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Middle school musicians excel

The 8th grade band from Kraxberger Middle School competed in the Baker Prairie Band Festival against performance groups from across the region, finishing in second place.

“I am proud of our band for scoring three superior ratings and representing Gladstone so well,” said Band Director Seth Arnold. “I am looking forward to having them join the high school band next fall.”

PHOTO: Teacher Seth Arnold directs Kraxberger Middle School’s 8th grade band, which took second place at the Baker Prairie Band Festival.

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Outdoor School a long tradition for Gladstone 6th graders

For 42 years, Outdoor School has been a rite of passage for Gladstone kids. Every sixth grader from Kraxberger Middle School attends a full week of Outdoor School at Twin Rock Friends Camp in Rockaway, Oregon. For some students, this is their first camp experience.

The action-packed week includes environmental science lessons on ponds, plants, beaches, dunes, and arthropods, as well as outdoor survival skills such as compass skills and how to build a shelter. Students create environmental art and also learn the importance of using sustainable practices.

The long-term impact of the program is evident in the Gladstone High School students who compete for coveted spots to serve as counselors for the program.

“Watching our campers having the time of their lives learning alongside these wonderful young adults is rewarding beyond words,” says teacher Patti Bisenius, who has helped organize the program for several years.

PHOTO: Gladstone sixth graders study dune ecosystems at Rockaway beach.

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Gladstone Education Foundation plans golf, auction events

The Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] plans a summer golf tournament and a fall auction to support Gladstone schools and youth programs. Recently these events raised over \$54,000 for Gladstone Schools.

The Golf Tournament, at Stone Creek Gold Course, is set for noon on Wednesday, July 26, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Registration is \$450 per foursome or \$125 per

single, including golf, golf cart, lunch, dinner, and awards. The event also includes raffle prizes and a silent auction.

The GEF's Dinner & Auction is planned for 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 21 at the World of Speed. The event includes a silent auction, an oral auction, and a barbecue dinner provided by Slick's Big Time Barbecue. Attendees will also have the opportunity to explore the car museum.

To register, to sponsor either event, or to donate auction items, contact Tammy Tracy at 503.650.2777 or Terry Marsh at 503.798.7922.

Photo: Superintendent Bob Stewart and friends played in last year's Gladstone Education Foundation golf tournament. The event raised over \$10,000 for Gladstone schools.

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Run to support scholarship for Gladstone High

This spring, a fun run is planned to raise scholarship funds for a passionate runner graduating from Gladstone High School. This is the 29th annual run to honor the memory of Gladstone School District employee Winterhawk Semler, a groundskeeper and courier who loved running. Semler died in a car crash in 1987.

The event, at Gladstone High School's Dick Baker Stadium, will take place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 3. The format is for student and adult teams of five, with each person running or walking for 30 minutes in succession, and the final person running for 40 minutes. In addition, a solo walk event is included, with individuals walking the full 2 hours and 40 minutes.

To register, visit the event website at <https://hawkstrun.racedirector.com/>. Registration costs \$200 per running team or \$45 per walker for those who register by May 23, with a \$25 discount for student teams. A discounted rate is available for those choosing a no shirt option. Those who don't participate but want to donate to the scholarship fund can do so at <https://hawkstrun.racedirector.com/donate>.