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This Week's Motivational Quote

"Motivation is everything. You can do the work of two people, but you can't be two people. Instead, you have to inspire the next guy down the line and get him to inspire his people."

- Lee Iacocca, American Industrialist

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



Weekly Contest

Last Week's Question:

The United States has more airports than any other nation. In fact, 1/3 of all airports in the world are located in the U.S.; a whopping 14,858 airports.

Which country has the second most airports with just over 4,000?

- A. Brazil
- B. Russia
- C. Canada
- D. China

Last Week's Answer:

- A. Brazil

Congratulations to Tucker Davies of Lile Eugene Moving and Storage for winning last week's contest. He was one of 13 entrants with the correct response. Tucker wins a Valley River Inn Logo'd 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, September 2nd @ 10AM

GOOD LUCK!

THIS WEEK'S PRIZE:

Valley River Inn Logo'd Golf Umbrella



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Two part question:

1. Who will win the football game between the Oregon Ducks and Houston Cougars this Saturday?
2. What will the winning margin of victory be?

[Click Here To Enter](#)

CHEF'S CORNER - TAILGATE TIME!

The college football season officially begins in Eugene on Saturday with the Oregon Ducks facing the Houston Cougars. Almost as important as the game is the tailgate party. And what better way to entertain your fellow Duck fans than with some really savory food.

Here's a favorite recipe of mine for a really great BBQ sauce to use at the big game.

JUST DUCKY BBQ SAUCE

Ingredients:

1/2 cup Jack Daniel's black label whiskey
1/2 cup strong black coffee
1/2 cup DARK brown sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon (+ or -) hot pepper sauce
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
2 garlic cloves garlic, chopped very fine
1 1/2 teaspoon sweet Paprika
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon onion powder, (not salt but you can use onion flakes)
Sea salt to taste

Directions:

Throw it all together and mix fairly well. Place over flame (burner) and bring to heat, Never Boil. Leave on flame for approximately 10 minutes. Let it sit, off heat, for 1/2 hour. Use as a mop, baste or sauce at the table. If you favor a tomato-based sauce, as I do, add 4 tablespoons tomato paste and an extra 3 tablespoons of brown sugar.

Enjoy!

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Upcoming Area Events

There's always something going on in Eugene so here's a small sampling of things going on in the area over the next few months. Why not make it a mini vacation and stay with Valley River Inn while you attend these events?!

September 1
Oregon Ducks vs. Houston at Autzen Stadium

Times: 12:30 PM

www.goducks.com
Location: Autzen Stadium
2727 Leo Harris Parkway; Eugene
Phone: (800) 932-3668
Admission: varies



September 7 - September 9
25th Annual Eugene Celebration

starts at 5 p.m. Friday - 6 p.m. Sunday
Downtown Eugene, Eugene

The Eugene Celebration is a magical time of year when we gather to celebrate community, renew friendships and reinforce our collective sense of why Eugene is such a special place. Spectacular visions, moving music, hearty laughter, enticing foods, unique artistry, family fun, talented entertainers and a zany parade highlight what's old, what's new, and what can be in making "The Celebration" a special experience and tradition

For more information, call: (541)681-4108

September 8 - September 15
Cycle Oregon

Times: various
www.cycleoregon.com
Phone: (503)287-0405

Cycle Oregon rides through Lane County this year! Cycle Oregon is: part scenic tour ... part test of will ... part chance to help preserve and protect all that is special out where the West is still Wild. Across 7 days and roughly 500 miles, Cycle Oregon is a ride, not a race.

September 10 - September 16
The 2007 Oregon Classic

Times: Check website for updates
<http://valleyriverinn1.c.topica.com/maahCN6abASUzaaaaaacahtiw/>
Location: Shadow Hills Country Club
92512 River Road; Junction City
Phone: 541-242-0677

It's all happening at the 2007 Oregon Classic, September 10-16, at Shadow Hills Country Club, just 10 minutes from Eugene. The event features former PGA Tour winners, Oregon Classic champions, and local players of interest, and has become one of the longest tenured events on the Tour. For 2007, Volunteers in Medicine will be the charitable beneficiary of the Oregon Classic.

September 15
Oregon Ducks vs. Fresno State at Autzen Stadium.

Times: 3:30 PM
www.goducks.com
Location: Autzen Stadium
2727 Leo Harris Parkway; Eugene
Phone: (800) 932-3668
Admission: varies

September 29
Oregon Ducks vs. California at Autzen Stadium

Times: 12:30 PM
www.goducks.com
Location: Autzen Stadium
2727 Leo Harris Parkway; Eugene
Phone: (800) 932-3668
Admission: varies

October 4, 2007 - October 6, 2007
Eugene International Film Festival

Times: Full Day Activities
www.eugenefilmfest.org
Location: Eugene Regal Cinemas & Valley River Inn
Phone: (541) 485-8203
Admission: \$7 - \$35, additional packages available on web site

Eugene International Film Festival is a juried event bringing to you three days of independent films from around the world. Join us at the new Regal Cinemas for screenings and adjacent venues for receptions and film industry-led workshops on topics such as sound design and screen-writing.

October 13
Oregon Ducks vs. Washington State at Autzen Stadium

Times: 12:30 PM
www.goducks.com
Location: Autzen Stadium
2727 Leo Harris Parkway; Eugene
Phone: (800) 932-3668
Admission: varies

October 20-21
Oregon Wedding Showcase

Times: 10 a.m - 5 p.m.
www.oregonweddingshowcase.com
Location: Lane Events Center
796 W 13th Ave.; Eugene
Admission: \$8

Whether you are planning a small, intimate affair or large glamorous event, you will benefit from attending this elegant Bridal Show. From dresses and flowers, to food and music, find vendors to fit all your nuptial needs.

October 27
Oregon Ducks vs. USC at Autzen Stadium

Times: 12:00 Noon
www.goducks.com
Location: Autzen Stadium
2727 Leo Harris Parkway; Eugene
Phone: (800) 932-3668
Admission: varies

November 3
Oregon Ducks vs. Arizona State at Autzen Stadium

Times: 3:30 PM

www.goducks.com
Location: Autzen Stadium
2727 Leo Harris Parkway; Eugene
Phone: (800) 932-3668
Admission: varies

November 3
OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires Cross Country State
Championships

Times: All Day
www.osaa.org/crosscountry/
Location: Lane Community College
4000 East 30th Avenue; Eugene
Admission: Tickets - Adults \$7, Students \$5

The best high school cross country runners in the state come together at Lane Community College for the 2007 OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires Cross Country State Championships. Team and individual champions will be crowned in eight races.

November 9-10
OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires 4A-3A Volleyball State
Championships

Times: All Day
www.osaa.org/volleyball/
Location: Lane Community College
4000 East 30th Avenue; Eugene
Admission: Prices vary by session

The state's best 4A and 3A high school volleyball teams will compete for the title of State Champion at Lane Community College on November 9-10 at the OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires 4A-3A Volleyball State Championships. Matches take place throughout each day in the main gym at Lane CC.

Festival of Trees at Valley River Inn

Wednesday, November 21, 9-6 p.m.
Thursday, November 22, 10-7 p.m.
Friday, November 23, 9-9 p.m.
Saturday, November 24, 9-2 p.m.
Sunday, November 25, 9-6 p.m.

For many people, Festival of Trees has become a holiday tradition. Scheduled over six days during the Thanksgiving week, Festival attracts approximately 18,000 people every year. Proceeds from its fourteen years of operation have exceeded all expectations, netting over \$5,700,000 to support our community's health. We hope you will join us this year.

For more information email mbrooks@cascadehealth.org or call (541) 228-3003.

[Click Here for our Calendar of Events](#)

HOTEL NEWS - Sister Property Wins Award

The Portland Marriott City Center was recently named a 2007

Pinnacle Award Winner, chosen by the readers of Successful Meetings Magazine as an "Outstanding Meeting Facility".

In describing hotels who meet the criteria for a Pinnacle Award, Successful Meetings Magazine says, "Comfortable rooms, thoughtful amenities, and attentive service all make attendees feel at home while traveling; exemplary meeting spaces make programs run smoothly. Successful Meetings readers say these properties have it all."

Located in the heart of the Rose City, the Portland Marriott City Center allows guests to tap into the pulse of Portland's most enchanting urban rhythms. Central to the business district and a vast array of shopping, entertainment, and dining venues, the hotel is a traveler's delight with central access to it all.

So the next time you plan to be in the Portland area, choose Valley River Inn's sister hotel; the Portland Marriott City Center. Tell them that your friends from Valley River Inn sent you!

Portland Marriott City Center
520 Southwest Broadway
Portland, Oregon 97205 USA
Phone: 1-503-226-6300

[Click Here To Visit the Portland Marriott City Center](#)



Did You Know?

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

Did you know...

The nation's most photographed lighthouse is the Heceta Head Lighthouse located in Lane County just 12 miles North of Florence.

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