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This Week's Motivational Quote

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years"

-Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States

[If you're motivated to book a hotel room, click here!](#)



Weekly Contest

Last Week's Question:

Valley River Inn has four meeting rooms that overlook the Willamette River. Each room is named after a river in Oregon. Name the four rivers.

Last Week's Answer:

Alsea, Siuslaw, Umpqua and Rogue

Congratulations to Debbie Schueller of Hamilton Construction Co. for winning last week's contest. She was one of 19 correct entries and was drawn at random as our winner. Debbie wins a Valley River Inn Insulated Coffee Cup.

Every week we give our subscribers a chance to win GREAT prizes from Valley River Inn. To enter, simply click on the link below and complete the form. The submission closest to the actual answer wins! If there is a tie, we will randomly draw a winner.

Deadline to Enter:

Sunday, April 15th @ 10AM

GOOD LUCK!

THIS WEEK'S PRIZE:

Valley River Inn Golf Umbrella

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Hotel room reservations can be made in several different ways. A guest can make a reservation directly with the hotel, use a travel agent, call a central reservations office or book

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NOW TO
WIN!**

on the internet.

What percentage of reservations for Valley River Inn were booked directly with the hotel reservations office in 2006?

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Gardening Guru - By Jim Dorn, Director of Engineering

FROM THE HOTEL EXPERTS

Each month our experts share some of their secrets and insight. This month our very own Jim Dorn, Chief Engineer, shares some Spring Gardening tips...



- * To remove the salt deposits that form on clay pots, combine equal parts white vinegar, rubbing alcohol and water in a spray bottle. Apply the mixture to the pot and scrub with a plastic brush. Let the pot dry before you plant anything in it.
- * To prevent accumulating dirt under your fingernails while you work in the garden, draw your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt can't collect beneath them. Then, after you've finished in the garden, use a nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.
- * To prevent the line on your string trimmer from jamming or breaking, treat with a spray vegetable oil before installing it in the trimmer.
- * Turn a long-handled tool into a measuring stick! Lay a long-handled garden tool on the ground, and next to it place a tape measure. Using a permanent marker, write inch and foot marks on the handle. When you need to space plants a certain distance apart--from just an inch to several feet--you'll already have a measuring device in your hand.
- * To have garden twine handy when you need it, just stick a ball of twine in a small clay pot, pull the end of the twine through the drainage hole, and set the pot upside down in the garden. Do that, and you'll never go looking for twine again.
- * Little clay pots make great cloches for protecting young plants from sudden, overnight frosts and freezes.
- * To turn a clay pot into a hose guide, just stab a roughly one-foot length of steel reinforcing bar into the ground at the corner of a bed and slip two clay pots over it--one facing down, the other facing up. The guides will prevent damage to your plants as you drag the hose along the bed.
- * To create perfectly natural markers, write the names of plants--using a permanent marker--on the flat faces of stones of various sizes and place them at or near the base of your plants.
- * Got aphids? You can control them with a strong blast of water from the hose or with insecticidal soap. But here's another suggestion, one that's a lot more fun--get some tape!

Wrap a wide strip of tape around your hand, sticky side out, and pat the leaves of plants infested with aphids. Concentrate on the undersides of leaves, because that's where the little buggers like to hide.

* The next time you boil or steam vegetables, don't pour the water down the drain, use it to water potted patio plants, and you'll be amazed at how the plants respond to the "vegetable soup."

* Use leftover tea and coffee grounds to acidify the soil of acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and even blueberries. A light sprinkling - say, a layer of about one-quarter of an inch--applied once a month will keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.

* Use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add a spot of tea to the soil around the base of seedlings once a week or use it as a foliar spray.

* If you need an instant table for tea service, look no farther than your collection of clay pots and saucers. Just flip a good-sized pot over, and top it off with a large saucer. And when you've had your share of tea, fill the saucer with water, and your "table" is now a birdbath.

* The quickest way in the world to dry herbs: just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and close the doors. Your herbs will be quickly dried to perfection. What's more, your car will smell great.

Happy Gardening!

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Upcoming Hotel Events

There's always something going on at Valley River Inn and every week, we're sending you the fun stuff happening for the next 3 months, so you'll have time to plan.

Here are some upcoming highlights:

Call 341-3464 for more information

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Eugene Marathon

Come by for Sunday Brunch and watch the runners pass by. We'll have a band playing out on the bike path!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

BINGO! A Relay for Life Fundraiser

6:00PM - 8:30PM at Valley River Inn

\$15 for 4 cards, free snacks and a raffle ticket

Win great prizes!

Call 681-5074 for more information.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Mother's Day Brunch



Seating from 9AM - 2PM

Adults - \$36.00
Children 5-12 - \$18.00
Under 5 - FREE

FRIDAY, JUNE 8
Chamber of Commerce Auction Dinner at VRI
A benefit dinner for the US Olympic Track Trials in 2008

SATURDAY, JUNE 9
Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
A benefit for the US Olympic Track Trials in 2008

FRIDAY/SATURDAY, JULY 27-28
Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society
To donate, call Jeri McPherson at 681-5074.

[For our complete Calendar of Events, Click Here!](#)

Hotel News - BINGO! A Relay For Life Fundraiser

Hello! The Valley River Inncredibles are actively promoting their next American Cancer Society Fundraiser.... and you guessed it, it's BINGO!!!

We will be hosting a BINGO Tournament on Wednesday, May 2 from 6:00PM-8:30PM here at the Valley River Inn.

\$15 gets you 4 BINGO cards, free snacks, and a raffle ticket for a chance at the door prize! We will have an MC and music as well! Prizes include dinner gift certificates, gift baskets, free hotels stays, spa treatments, and merchandise!!!!

All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Our team has committed to raising a minimum of \$3,000 this year to support cancer research and we need your help! Please pass along the word to friends, family, clients, peers, etc....we are ALL effected by cancer in some way.

For more information call Jeri McPherson at 681-5074.

This is a great opportunity to help make a difference and have fun at the same time! We hope to see you all there!

Best Regards,
-Dan Miller
Valley River Inncredibles Team Captain

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Did You Know? Animal House Edition

A Fun Tidbit Delivered Right To Your Email Inbox Every Week.

Did you know...

Animal House, probably the most famous movie to be filmed in Eugene, almost didn't end up here...

The movie was set to be filmed at the University of Missouri until the president of the school read the script and refused permission.

The President of the University of Oregon only allowed the movie to be filmed on it's campus because he decided he did not know how to read screenplays.

In 1967 he had received the screenplay for a movie but had denied it permission to film here. That movie was The Graduate (1967) and he liked that movie so much that he decided he didn't want to miss another opportunity, so he allowed "Animal House" to be filmed on the University of Oregon campus.



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