Fantastically Fun Family Festival Promotes Outdoor Water Sports

The Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Board is planning a fun-for-all “Water Sports Festival” to promote kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding, sailing, motor-boatting, fishing, swimming, waterfowl hunting and all other outdoor water-related sport activities in our county. The Festival will be held in conjunction with the first day of Poker Paddle on August 9 from noon until 8:00 p.m. ADMISSION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL BE FREE.

Get information and learn skills to help you better enjoy fishing, sailing, water skiing, knee boarding, kayaking, canoeing, motor-boatting and more. See demonstrations from water sport equipment manufacturers and suppliers. Browse and purchase water sport related equipment and accessories. Learn about water sport related areas and services provided by regional public and private agencies and organizations. Bring the kids and enjoy the scheduled children’s events. Food vendors will also be present so come for lunch and supper as well. Boat rides, raffles and live entertainment are also possibilities. All proceeds will be used by the Board to help create a new Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Foundation.

This festival will not happen without the support of the community and YOU!

Please call or e-mail us today to offer support or volunteer your time to help us organize this event. It will be great fun for all!

WE NEED PARTICIPATION FROM WATER SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS • WATER SPORTS TEACHERS & DEMONSTRATORS • WATER SPORTS CLUBS • LAKE AND RIVER RESORTS AND CAMPS • YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS • EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Please forward this newsletter to anyone you know that might be interested in renting a booth or is qualified to teach outdoor sports classes and demonstrations at this festival or send us their contact information.
Parks and Recreation in Pend Oreille County Needs You!

Do you want to see improved parks and organized outdoor recreation activities in Pend Oreille County? Join the Parks and Recreation Board along with other county residents to expand and further develop a new Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation non-profit Foundation. The purpose of the foundation will be to provide support for parks and recreation facilities and activities in Pend Oreille County. The initial by-laws are currently being drafted. We need additional volunteers to form a complete Board of Directors as well as Foundation members to assist with planning and implementation of our future Foundation events and projects. For further information contact Mike Lithgow at mlithgow@pendoreille.org or call 509 447-6457.

Please join us and volunteer today!

P&R Board Offers $100 Prize for Best Logo

The Parks and Recreation Board is seeking a new original logo design to represent the Parks and Recreation Foundation organization and will pay $100 to the chosen designer. Any interested person may enter as many designs as they wish. The designs must be original, in color and represent Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation events and activities or Pend Oreille County scenery. The design may incorporate the words “Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Foundation” as well as the Foundation’s motto of “It’s All about Fun”.

Designs should be e-mailed to mlithgow@pendoreille.org

Designs must be received by August 18, 2014. The winner will be selected at the next Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Board meeting on August 20, 2014 at 2 p.m.

If you require additional information e-mail Mike Lithgow at mlithgow@pendoreille.org or call 509 447-6457.

2014 Parks Plan Approved

On January 23rd, 2014, Pend Oreille County Community Development and Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Lithgow, received notice from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) that the new County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, submitted by the County in January, had been approved. Pend Oreille County is now eligible to participate in Recreation and Conservation Funding Board programs and apply to receive State grant money for County park projects.
Schedule of Upcoming Events
Do you belong to an outdoor recreation related club, agency or other organization and want your outdoor recreation events or meetings in Pend Oreille County listed here? Please contact The Parks and Recreation Foundation NEWS editor for details at d.chichester@wsu.edu

July

5th Annual Tacoma Creek Interpretive Paddle, Saturday July 19th. Paddle 5 miles downriver to the POPUD Wildlife Area at Tacoma Creek. Presentations on wildlife, geology and cultural highlights. Meet at the Cusick Park boat ramp, 9 AM. Bring a lunch, and fluids. PFD required. Contact Stan, mrmrsrz@gmail.com

Tri Town Float Down, Saturday July 19th. For more information check out their page on Facebook or go to www.downriverdays.com

The Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Foundation Needs Your Help Now!
If you enjoy hiking, biking, riding, skiing, paddling, fishing, hunting, bird-watching or any other outdoor recreation sport in Pend Oreille County you will want to be involved with this new foundation. There are many ways to help. Call or e-mail today to see how you can assist us in promoting outdoor recreation in our beautiful county.

4 Quick Actions You Can Take

- **Volunteer**: Help us organize and produce our Water Sports Festival coming in August.
- **Forward**: Forward this newsletter to everyone you know who enjoys outdoor recreation.
- **Design**: Use your creativity and enter our logo contest. Send your entry by August 18.
- **Call or e-mail**: Contact us for more information on your many opportunities for making a difference.