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EVENTS

Put A Bird On It

Hey there Coast Fork Birders, let's get out there and see some waterfowl!

You're invited on a November Bird Walk at Cottage Grove Lake! All levels of birders are invited to participate.

NOTE: This replaces the Nov. 16th birding event

Date: November 10th (Sunday)

Location: Cottage Grove Lake

Parking: Cottage Grove North Ramp

Starting Time: 9 a.m.

Duration: Probably 3 hours

And since one birding excursion is never enough, there's another chance to get out and enjoy birding in the South Willamette Valley in December at the Cottage Grove Christmas Bird Count!



All levels of bird enthusiasts are encouraged to take part in this opportunity to contribute to a great citizen science effort while learning bird identification from experienced birders. This event is coordinated by Grace Fowler-Gore and each count section will be led by a Coast Fork Birders member.

Participants will gather at 6:30am at the Vintage Inn Restaurant, 1590 Gateway Blvd, Cottage Grove, for a morning breakfast meeting to organize into teams. Birders will head into the field by 7:30am.

The end of day "countdown" will take place at 4pm at El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, 725 E. Gibbs Ave., Cottage Grove. Be sure to bring your birding gear, weather appropriate clothing and lunch to get you through the day.

We have plenty of varied habitats to choose from: two lakes, river, creek, farm fields, forest, urban, suburban and rural.

To participate, please contact Grace by email GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com (please provide a contact telephone within your email) or 817-975-4936 as soon as possible to optimize placement into a birding sector of your preference.

Date: December 28 (Saturday)

Meeting Location: Vintage Inn Restaurant, 1590 Gateway Blvd, Cottage Grove

Starting Time: 6:30am

Hidden Rivers Film Screening

Join us for a special film screening at the **Opal Center for the Performing Arts in Cottage Grove!**

We have a cool event coming up in a couple of weeks down here in the Grove!

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council has teamed up with Filmmaker Jeremy Monroe from Freshwaters Illustrated and the Opal Center for Arts & Education to put on a public screening of Jeremy's film, Hidden Rivers.

Join us at the Opal Theater at 6pm, Wednesday, November 13 (doors open at 5:30pm). All ages welcome, admission is free with suggested donation (donate what you can, if you can).

Filmmaker Jeremy Monroe from Freshwaters Illustrated will be on hand for a post film Q&A session.

[Watch the Film Trailer Here](#) &
[More Information on Their Website](#)



Hidden Rivers is a 1-hour film that explores the rivers and streams of the Southern Appalachian region, North America's most biologically rich waters. The film follows the work of conservation biologists and explorers throughout the region – revealing both the beauty and vulnerability of this aquatic life – and how many people are finding ways to protect these ecosystems.

Coast Fork Volunteer Day



Join us, rain or shine, on
Saturday, November 16th
from 10AM to 2 PM for an ivy
pull at Chambers Covered
Bridge.

Contribute to restoring the
natural habitat to enhance
ecosystem diversity and
improve watershed health!

More Local Volunteer Opportunities!

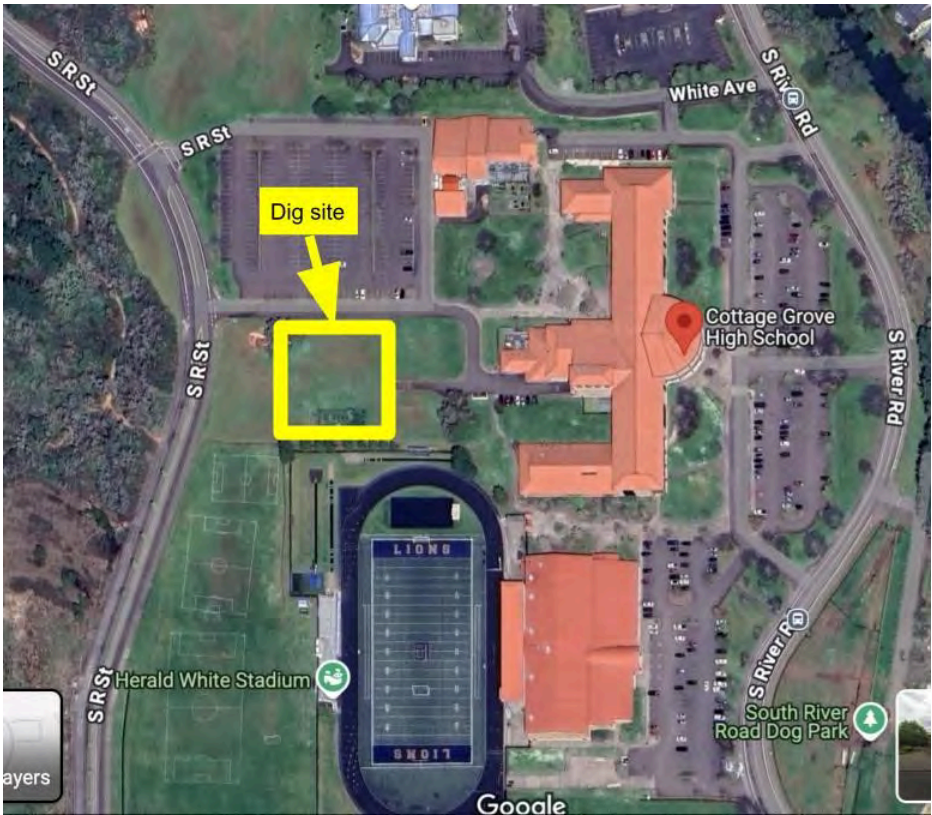
Cottage Grove High School's garden is currently being renovated, and you can join in and support this wonderful community project!

If you're eager to lend a helping hand, find below a table outlining the dates and task descriptions.

Volunteer Date	Volunteer Time	Volunteer Needs	Main project	Sub project
Tuesday, November 12, 2024	10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.	4-6 skilled volunteers (good with basic tools, able to work with some level of independence)	install fence line posts and gates	continue clear old garden
Tuesday, November 19, 2024	10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.	4-6 skilled volunteers (good with basic tools, able to work with some level of independence)	install fence line posts and gates	continue clear old garden
Saturday, November 23, 2024	9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	4-6 skilled volunteers (good with basic tools, able to work with some level of independence)	install fence weldwire and gates	continue clear old garden
Saturday, December 7, 2024	9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, unskilled, heavy work in uncertain weather	distribute compost to plots	spread gravel to raised bed area
Saturday, December 14, 2024	9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, unskilled, heavy work in uncertain weather	distribute compost to plots	spread gravel to raised bed area

To join, please meet behind the high school in the parking lot just off South R Street. See the map below for the garden's location, and available parking which can be found in the lot to the north of the future garden site.

For more details and information, email Christina Bentrup at gardens@plazacomunidad.org.



Science on Tap Returns in January, 2025

Science on Tap is a great time to have a pint with the watershed council and the people we work with while enjoying great food, trivia, and more! Always free to enter, and 10% of all sales benefit the CFWWC. **See you January 28th!**

As we stampede into the holiday season, Science on Tap will be taking a brief hiatus. Stay Tuned!

We already have some awesome speakers lined up in the New Year.

In January we're looking forward to a presentation by Mount Pisgah Arboretum Environmental Educator, Kevin House.

Kevin was born and raised in Oregon where he grew up camping, hiking, and enjoying the outdoors. He has a master's degree in biology and spent several years teaching biology and

ecology classes at a community college in Southern California. Kevin loves watching birds, finding fungi, and talking excessively about cool nature stuff.

The February event will feature Chandra LeGue, author of *Oregon's Ancient Forests*, a comprehensive guide that explains what makes ancient forests so unique as well as what types exist in Oregon, where they are, who manages them, why so few still survive, and what threats they continue to face. Since November of 2003, Chandra has been collaborating with conservation groups, federal land managers, and local stakeholders to promote Oregon Wild's vision for Oregon's public forest lands.



Winter Watershed Soiree Tickets On Sale Now

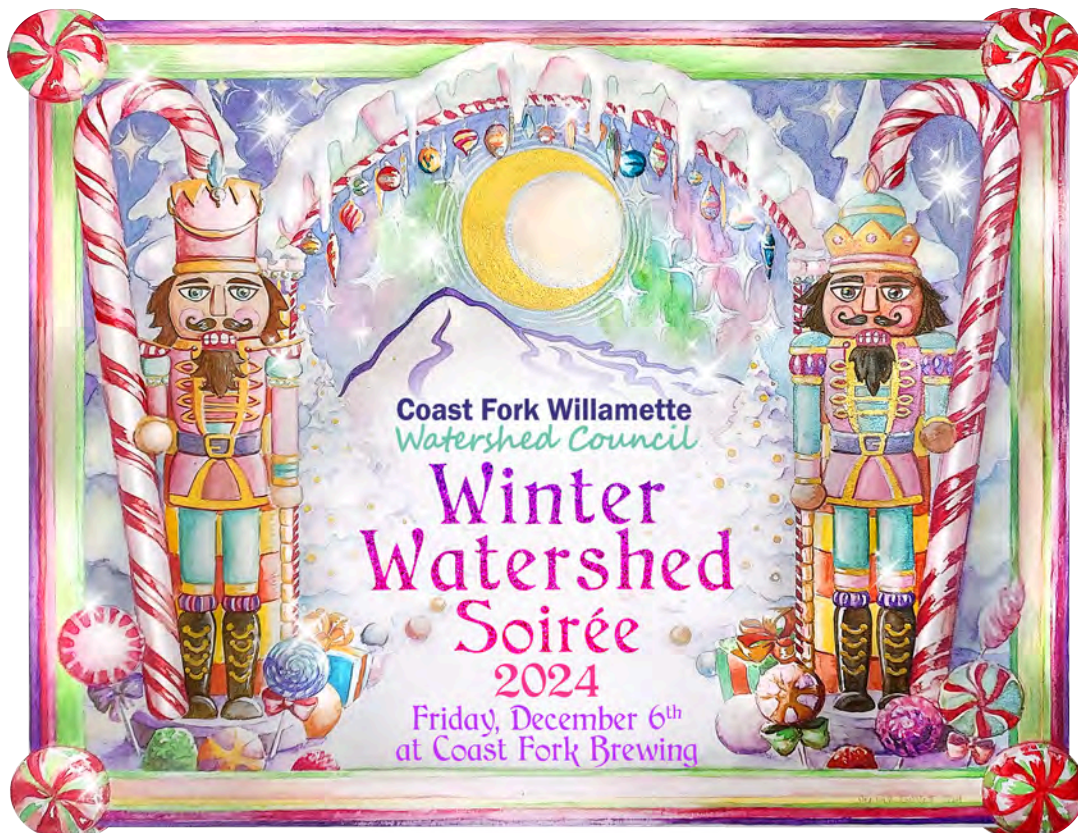
Mark your calendars for Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council's biggest event of the year, our Winter Soirée!

This event is just over a month away and tickets are already selling out. Additionally, this year's silent auction is shaping up to be extra special, with donations rolling in from a wide array of local, regional, and national businesses who support clean water, healthy ecosystems, and watershed education. If you'd like to contribute items to our silent auction, we'd love to highlight your business too!

This year will be our 14th Annual Winter Soirée, which will be held the evening of Friday, December 6th at Coast Fork Brewing in Cottage Grove. Get ready to sip, savor, and

socialize. This in-person event promises an evening filled with good vibes, great brews, and delicious bites. Immerse yourself in the cozy atmosphere as you enjoy live music, mingle with friends, celebrate with our project partners, and indulge in the finest craft beers and cocktails. Don't miss out on this unforgettable soirée.

Tickets are going fast so get yours now!



PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

UPDATES

This project replaces four culverts on Perkins Creek outside Cottage Grove, Oregon, and reconnects miles of quality spawning and rearing habitat for cutthroat trout, Pacific lamprey, and threatened Chinook salmon.

Perkins Creek is an important spawning and rearing habitat and remains cooler than surrounding waters, improving resilience against climate change for these local species.

Pacific Bridge and Construction Inc. created three custom bridges for this project, each one designed to fit the individual sites and their specific needs, rather than making the sites fit the bridges. This has also kept the disruption of resident access to a minimum.

MBL Timber Service's team of highly qualified professionals, with a combined 35 years of experience in working with landowners, businesses, contractors, non-profits, as well as state and federal agencies provided tree removal, excavation, and road rehabilitation for the sites.



Perkins Creek

Fish Passages Project Nears Completion



In addition to being barriers to fish passage, the existing culverts were also prone to flooding, putting the surrounding community at risk. In addition to helping fish, the completed project will increase resilience for this rural community by providing citizens along Perkins Creek with consistent and safe access to their homes.

Mushroom Magic

WE HAD A FANTASTIC TIME AT THE MOUNT PISGAH MUSHROOM FESTIVAL!

Did you get to check out this year's Mushroom Festival? This autumn occasion is a favorite with many individuals and families in the South Willamette Valley and this year's might have just been the best one yet.

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council intern Nayla Keller was on hand all day (with a little help from intern-in-training, Aelwen) to answer questions and promote our good work.

There were so many wonderful exhibits and vendors, and we loved getting to meet and chat with so many great folks. We're already looking forward to next year's event!



YOUR WATERSHED

Partner's Hiring Corner

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES – SEE WHO'S HIRING

Center for Diversity & the Environment

Executive Director/Co-Director

[Full Post Description Here](#)

Posted: Sep 24th, 2024

Job Location: Portland, OR(Hybrid)

Compensation: \$120,000 – \$145,000

Motus Recruiting and Staffing is proud to partner with the Center for Diversity & the Environment in its search for their next Executive Director/ Co-Director of Development and Operations.

ABOUT CENTER FOR DIVERSITY & THE ENVIRONMENT

Center for Diversity & the Environment (CDE) grew out of the belief that everyone has a place in the environmental movement. Everything we do at CDE supports this vision of equity, diversity and inclusion. We build bridges between communities of color, environmental justice and environmental conservation communities, fostering a fundamental evolution of the environmental movement—into an equitable, inclusive, and diverse coalition of people at work on a wide array of environmental and social justice issues. We believe that diversity, grounded in justice, liberation, and equity, strengthens and enriches our work and makes the environmental movement more relevant.

POSITION OVERVIEW:

The Executive Director/Co-Director provides leadership and guidance in all matters relating to the development and financial operations of CDE by: embodying a commitment to and

behaviors that support and advance racial equity and collective liberation; providing accurate and timely financial reports to assist decision-making processes; implementing fundraising strategies; maintaining the integrity of internal control procedures designed to support clients, staff and associates; ensure compliance with all Federal, State, Local regulations.



Long Tom Watershed Council

Executive Director

[Full Post Description Here](#)

Just Posted!

Review will start on Nov. 4, 2024

Compensation: This is a full-time exempt position with a salary range of \$85,000 to \$95,000 based on experience.

At the LTWC, we are particularly proud of the team dynamic that permeates our culture, and we look to our next Executive Director (ED) as the leader of our incredible cadre of passionate subject matter experts. Our ED will steward the mission and strategic vision while also bringing a critical eye to future organizational enhancements. Our ED will lead our fundraising efforts while also helping shape our broader priorities. Our ED will be the face of the Long Tom and will strengthen our long-time relationships with the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network (UWSN) Partners, other regional collaboratives, agencies, tribes, and philanthropic supporters. Our leader will enjoy dedicated support from the Board of Directors and administrative support from a team that includes the Director of Programs, the Finance Manager, and the Operations Manager, and a staff totaling about 12 people. Most importantly, our ED will have energy and compassion, will help create calm out of occasional chaos, and will embrace all that we love about working for, with, and in the Long Tom Watershed.



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