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Downtown Salem's Spring Break Passport to Fun Launches March 25

Salem, Ore. – Five downtown locations have joined together to create “Spring Break Passport to Fun,” which offers activities for the family during spring break week, March 25-30. State Capitol State Park, Willamette Heritage Center, Hallie Ford Museum of Art, World Beat Gallery, and Deepwood Museum have teamed up to offer families a fun and free, or discounted, way to fill the week off school with activities.

The passport is free and available to download [here](#). Passport stamps will be given at each location after the activity listed is completed. After stamps have been gathered, children can enter to win one of three prize baskets. The presenting sponsor for this annual event is the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

State Capitol State Park is asking participants to explore the park and find the year that Oregon became a state on one of the tiles cemented into the Capitol Mall. Once found, use a pencil to create a rubbing of the date on your passport! Learn more about the state with the additional tiles inset throughout the park.

The **Deepwood Museum** (1116 Mission Street, SE) is offering guided tours (approx. 45 minutes) Wednesday through Saturday at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. Reservations are required, please call 503-363-1825 or email melanie@deepwoodmuseum.org. With your passport you will get reduced adult admission of \$5 and up to three children accompanying a paid adult for FREE. A scavenger hunt is available during the tours and each child gets a prize once completed. The parking lot is located on 12th and Lee Street. Gardens are open from sunrise to sunset.

The **Willamette Heritage Center** (1313 Mills Street, SE) is offering a free souvenir to children with a passport. Center hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for normal operating hours. Other Spring Break programming at WHC:

Monday, March 25: Low-Sensory Inclusive Outreach Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- This event is for individuals with disabilities, their families and support staff.
- The museum will be open for self-exploration and feature quiet activities.

- As always, one family member or support staff receive free admission.
- A specialized tour guide will be available.
- Admission: \$10 adult, \$8 senior, \$6 youth (6-17)
- Attendees to this event can apply admission cost to a one-year household membership (\$70 value).

Wednesday, March 27: Spring Break Family Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Bring your family and celebrate spring break at the WHC with games, crafts, a self-guided museum tour and fiber arts demonstrations.
- All children will receive a free souvenir!
- Admission: \$10 adult, \$8 senior, and \$6 youth (6-17).
- Attendees to this event can apply admission cost to a one-year household membership (\$70 value).

Hallie Ford Museum of Art (HFMA) (700 State Street) will provide “The Hunt is On,” a guide that provides clues to find and learn more about the amazing artwork in the galleries at the HFMA. The guide can be picked up at the front desk. Choose a prize when you complete the hunt. HFMA is also offering FREE museum admission to people participating in the passport program during Spring Break week.

In addition to the permanent galleries, visitors are invited to enjoy two special exhibitions. Add a vibrant dose of light and color to your day with “Willem Volkersz: The View from Here.” This exhibition presents a 25-year retrospective exploration of this internationally recognized artist’s neon and paint-by-number-inspired work. “Singular Visions: Self-Taught Artists from the Permanent Collection” will inspire young artists with an exciting range of artworks created by self-taught artists—artists who have not received any formal training in the visual arts.

The **World Beat Gallery** (Pringle Plaza, 390 Liberty Street, SE) welcomes all to visit the exhibit, “Welcome Spring: Celebrations Around the World,” showcasing a variety of fun spring traditions. On March 26, at 1 p.m. there will be a free origami class open to all. You will learn how to make simple creations that you can take home. There will also be a cherry blossom craft to make and take throughout the week. Visitors to the Gallery during Spring Break will be

entered to win a Family Pass to the 2024 World Beat Festival. That pass includes admission to the festival all 3 days and a parking pass. World Beat Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

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