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**Gladstone High event connects students with building trades**

High school students and recent graduates interested in skilled trade apprenticeships are invited to a free information night at Gladstone High. Raffle prizes and a free dinner will be provided. Parents are strongly encouraged to accompany students to the event.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Avenue.

“We want to give students an opportunity to learn about career pathways for electricians, roofers, plumbers, bricklayers, cement masons, carpenters, and more,” said event organizer Loren Watts. “These are high demand, family-wage careers.”

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**Bicycle safety rodeo offers free helmets**

Gladstone’s annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo provides kids with the opportunity to learn bike safety skills by participating in a challenging bike course. Free bike helmets will be provided to participants. By Oregon law, all bike riders age 16 and under must wear a helmet.

The event takes place on Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gladstone Center for Children & Families parking lot, 18905 Portland Avenue. Participants are invited to bring their own bike. The Gladstone Police Department and the Gladstone/Oak Grove Kiwanis Club sponsor the event, with help provided by the Gladstone High School Key Club.

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**Recreation Guide offers summer day camps and more**

Looking for ways to keep kids busy and learning all summer long? Check out the Gladstone Summer Recreation Guide, which offers affordable youth classes and day camps in sports, art, music, dance, martial arts, and driver education. Adult classes are also available, from Zumba and crafts to investing and Spanish.

One special opportunity is the Missoula Children’s Theater drama day camp, which offers students from grades 1-12 the opportunity to produce Jungle Book, working with professional actors.

To download the catalog and register on-line, visit <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/district-departments/community-education/>. For more information, call Sue Surratt at 503.650.2570.

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## **Tonkin Challenge run & walk to benefit schools**

Registration is underway for the Tonkin Challenge, a community fun run/walk to benefit schools. Thanks to local sponsors, including the Gladstone Education Foundation and the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, 100% of the entry fees paid for by runners who select "Gladstone High School" at registration will be proportionally divided between all four Gladstone Schools.

"This event supports two important priorities: fitness and schools," said Superintendent Bob Stewart. "What a fun way to kick off summer! We hope lots of Gladstone families turn out to show support for our kids."

The event, scheduled for the morning of **Sunday, June 7**, starts at Wilsonville Audi, 26600 SW 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Options include:

- **5K Run/Walk [adults \$37/kids 14 & under \$16]**
- **10K Run [adults \$47/kids 14 & under \$16]**
- **Half Marathon [adults \$57; \$62 with t-shirt]**
- **Teacher entry to any race [\$42]**

Register on-line at <http://www.tonkinchallenge.org/>. The above pre-registration prices go up the day of the event.

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## **Golf Tournament to benefit Gladstone schools**

Stone Creek Golf Course is the setting for the Gladstone Education Foundation's annual Golf Tournament. Last year's event raised \$7,000 for Gladstone Schools.

The tournament is scheduled for noon on Friday, July 31, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Registration is \$125 per single or \$450 per foursome, including range balls, green fees, a golf card, a gift, a box lunch, a barbecue, and awards. The course is located at 14603 S. Stoneridge Drive in Oregon City.

Corporate sponsorships are available at \$1,000, \$750, and \$250. To register or sponsor the event, call Tammy Tracy at 503.650.2777 or Terry Marsh at 503.789.7922.

"This is a fun way to kick off participation in the Gladstone Community Festival," said GEF board member Leslie Robinette. "Stone Creek is a gorgeous championship course."