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This Week's Motivational Quote

"Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking."

-William B. Sprague, 19th Century Politician and Statesman

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



Weekly Contest

Last Week's 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?

Last Week's Answer:

1. Oregon
2. 21 points

Congratulations to April Stottlemire of AAA Oregon and Denise McKenney of Levi Strauss & Co. for winning last week's contest. They were the only two entrants with the correct response. April and Denise both win a Valley River Inn Logo'd Golf Umbrella.

(ERROR ALERT: The deadline to enter last week's contest was actually a day AFTER the game. Luckily everyone was very honest and no submissions were made after the game.)

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 9th @ 10AM

GOOD LUCK!

THIS WEEK'S PRIZE:
Sunday Brunch for 2 at SweetWaters on the River



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Which item on the SweetWaters on the River Dinner Menu was ordered most in August?

- A. Free Range Chicken Breast
- B. Willamette Valley Lamb Shank
- C. Broiled Alaskan Halibut
- D. Strawberry Mountain Beef Tenderloin

[Click Here To Enter](#)

Meet Our Assistant Restaurant Manager - Rob Blom

Name:
Rob Blom

Title:
Assistant Manager - SweetWaters on the River

Years at Valley River Inn:
2 years in November

Where did you go to high school?
Cottage Grove High School

What are your job duties?
Guest satisfaction, making people feel at home, assisting guests in enjoying their experience in Eugene. Also, balancing guest needs and associate relations.

What were you doing before you joined the Valley River Inn Team?
Worked at the Four Seasons in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and at a lodge in Grand Teton National Park.

What is your funniest or fondest memory of your time with Valley River Inn?
I'm always amused at how many people think we overlook a lake. Just about daily I am asked, "What lake is that?" as they point to the Willamette River.

Describe the most dramatic situation in which you provided the "Valley River Inn Difference" for a guest?
I caught a hit and run driver in parking lot.

What makes working at Valley River Inn fun for you?
I really enjoy my fellow associates and especially the younger staff members who keep me feeling young.

What in your life best prepared you for the work you do at Valley River Inn and why?
25 years in all aspects of the food and beverage industry. I've worked front of the house and in the kitchen as a chef. I'm unique in that I've seen the industry from every possible vantage point which really helps me to understand where everyone is coming from.

How would your boss describe you?
Hardworking and extremely capable.

What did you dream about doing for a living when you were growing up?
Forest Ranger; I love wildlife and the outdoors.



Favorite hobby:
Hiking and camping.

Motto:
Not all those who wander are lost.

Favorite movie:
Schindler's List

Guilty pleasure of choice (i.e. watching Gilligan's Island reruns):
Survivorman on the Discovery channel. Every Friday night at 9pm!

Place you'd most like to visit on your next vacation:
Africa. I'm hoping to be able to go next year on Safari.

Favorite magazine:
National Geographic (Can you tell I love the outdoors?!)

If you could meet any person, living or dead, who would it be?
Elvis

If you won the lottery today, what would you do tomorrow?
I'd have one heck of a party with all of my friends and family!

Any hobbies?
Gardening, cooking, just about anything outdoors.

So now that you know him, come on over to SweetWaters on the River and say "Hi" to Rob. You'll be glad you did!

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Upcoming Area Events

There's always something going 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 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/maahH80abA1x2aaaaacaehitiw/>
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](#)

COUPON- 50% OFF GUESTROOMS @ VRI

We've got a deal ONLY for our e-Newsletter subscribers! For a limited time, we are giving you the opportunity to stay with us for 1/2 off our Best Available Rates.

Live in Eugene/Springfield and think you can't use it? Baloney! Take a much-needed vacation in-town or send the coupon on to friends and family who are out of town.

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Suites

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Did you know...

23% of all photocopier faults worldwide are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their butts.

Over 50% of lottery players go back to work after winning the jackpot.

Cast iron skillets used to be the leading source of iron in the American diet!

No one knows where Mozart is buried.

The Muppet Show was banned from Saudi Arabian TV because one of its stars was a pig.

One percent of Greenland's population lives in a single apartment building!



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