



# Champoeg State Heritage Area 2012 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**

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## **EARTH DAY AT CHAMPOEG SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2012 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, Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV)  
**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 plants and wildlife
- Volunteer work projects to help restore Champoeg's historic landscape
- Nature-related video presentations at the Visitor Center

**COST:** \$5 per vehicle parking fee. Fee waived if participating in work project.

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## **FOUNDERS DAY SATURDAY MAY 5, 2012 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, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) 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
- Presentations by local historical societies
- Tours of historic sites and refreshments
- Free admission to Robert Newell House Museum – regular fees at the Pioneer Mothers Cabin Museum

**COST:** \$5 per vehicle parking fee.

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## **CHAMPOEG QUILT SHOW SATURDAY, MAY 12 AND SUNDAY MAY 13, 2012 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**LOCATION:** Champoeg Visitor Center  
**SPONSORED BY:** Friends of Historic Champoeg in cooperation with Oregon State Parks  
**DESCRIPTION:** "Quilting Through the Ages":

- More than 50 beautiful quilts, including a raffle quilt!
- Coffee Creek Correctional Institution quilts available for purchase
- Piecemakers Guild Layette Project
- Quilt demonstrations by costumed volunteers

**COST:** \$5 per vehicle parking fee.

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## **OREGON STATE PARKS DAY SATURDAY JUNE 2, 2012 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM**

**LOCATION:** Champoeg State Heritage Area Visitor Center, other locations in park  
**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:

- Ranger-led tours of Champoeg historic sites
- Junior Ranger program for kids including wildlife art lessons
- Refreshments

**COST:** **Free** park admission, **free** camping for Saturday night – regular campsites only  
**Free** admission to the Pioneer Mothers Cabin Museum – regular fees at the Robert Newell House Museum

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## **FREE FISHING DAY SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2012 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**LOCATION:** Champoeg State Heritage Area Boat Dock in Oak Grove Day Use Area  
**SPONSORED BY:** Oregon State Parks, Friends of Historic Champoeg, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife  
**DESCRIPTION:** Try your luck at catching a variety of warm water fish in the Willamette River.

- Fish without a license in the Willamette River Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10
- Free use of rods and reels (subject to availability) with free bait and fishing instruction Saturday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Junior Ranger program for kids

**COST:** \$5 per vehicle parking fee

**CHAMPOEG BLUEBIRD DAY**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2012 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM**

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

COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

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**CHAMPOEG LIVING HISTORY SATURDAYS**

**SATURDAYS: JULY 7, 14, 21, AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 2012 1:30PM TO 3:30PM**

LOCATION: Donald Manson Farmstead behind the Champoeg Visitor Center  
SPONSORED BY: Friends of Historic Champoeg in cooperation with Oregon State Parks  
DESCRIPTION: Volunteers in period clothing demonstrate 19<sup>th</sup> Century farm skills. Interactive activities for kids of all ages  
COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

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**CHAMPOEG BARN DANCES**

**SATURDAYS: JULY 28, AUGUST 25, September 8, 2012 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM**

LOCATION: Donald Manson Barn (directly behind the Visitor Center)  
SPONSORED BY: Friends of Historic Champoeg in cooperation with Oregon State Parks  
DESCRIPTION: "Foot-stomping" music and dance as enjoyed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

- "Play" a pitchfork, washboard or rattle to accompany the band
- Learn a dance typical of the "old days"
- Refreshments

COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

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**PIONEER FARMSTEAD DAY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 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: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

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**APPLE HARVEST DAY**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012 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 enjoys 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: \$5 per vehicle parking fee

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**CHAMPOEG HOLIDAY GATHERING**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012 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:  
Make cedar swags, pomanders, garlands and ornaments

- Holiday storytelling
- Decorate holiday cookies
- Enjoy holiday music

COST: \$5 per vehicle parking fee