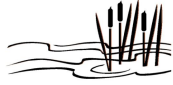


Columbia Slough Watershed Council

2008 Event & Program Descriptions



To register for a program or for more event information:

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Ninth Annual Awards Celebration & Silent Auction - Friday, February 1

6:00-9:00pm

Join us to celebrate the activities, programs and projects that improve the Columbia Slough Watershed and to recognize the Leadership and Achievement Award Winners of 2007! Dinner, a silent auction, beer & wine bar and an inspiring awards program will be enjoyed by all. Tickets are now available.

Location: The Acadian Ballroom ♦ 1829 NE Alberta St, Portland, OR 97211

Cost: \$35 per person

Slough 101 - Saturday, March 15

8:45am - 1:00pm

Do you live, work or play near the Columbia Slough? This half-day workshop is an excellent opportunity to learn about the unique character, challenges and opportunities of the Columbia Slough watershed. The workshop covers watershed history, hydrology, fish & wildlife, and stewardship opportunities. Hands-on activities include: stream bug sampling, a tour of the flood control levee and pump station. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so please register early.

Location: TBA

Cost: FREE

Brunch with the Birds - Friday, May 9

11:30am-1:00pm

Join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for brunch, and a birding tour of Whitaker Ponds, the junkyard-turned-environmental education center. You'll meet Slough neighbors & local business people and learn about watershed activities & events sponsored by the Council and its partners. Bring your binoculars! Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so please register early.

Location: Whitaker Ponds Natural Area ♦ 7040 NE 47th Ave, Portland, OR 97218

Cost: FREE. Donations are welcome.

Wetlands 101 - Saturday, May 17

8:45am - 1:30pm

Get to know your local wetlands! Join us for a FREE workshop that will highlight the dynamic Big Four Corners area located in the upper Columbia Slough. A tour of this site will highlight local wetland history, land use change, development as well as current management and restoration strategies. We'll talk about wetland functions and values, plants and wildlife, as well as recreational and stewardship opportunities.

Location: TBA

Cost: FREE

Evening Canoe the Slough - Wednesday, May 28

6:00pm & 7:00pm

Join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, City of Portland's Environmental Services and Northwest Discoveries for a guided paddling tour to explore the tree-lined Whitaker Slough. During this special evening trip, guides will travel with participants in canoe bimarans (two canoes lashed together). A 6:00 and a 7:00 trip will take place. Pre-registration is required and space is very limited, so please register early!

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Cycle the Well Field - Saturday, June 14

9:00am - 1:30pm

Join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and the Portland Water Bureau for a 16 mile bicycle tour through the Groundwater Protection Area and discover the mysteries of groundwater! Bring your bike, helmet, water, snacks, and dress for the weather. Ages 12 and up are welcome. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so please register early!

Location: Group will meet at Parkrose/Sumner Transit Center (near NE Sandy & 95th Ave)

Cost: FREE

Explorando el Columbia Slough - Saturday, June 21

1:00 - 5:00pm

Explorando el Columbia Slough is an afternoon of festivities celebrating the nature and history of the Columbia Slough. Tailored to the Hispanic community, events and activities offered in both Spanish and English. Highlights of the event include guided canoe trips, live entertainment, bird watching, displays, games, refreshments and much more!

Location: Whitaker Ponds Natural Area ♦ 7040 NE 47th Ave, Portland, OR 97218

Cost: FREE. Donations are Welcome

14th Annual Columbia Slough Small Craft Regatta - Sunday, July 27

9:00am - 1:00pm

This annual celebration of the slough is the largest one-day paddle in Oregon. The Regatta offers views of riparian habitat that is home to over 175 species of birds, 25 species of fish, and a wide variety of mammals. Bring your own watercraft or make a reservation for a free canoe or kayak rental. Enjoy hands-on activities, live music and visit with local environmental and water-based organizations. *Free canoe & kayak rentals require advanced registration and fill quickly, please call early to reserve a rental!*

Location: TBA

Requested Donation: \$7.00

Subs on the Slough - Friday, August 15

11:30am-1:00pm

If you like the Soup on the Slough programs at Whitaker Ponds, you will love it when we hit the road and visit different locations around the watershed. Come have lunch at a hidden gem of a canoe launch along the slough. This event is a fun way to meet Slough neighbors & friends, have a great lunch and learn more about our local groundwater resource and the Groundwater Protection Program that is underway in the Columbia Slough watershed. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so please register early!

Location: Portland Water Bureau Canoe Launch ♦ 16650 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97230

Cost: FREE

Aquifer Adventure - Saturday, September 13th

12:00 - 4:00pm

Join the Portland Water Bureau and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for the Sixth Annual Aquifer Adventure, a pirate-themed day of canoe rides, treasure hunting, music and games. This event focuses on groundwater, water conservation, and groundwater protection actions that you can do at home. Hands-on activities teach kids and adults how to protect this important groundwater resource that serves as a supplemental and emergency drinking water supply to 700,000 people in the Portland Metropolitan area.

Location: Portland Water Bureau Canoe Launch ♦ 16650 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97230

Cost: FREE

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Moonlight Canoe the Slough - Wednesday, September 24

6:00 - 8:30pm

Join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and City of Portland's Environmental Services on an evening paddle of the Columbia Slough. The Slough's quiet waters and surrounding wetlands and riparian areas are home to more than 140 species of birds and other wildlife. Bring your own watercraft, paddles and personal flotation device (required). Or, you can make a reservation for a free CSWC canoe rental. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so please register early!

Location: TBA

Cost: FREE. Donations are welcome.

Brew on the Slough - Thursday, October 23

6:00 - 7:30pm

Join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council at a local brew pub for an open house! What a fun way to connect with Slough neighbors and friends. After some time spent mingling, you'll learn about watershed programs & events sponsored by the Council and its partners, and the many ways that you can get involved! Light refreshments will be provided, and beverages will be available for purchase.

Location: TBA

Cost: FREE. Donations are welcome.

Groundwater 101 - Saturday, November 15

9:00am-1:30pm

Join the Portland Water Bureau and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for Groundwater 201 – a FREE educational workshop that will teach you groundwater basics including some local geology and hydrology, what role groundwater plays in our drinking water system, and what needs to be done to protect this important resource. This workshop is casual, in a classroom-style setting, taught by groundwater experts. Light refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so please register early!

Location: NECA-IBEW Electrical Training Center • 16021 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97230

Cost: FREE