted by Morrill's & Pederson's

Aug: August 17-20, Wy'East PowWow, Hood River Fairgrounds, Odell

Sep: September 7-10, Champoeg State Park, St. Paul

Oct: October 12-15, Blue Ox RV Park, Albany

Nov: TBD

Dec: December 9, TBD for lunch?

## THE WEEKENDERS

Mar: March 11 - hosted by Harrison's. Planning St. Patrick's Day dinner at 5pm.

Apr: April 28-30, Armitage Park, Eugene - hosted by Tim and Louis

May: May 11-14, Champoeg State Park, St. Paul – hosted by Jacobson's

Jun: June 9 & 10, Elkton RV Park, Elkton

Jul: July 20-23, All activities will be at Plantengas home. Maybe going to The Cowboy Dinner Tree.

Aug: August 17-20, Wy'East PowWow, Hood River Fairgrounds, Odell

Sep: September 14-17, Wapiti RV Park, Lincoln City – hosted by Ellison's

Oct: October 12-17, Crooked River Ranch, Terrebonne – hosted by Ellison's

Nov. TBD

Dec. TBD

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From Barb and Bill Taylor,  
State Directors

Thank you to the Layover's for inviting us to their February luncheon at the Butteville General Store for "Taco Tuesday"! It was so fun to visit with you all and the meal was delicious! ORCA members, if you haven't been there, you need to check out this historic building; once a general store, now serving food and their famous ice cream! It's a cute place for lunch and the owner will give you the history of the building and area if you ask him.



## *A few of the highly rated campgrounds in Oregon*

### **Cape Lookout State Park, Tillamook**

Most of the sites at the Cape Lookout Campground cater to tent camping, while 38 sites accommodate RV travel. Campsites provide quick access to the ocean and other stunning environments.

### **Mazama Village Campground, Crater Lake National Park**

Mazama Campground is open only in summer. It typically opens in June and closes in late September. The exact opening and closing dates are determined each year by the snow level in the camp sites, safety issues, and other factors. Mazama Campground is nestled in an old-growth forest at 6,000 feet in elevation. There are 75 RV sites each with a picnic table, fire ring, and bear-resistant food locker.

### **Silver Falls State Park Campground, Sublimity**

The Silver Falls State Park Campground easily accesses this National Recreation Trail and is closely located to the exemplary South Falls, one of the best waterfalls in Oregon. Nearly 50 sites are available for tent camping at Silver Falls, and another 50 sites accommodate RVs with electrical hookups.

### **Little Crater Campground, Newberry Volcanic Monument, LaPine**

Little Crater Campground has 49 campsites located on or within a minute walk to the water and overlooks Paulina Lake. The sites are ample sized, and most are good for both tents or RV and trailers. While the water is a bit too cold for extended swims, it's a popular outlet for boating and fishing.

### **Paradise Campground, Willamette National Forest**

Waterfalls, hot springs, and stunning blue pools of water stem from the banks of the McKenzie River within the Willamette Valley. Nearly all 64 sites at Paradise have views of the water, while the rest are nestled comfortably into the encompassing old-growth forest. The campground caters to tent camping and RVs less than 40 feet long (no hookups available).

### **Harris Beach State Park, Brookings**

Harris Beach State Park lends access to stunning sea stacks, cliffside views, and one of the best beaches of Oregon. It is the southernmost state park campground on the coast and offers over 150 campsites accommodating tents and RVs.

# Sloppy Joe Tater Tot Casserole

Prep 20 minutes, Total 1 hr, 15 min, Servings 8

## Ingredients:

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- One can (15 oz) tomato sauce
- 2 tbsp packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp yellow mustard
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 bag (32 oz) tater tots
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (8 oz)

## Instructions:

- Heat RV oven to 350°F. Spray glass baking dish with cooking spray.
- In 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef and onion over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until brown; drain, and return to skillet. Stir in tomato sauce, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, and salt. Stir frequently, until boiling.
- Place half of the frozen potatoes in single layer at the bottom of baking dish. Pour beef mixture on top. Top with 1 cup of cheddar cheese, then the remaining potatoes, then remaining 1 cup of cheese.
- Bake 45-55 minutes or until casserole is bubbly and potatoes are lightly browned.

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# Campfire Corn Dog Dip

Prep 10 minutes, Total 45 min, 15 min, Servings 12

## Ingredients:

- 1 (8-oz.) block cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 c. sour cream
- 2 jalapeños, minced
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 1/2 c. shredded cheddar
- 1 1/2 c. shredded Monterey Jack
- 3 sweet corn, kernels removed (about 2 cups)
- 6 hot dogs, sliced into coins
- 4 green onion, thinly sliced
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- Chips, for serving

## Instructions:

- In a large bowl, mix cream cheese, sour cream, and jalapeños together. Fold in cheeses, corn, hot dogs, and most green onions (save some for garnish). Season with salt and pepper and transfer to a cast iron skillet. Cover skillet with foil.
- Cook over campfire until cheese is melted and bubbly, about 15 minutes. Garnish with remaining green onions and red pepper flakes. Serve warm with chips.



# Camping Charades

Always a fun activity that can be played with other adults, and grandchildren, too!

Below is a list of words that you can use. Copy each word (or as many as you'd like to use for the game) onto a small piece of paper, and throw them into a large bowl, coffee can, hat or whatever to be drawn during each players' turn. They must act out the word or action, not using their voice. Hands, feet and body are allowed to act these out. Feel free to add your own camping words based on your experiences!

*Hiking*

*Snorkeling in the lake*

*Catching fireflies*

*Bird watching*

*Star gazing*

*Chopping firewood*

*Grilling*

*Roasting marshmallows*

*Picnic table*

*Catching a fish*

*Putting on bug spray*

*Drinking coffee*

*Paddling a canoe*

*Water bottle*

*Riding a bike*

*Washing the dishes*

*Frying bacon*

*Looking for animal tracks*

*Playing cards*

*Grasshopper*

*First Aid Kit*

*Collecting rocks*

*Owl in a tree*

*Visiting with another camper*

*Playing tug-of-war*

*Telling a spooky story*

*Picking wildflowers*

*Climbing a tree*

*Camp chair*

*Cooking scrambled eggs*

*Lantern*

*Pocket knife*

*Swatting mosquitos*

*Singing around the campfire*

*Dipping your toes in the lake*

*Building a fire*

*Fishing pole*

*Hunting for pinecones*

*Raccoon*

*Scavenger hunt*

*Walking the dog*

*Skunk*

## **RV Deep Clean Checklist**

Spring is coming! It's time to get your RV out of winter storage, give it a good deep cleaning, and get it out on the road! This checklist is also handy if you're selling your RV.

### **What You'll Need:**

- ❖ Nail cleaning brush or other bristle brush
- ❖ Microfiber rag
- ❖ Favorite cleaning spray
- ❖ Grease cutting dish soap
- ❖ Anti-bacterial wipes
- ❖ Q-tips
- ❖ Vacuum
- ❖ Phillips screwdriver

### **RV Kitchen Deep Cleaning Spots:**

- ❖ Use Q-tips to clean under sink drain strainer.
- ❖ Remove all shelves in the fridge and either handwash or put through the dishwasher.
- ❖ Dump the drip tray in the fridge, sanitize with cloth or soap, let dry then place back inside.
- ❖ Remove stovetop exhaust fan vent cover and wash with soap. Clean around vent as well with spray (there can be a lot of grease build up here which creates odors).
- ❖ Remove all items that are normally stored against the kitchen walls and wipe the area down.
- ❖ Remove everything from the pantry and toss old food (vacuum food cabinets, if needed).

### **RV Bathroom Deep Cleaning Spots:**

- ❖ If using your tub as storage, remove everything and vacuum/wipe down.
- ❖ Remove bathroom fan vent screen and vacuum. Wipe down the fan itself and surrounding items.
- ❖ Q-tip clean the drain in the bathroom sink.
- ❖ Shake out and/or wash any bathroom rugs.

### **RV General Deep Cleaning Spots:**

- ❖ Remove the front of your AC so that you can access the evaporator coils. Use your brush in a downward motion to remove build up of dust and debris. You may want to use a tarp or something similar to cover anything below the area. It's probably going to be messy.
- ❖ Use vacuum around all edges of your RV and in basement storage areas.
- ❖ If you have storage under your dining benches or sofa, remove the cushions and access the area below it. This is a hotspot for crumbs and is very important to clean to keep rodents and ants out.

~ MEMORIAL NOTIFICATION FORM ~

NAME OF DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

\* We welcome a solo photo of the deceased and a short obituary for The Drifter

SEND FORM TO: DEE VEENENDAAL, OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSN.

38452 JASPER-LOWELL RD., FALL CREEK, OR 97438 541-913-6994

Or email: [ORCADirector@outlook.com](mailto:ORCADirector@outlook.com)

~ NEW CHAPTER MEMBER FORM ~

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ HIS CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

HER CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED TO CHAPTER BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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If there is anything your chapter would like to include in  
The Drifter, our cut-off day each month is the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Articles/news/pictures received after this date will be included  
in the following months' newsletter. Thank you !!

Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**



# **Anti-Discrimination Policy**

## **Oregon RV Campers Association**

### **Effective January 1, 2023**

1. Purpose: Oregon RV Campers Association has established an Anti-Discrimination Policy. This policy applies to all aspects of the relationship between Oregon RV Campers Association (hereinafter referred to as ORCA) and its members, directors, officers, and volunteers. These policies also apply to any other person or firm doing business for or with ORCA. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member of ORCA in breach of this policy.
2. Discrimination: ORCA shall not tolerate, under any circumstances, without exception, any form of discrimination based on race, creed, religion, color, age, disability, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, veteran status, military status, domestic violence victim status, national origin, political affiliation, sex, predisposing genetic characteristics, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, and any other status protected by the law. This list is not exhaustive. For qualified people with disabilities, ORCA will make every effort to provide reasonable social accommodation at their campouts and state events that comply with applicable laws. All members, directors, officers, and volunteers of ORCA will comply with these anti-discrimination policies. In some cases, local laws and regulations may provide greater protections than those described in this policy.
3. Reporting Discrimination: If any ORCA member, or visitor to an ORCA event, feels that he or she has been discriminated against as described in this policy, they should immediately report the matter to the ORCA State Director, through verbal or written means. If the Director is not available, or if the member/visitor is not comfortable informing this person, the member/visitor should immediately inform any other officer of the Executive Board. Once the matter has been reported, it will be promptly investigated, and corrective action will be taken when deemed appropriate. All complaints under this policy will be handled in as confidential a manner as possible. Timely reporting is encouraged to prevent the re-occurrence of, or otherwise address, behavior that violates this policy or law. Delays in reporting a complaint can limit the type of effectiveness of a response by ORCA. The procedure for reporting incidents of discriminatory behavior is not intended to prevent the right of any ORCA member/visitor to seek a remedy under available state or federal law by immediately reporting the matter to the appropriate state or federal agency.
4. Retaliation: Retaliation against any person associated with ORCA who reports instances of discrimination - whether he or she is directly or indirectly involved - is in violation of ORCA's policies. All reported incidents are assumed to be made in good faith. Any allegations that are proven false will be treated as a serious matter.
5. Disciplinary Measures For Discrimination: Any ORCA member engaging in behavior that violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including the possible termination of membership, whether or not an actual law has been violated.
6. Declaration: ORCA will be publishing this Anti-Discrimination Policy in their March 2023 state newsletter, "The Drifter", as an annual notification to its membership and will be integrating this policy into the 2023 ORCA governing documents. It will also be available in written form at all organized state events. ORCA requires all members to read, understand, and discuss this policy within their chapters. Members are to comply with the guidelines set out in this policy and understand that failure to do so might result in disciplinary action including termination of membership and potential legal action.

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2. Definition: Harassment can take many forms. It may be, but is not limited to, the following: words, signs, jokes, pranks, intimidation, physical contact, or violence. Harassment does not have to be sexual in nature. Sexual harassment may include unwelcome sexual advances; requests for sexual favors; or other verbal or physical contact of a sexual nature when such conduct creates an intimidating environment for our membership or prevents an individual from effectively performing the duties of his or her position in the organization. It is not the intent of the behavior by the offender that determines if harassment has occurred, but whether the behavior is welcomed by the receiver.

3. Responsibility: All members of ORCA and visitors are responsible for helping keep our social environment free of harassment. If you become aware of an incident of harassment, whether by witnessing the incident or being told of it, you must report it to the ORCA State Director. If that contact is not available, or if you do not feel comfortable informing this contact, you should immediately inform any other officer of the Executive Board. When ORCA becomes aware of harassment, it is obligated by law to take prompt and appropriate action, regardless of whether the victim wants them to do so.

4. Complaint Procedure: Any ORCA member or visitor who believes that he or she has suffered harassment in violation of the Anti-Harassment Policy, should take the following action: a). If you are able to do so without conflict or danger, tell the harasser as clearly as possible that the behavior is unwelcomed, and/or b). If you feel that your harasser is not taking the complaint seriously and/or continues with their actions, a member may report the harassment to the ORCA State Director. Upon receiving such a complaint, the State Director will investigate the complaint and will administer the appropriate steps, including corrective disciplinary action, that should be taken to secure and maintain an environment free of any form of harassment. Such person will report to the ORCA Executive Board, along with the person filing the complaint. These meetings, held separately to allow privacy protection between the harasser and the victim, will include notification of the action that has been taken, and if no action has been taken, the reason for no action.

5. Confidentiality: ORCA, including all persons to whom a violation of this Anti-Harassment Policy has been reported and persons who have become aware of a complaint, must maintain confidentiality, to the extent possible given the need to investigate. All complaints shall be considered confidential to the maximum extent possible.

6. Retaliation: ORCA, or any members, directors, officers, volunteers, or visitors may not retaliate against any victim, or witness, who reports a violation of this Anti-Harassment Policy. Any person who believes that he or she has been retaliated against should consult the ORCA Executive Board.

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