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# Parent Newsletter July 2022

## Find some Summer Fun in Your Neighborhood!

The summer months offer endless possibilities, but some of the best summer fun can be found right in your neighborhood! Meet other families and enjoy time outdoors with your kids. This month we have gathered a list of free or low cost summer fun to help you find something to do near you!

## Sign up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

Free for children ages birth to five who are residents of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60 volume set of books, beginning with the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could™*. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home.

All books within the program are age-appropriate and are selected by early childhood experts. Books are also available in bilingual or Spanish editions. You can see the entire [booklist online](#).

You can sign your child up for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library by visiting your local library or the [Imagination Library website](#).



## Visit a local park or playground!

Read the "Hop-A-Park" edition of the Pollywog about local parks and playgrounds. [English](#) and [Spanish](#)



## Summer Reading Programs at the Library!

### Benton County

- [Alsea](#)
- [Corvallis](#)
- [Monroe](#)
- [Philomath](#)

Visit your local library to learn about free Summer Reading programs and fun activities for children and families!

### Linn County

- [Lincoln County](#)
- [Lincoln City](#)
- [Newport](#)
- [Siletz](#)
- [Toledo](#)
- [Waldport](#)

- [Albany](#)
- [Brownsville](#)
- [Harrisburg](#)
- [Lebanon](#)
- [Scio](#)
- [Sweet Home](#)



## Visit Pools and Splash Pads!

### Linn County

- [Albany Community Pool](#)
- [Albany Cool Pool](#)
- [Albany YMCA Aquatics](#)
- [Lebanon Community Pool](#)
- [Sweet Home Community Pool](#)

### Benton County

- [Osborn Aquatic Center](#)
- [Riverfront Park Splash Pad](#)
- [Clemens Community Pool](#)

#### [Swimming Holes in Linn & Benton County](#)

### Lincoln County

- [Lincoln City Parks & Rec Pool](#)
- [Newport Aquatic Center](#)
- [Greater Toledo Pool](#)

#### [Swimming in Moonshine Park](#)

## Water Safety tip from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

Assign a **water watcher** –an adult who will pay constant attention to children in the water.

#### If you are the water watcher, be sure to:

- Put down your cell phone
- Avoid other activities
- Supervise even if there are lifeguards
- Switch off with another adult for breaks



## Attend Concerts in the Park!

### Linn County

#### [Albany River Rhythms](#)

Monteith Riverpark, 489 Water Ave NW, Albany.  
Every Thursday, July 7 – August 11, 7pm.

#### [Albany Summer Sounds](#)

Monteith Riverpark, 489 Water Ave NW, Albany.  
Every Monday, July 11 - August 1, 7pm.

#### [Lebanon Summer Bands & Brews](#)

Strawberry Plaza. 847 S Main Street, Lebanon.  
Every Saturday, July – August, 8-10pm.

#### [Lebanon Concerts in the Park](#)

Ralston Park. 925 Park Street, Lebanon.  
Every Tuesday, July 12 – August 20, 6pm.

### Benton County

#### [Corvallis Concert in the Park](#)

Central Park. 650 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis.  
Every Tuesday, June – August, 7:30pm.

#### [Philomath Music in the Park Concert Series](#)

City Park. 299 S 23rd Street, Philomath.  
3rd Thursdays and last Sundays of each month, May – August, 6-8pm.

### Lincoln County

#### [Lincoln City Summer Concert Series](#)

3219 SW HWY 101, Lincoln City.  
Every Saturday in July & August, 1pm.



## Find a Free Meal!

Oregon hosts summer meal sites for kids 1-18 all over the state each summer. These meal programs may serve a combination of breakfast, lunch, snack, or supper. Some programs also offer learning activities for kids before and after meals. There are several ways to find meal sites in your area.

- Call 2-1-1 and an operator can help you find a site in your area and provide you information about that site.
- Text "Food" or "Comida" to 304-304; you will be prompted to enter an address and will be texted back a list of sites near you
- Use the [USDA Meals for Kids Map](#) to search for information about sites within your selected area.

## Discover Something Fun Near You!

### [Albany Carnival at the Carousel](#)

503 1st Ave West, Albany.  
Saturday, Aug 20, 2022, 10am - 3pm.

Step right up for our annual Carnival, celebrating the anniversary of the Carousel! There will be old-fashioned carnival games, crazy characters, face painting, balloon art, and more! This is fun for the whole family!



### [Albany Movies at Monteith](#)

Monteith Riverpark, 489 Water Ave NW, Albany.  
Fridays, late July through August. Food & Fun starts at 7 pm, movies start at dusk (around 9-9:25 pm).

Enjoy Movies at Monteith on Friday evenings in late July and early August at Monteith Riverpark. Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy family fun!

### [Brownsville Hands on History](#)

101 East Ave, Brownsville.  
Saturday, August 27, 2022, 10am - 4pm.

Ever wondered what it was like to live in the 19th century? Try your hand at many of the crafts and activities common in that century. There will also be storytellers bringing you Native, Black, and Pioneer tales, music, gold panning cider pressing, and so much more.



### [Lincoln City Amateur Sand Castle Contest](#)

Siletz Bay, SW 51st Street, Lincoln City.  
August 13, 2022.

The Lincoln City Sandcastle Contest at Siletz Bay is a wondrous, fun-filled day celebrating one of Lincoln City's best adventures—playing on our beaches. Take part in the Sandcastle Contest, and watch the sand come to life with categories like mermaids, chowder heads, cruise ships, and more.

### [Lebanon Tennessee Thunder - Train Rides](#)

37672 KGAL Drive, Lebanon.  
2nd & 4th Saturday and Sundays.  
June, July, and August, 1-4pm.

Come take the 1/4 Scale Train around a 4 acre park. Search for items on the Scavenger Hunt while taking the approximately 12 minute ride.



**Monroe Christmas in July**

190 S 5th St, Monroe.  
Saturday, July 23, 2022, 10am-7pm.

Stop by Christmas Junction and the Monroe Arts Association and enjoy some holiday cheer, music, good food, and amazing vendors. Be taken to the happiest time of year, Christmas carolers, Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and the mischievous Grinch.

**Oregon Coast Aquarium**

2820 SE Ferry Slip Rd, Newport.

\$5 admission to the Oregon Coast Aquarium on Sundays for Lincoln County residents with proof of address.



**Teddy Bear Picnic & Kids Penny Carnival**

Central Park. 650 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis.  
Thursday, July 7, 2022, 10:30am - 2pm.

Come to the Teddy Bear Picnic in the morning and the Corvallis Kids' Carnival in the afternoon! We'll have old-fashioned carnival games, field games, and much more! No registration required. The picnic is free, and you can bring pennies to play the carnival games. All ages welcome.

-  [Pollywog Facebook](#)
-  [Pollywog Website](#)
-  [Pollywog Instagram](#)
-  [Pollywog YouTube](#)

**Go to a Fair or Festival!**



**Benton County Fair & Rodeo**

110 SW 53rd St. Corvallis.  
August 3-6, 2022.

Benton County's annual Fair and Rodeo features carnival rides, 4-H livestock, performers, live music, and three nights of rodeo.

**Linn County Fair**

3700 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany.  
July 14-16, 2022.



Music, Food, and a Whole Lotta' Fun! 4 fantastic days of excitement for the entire family.

**Philomath Frolic & Rodeo**

502 S 13th St Philomath.  
July 7-9, 2022.



The Philomath Frolic & Rodeo is an annual celebration with three full days of community events, rodeo action, and hometown fun!

**Sportsmans Holiday**

Sweet Home.  
July 7-9, 2022.



The Sportsmans Holiday is an annual celebration with three full days of community events, a parade, and fireworks!

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