

2011 FFLA Western Conference

September 16-18

Mt. Hood, Oregon

The 2011 FFLA Western Conference will be hosted by Oregon FFLA Director Howard Verschoor September 16-18 at the Mt. Hood Lions Club near Welches, Oregon. The Lions Club is located on the southeast corner of East Woodsey Way and Highway 26 (24730 E. Woodsey Way).

Program details are still being developed, but will include the traditional silent auction, concluding after the catered Saturday evening dinner. A portion of the auction proceeds will go toward the restoration of the nearby Devils Peak Lookout. A potluck barbecue is planned for Friday evening at the Mt. Hood Village RV Resort with the Oregon Chapter providing the meat and condiments. For those arriving early enough, there will likely also be an informal gathering and barbecue at the RV park on Thursday evening.

For early arrivals, there will be a guided hike (two miles each way) to Devils Peak on Thursday the 15th. Plans are to visit Five Mile and Flag Point Lookouts on Friday afternoon, and Hickman Butte on Saturday afternoon. Clear Lake and Sisi Butte Lookouts are on the Sunday schedule. For those going east on Monday the 19th, there will be an opportunity to visit the Warm Springs Reservation Lookouts.

Howard Verschoor is cutting back on his collection of over 100 wildland fire and disaster books (not his lookout books). He and Ray Kresek will hold a book sale at the conference with the hope of drawing in additional fire people.

Registration, covering site rental, snacks, and Saturday night dinner, is \$30 (pre-registration \$25 until September 6).

The Mt. Hood Village RV Resort, 65000 E Highway 26 (two miles west of the Lions Club), www.mthoodvillage.com, 1-800-570-2267, has a variety of accommodations. The resort offers full service RV hookups, tent sites, rustic cabins, yurts, and fully furnished cabins with lofts. Ask for the FFLA discount when making reservations. A variety of other accommodations are available at vacation area rates along the Highway 26 corridor between Sandy and Government Camp including these:

-Snowline Motel, 73270 E Hwy 26, 503-622-3188, <http://www.snowlinemotel.com>, \$70 a night.

-Mountain Air Motel, 65500 E Hwy 26, 503-622-3169, \$65 to \$85 a night.

For updated information, contact Howard, lookoutoregon@gmail.com or 541-544-2066.

- Thurs 9/15
8:00 a.m. - Devils Peak Hike (meet at Mt. Hood Village)
Evening - gathering at Mt. Hood Village RV Park
- Fri 9/16
8:00 a.m. - Registration/Sign-in
9:00 a.m. - Morning Session begins
Afternoon - Five Mile Butte/Flag Point Lookouts Tour
Evening - Potluck/BBQ at Mt. Hood Village RV Park
- Sat 9/17
8:00 a.m - Morning Session (includes Board Meeting)
Afternoon - Hickman Butte Lookout Tour
Evening - Dinner, Silent Auction, photo/story sharing
- Sun 9/18
All day - Clear Lake Butte/ Sisi Butte Lookouts Tour
- Mon 9/19
All day - Warm Springs Reservation Lookouts Tour