



Oregon 150 Youth Legacy Parks
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Oregon's Public Park System Honored in Statewide Park Dedications
Five Youth Legacy Park projects celebrated during sesquicentennial

Seaside, Ore. – Oregon 150, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and the City of Seaside kick-off the first dedication of Oregon's five sesquicentennial Youth Legacy Parks on June 20th, at Seaside's Broadway Park at 2:00 p.m. As one of Oregon 150's six signature projects, this youth legacy project is geared toward reconnecting kids with nature; following a growing national movement to get children out of the house and into the outdoors. A special allocation of \$202,450 in OPRD lottery-funded grants was created for five Oregon 150 Youth Legacy Parks projects.

"I hope that the sense of youth ownership and pride in this accomplishment will provide a valuable life lesson for these potential future leaders of our state and its communities," said former Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts who is on the Oregon 150 board of directors.

Dedication cities and times are below:

- City of Seaside, **Broadway Park**: June 20, 2:00 p.m.
- City of Hood River, **Waterfront Park**: June 28, 2:00 p.m.
- City of Creswell, **Garden Lake Park**: July 4, Time: 5:00 p.m.
- City of Lebanon, **Cheadle Lake Park**: July 8, 1:00 p.m.
- City of Grass Valley, **City Park**: July 11, Time: TBA

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About Oregon 150: Oregon 150 is the non-profit organization whose volunteer board of directors was appointed by the Governor to plan this year's nine-month sesquicentennial celebration. The organization receives no General Fund dollars and has been dependent on private fundraising for its signature programs and activities after receiving support from the Governor and Legislature in the 2005 and 2007 biennium in the form of Lottery dollars. These funds were used to help build the organization and cover early operating expenses. Oregon 150's Visionaries Circle sponsors include Phil and Penny Knight, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, Hotel deLuxe/Hotel Lucia, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, PGE, and NW Natural. For a full list of Oregon 150 sponsors, please visit the sponsor page of the website at www.oregon150.org/donate/sponsors/ In addition, an online store was launched February 14, 2009 at www.oregon150.org to sell sesquicentennial merchandise to support its efforts.