

# CAMP CHAMPOEG

March 22 - 26, 2010 8:30 - 3:30, extended care to 6:30 \$50 per day, \$225 per week, 10% discount w/ FHC Family Membership



*"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."*

~Clav P. Bedford



Joan Austin Spring Break Camp for the naturally curious, the socially inclined, and the Talented & Gifted

## Monday: The Native American Footprint

Objective: Introduce land management as a natural resource.

Explore the cultural history of our native Americans, learn how the Kalapuyas lived sustainably for 12,000 years. Tour the park and discover how they managed the land and lived a life that connected nature with survival and spiritual beliefs. See how the restoration and preservation of the natural landscape by park rangers is progressing. **Hands on activities:** weaving using cattails gathered from the edge of the wetlands; making tools or art with things they've gathered; start fire with fire starting drill. **Interactive project:** ceremony. **Outdoor Exploration:** identify native plants that the Kalipuyas used and nurtured for survival.

## Tuesday: The Tracks of Explorers, Entrepreneurs and Interlopers

Objective: Introduce wildlife conservation, and the connection with natural resources management.

The French-Canadian Trappers and American Mountain Men were some of the first "white men" to come to the Oregon Country. Why, and what did they do, and how did they get here? Learn how the first non-natives came to the Northwest and interacted with the natives, the land, the rivers, and the animals. Tour the park and discover the wildlife that inhabited the area when these first explorers arrived, how the animals habitats and lives have been affected, and how they survive today. **Hands on activity:** making trade. **Interactive project:** trading with a costumed interpreter "camped" at Champoeg. **Outdoor exploration:** identify wildlife currently in the park through sightings & physical evidence.

## Wednesday: The Trail of the Settlers

Objective: Introduce sustainable agriculture through exploring the past & present of the "French Prairie".

The American Settlers braved the Oregon Trail to start lives in the Oregon Country. What lured them here? How did they change the existing cultures and landscape? Their lasting legacy of farming still exists today, with the local farms of Champoeg returning to the tradition of sustainable agriculture. **Hands on activity:** Cooking in a Dutch oven. **Interactive project:** Playing games and doing jobs children did 150 years ago. **Outdoor exploration:** Visit a neighboring sustainable farm.

## Thursday: Our Impression

Objective: Learn how the partnership of government & community has preserved history and created a legacy for generations. Discover the story of Champoeg and how it became a state park, starting with a small monument and ending with 615 acres for preservation, education and recreation today. Campers will experience the inner workings of what keeps a state park going, the people and organizations that contribute to its success. **Hands on activity:** Making posters promoting their favorite part of the park. **Interactive project:** pretend to be a foundation and grant money. **Outdoor exploration:** Visit the monument, where the town of Champoeg once existed, and other areas of the park (including backstage tour).

## Friday: Making Your Mark

Objective: To articulate how their Champoeg experience affects their impressions of the past and their view of the future. How you chose to interact with people, cultures, animals and the environment is important to generations to come. Kids will explore how important their actions can be, and how they can personally impact the world around them. **Hands on activity:** campers will put together a time capsule to communicate who they were, what they did during the week, and what they want their "footprint" to be, which will be opened by future campers. **Interactive project:** Do an archeological dig, just like the pros, and bury the time capsule. **Outdoor exploration:** Taping a video tour of the park for the time capsule.

Limited enrollment, apply expediently

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