



# The Green Heron Herald

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## TRK to Honor Art Kamp at Gala

Tualatin Riverkeepers' Board of Directors unanimously voted to present the 2009 Green Heron Award to Art Kamp. This annual award is granted to an individual or group who makes a significant contribution to protecting and restoring Oregon's Tualatin River System.

Art Kamp is a chemical engineer who has served as a long-time advocate against the negative environmental impacts of the Lakeside Reclamation Landfill on the Tualatin River. Through his persistence and technical expertise, Art engaged neighbors and community groups alike to raise awareness and concerns with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Metro.

Art's goal was to stop ongoing environmental violations and begin closure and clean-up of this leaky landfill. His efforts resulted in pending litigation under the Federal Clean Water Act filed by Northwest Environmental Defense Center and the Friends of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge.

In recognizing Art Kamp with this award, Tualatin Riverkeepers also recognizes the considerable efforts of his neighbors and allied community groups in stopping the environmental impacts of the Lakeside Landfill.

Art will receive this prestigious award at the annual Green Heron Gala on April 25th. Please join us in honoring Art at this year's gala to be held at the Walters Cultural Art Center in Hillsboro. For more information and to buy tickets, go to [www.tualatinriverkeepers.org](http://www.tualatinriverkeepers.org).

Behind-the-Scenes Tour with Metro Council President David Bragdon and Councilor Kathryn Harrington at the Oregon Zoo. More details on page 5.



## Join Us for the 11th Annual Green Heron Gala

Saturday, April 25, 2009  
6 to 9pm

Walters Cultural Arts Center in Hillsboro  
NEW LOCATION

Come celebrate Earth Day with Tualatin Riverkeepers at the Green Heron Gala. The event will feature Northwest and Asian themed food and wines. Live and silent auctions will feature beautiful works of art by local artists including Deb DeWit Marchant, kayak and sailing adventures, local family vacations and adventures and decadent Oregon wines and chocolates. See page 5 for a preview of auction items. A complete list is available at [www.tualatinriverkeepers.org](http://www.tualatinriverkeepers.org).

Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at [www.tualatinriverkeepers.org](http://www.tualatinriverkeepers.org), 503-620-7507 or [info@tualatinriverkeepers.org](mailto:info@tualatinriverkeepers.org).



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*Summer Nature Day Camp...  
Animals are watching...  
just act natural!*

Offered at three locations this summer.  
See page 3 for details.

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OUR MISSION

Tualatin Riverkeepers (TRK) is a community-based organization working to protect and restore Oregon's Tualatin River system. TRK builds watershed stewardship through education, public access to nature, restoration and advocacy.

The Tualatin Riverkeepers became a nonprofit in 1992 and is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Please join us by completing and mailing the membership application in this newsletter or by contacting us.

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From the Director



Dear Riverkeepers,

Non-profits, like all organizations, are facing financial challenges in the current economic downturn. As funding sources decline, many non-profit organizations will cut staff and services, merge with other organizations or close their doors completely. TRK is not immune. We are experiencing a decline in grant funding for programs. There is simply far less money in the endowments of charitable foundations. Because of this, we are more dependent than ever on the generosity of our individual and family members.

We appreciate the commitment of our members who value our work, protecting and restoring Oregon's Tualatin River system. We know that times are tough for many of our members, too. If you are surviving these tough economic times, we'd appreciate any extra help you can give us.

If you know of others who share your appreciation of clean water and the natural wonders of the Tualatin River watershed, please invite them to become members, or to join you at our Green Heron Gala or on a paddle trip. If each of us recruits just one new member to Tualatin Riverkeepers, we will make it through these tough times in good shape.

Sincerely,

Monica Smiley

Proposed Legislation Protects Farms from Cyanotoxins

Tualatin Riverkeepers has proposed state legislation addressing toxins produced by cyanobacteria (aka blue-green algae) in irrigation water. The purpose of the Oregon Cyanobacteria Protection Act, HB-2945, is to protect agricultural workers and the public from the health risks of exposure to cyanotoxins and to protect Oregon's food crops and the agricultural industry from the negative impacts of cyanobacteria contamination.

In recent years, outbreaks of cyanobacteria have been on the rise in water bodies across Oregon according to health advisories issued by Oregon Department of Human Services. Cyanobacteria are photosynthetic microorganisms that produce a variety of neurotoxins and liver toxins that can be fatal to humans, pets, and livestock. Research also indicates that microcystin-LR is a possible carcinogen. According to Oregon State University biologist Allen Milligan, recent research

shows that these toxins can be taken up by food crops when these crops are irrigated with contaminated water.

The Act directs Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to develop and implement a cyanotoxins monitoring program, work with other agencies to set human health risk levels in crops, and develop public awareness programs. The Act also requires the state to develop and implement education efforts for irrigators on ways to avoid the impact of cyanotoxins on crops.

For more information contact:

- Brian Wegener, Tualatin Riverkeepers: 503-936-7612
- Sue Marshall, Confluence Consulting: 971-506-4617
- Allen Milligan Ph.D., OSU Dept. of Botany and Plant Pathology: 541-737-5276

# Education Program

## Summer Nature Day Camp

Hands-on, outdoor, experiential learning, fostering an appreciation and love of nature. All camps promote each child's personal development by building confidence, self-esteem and an opportunity to connect with their natural surroundings.

Age: Entering grades 4 - 6

Registration and medical forms are available at [www.tualatinriverkeepers.org](http://www.tualatinriverkeepers.org), or call Tualatin Riverkeepers at 503-620-7507 to request registration forms. For more information contact Lori at [lori@tualatinriverkeepers.com](mailto:lori@tualatinriverkeepers.com).

### SESSION 1, June 22-26, 9am-3pm

#### Survivor

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, Sherwood  
\$130 for members, \$150 for non-members  
Learn what it takes for animals to survive through exploration of animal adaptations. This session will explore the natural world through discovery of animals—the signs they leave in nature and the plants they eat!

### SESSION 2, July 6-10, 9am-3pm

#### It's Easy Being Green

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, Sherwood  
\$130 for members, \$150 for non-members  
In this camp we will learn ways to care for the environment that everybody can do. We will see first-hand where all that trash goes, and creatively re-use materials. This session will foster sustainable behavior and we'll have fun doing it!

### SESSION 3, July 13-17, 9am-3pm

#### What's YOUR Niche?

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, Sherwood  
\$130 for members, \$150 for non-members  
Animals and plants all have very special roles to play in their communities as the niches they fill help keep their habitats healthy. In this camp we will learn about the amazing relationships that exist in nature and find out the unique niche that each camper has.



### SESSION 4, July 20-24, 9am-3pm

#### Nature Detectives

Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve, Hillsboro  
\$130 for members, \$150 for non-members  
Unlock the clues nature has left behind to learn the stories of the forest. Hone in your detective skills by listening to birds and what they are trying to tell us.

### SESSION 5, August 3-7, 9am-3pm

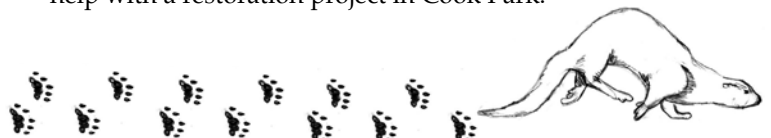
#### Go With the Flow

Cook Park, Tigard  
\$150 for members, \$170 for non-members  
Where does all the rain go? What happens "after the flush"; where does that drain lead? This camp will follow the water cycle and how we are connected to it. We will explore the wetlands and take a paddle trip down the Tualatin River.

### SESSION 6, August 10-14, 9am-3pm

#### Walk on the Wild Side

Cook Park, Tigard  
\$130 for members, \$150 for non-members  
Where are the natural areas, who takes care of them, what animals live there? In this session we will be doing wildlife tracking, nature awareness, and predator/prey activities. Participants will help with a restoration project in Cook Park.



Tara Christopher

# Volunteers / Restoration Program

## TRK Volunteer Classifieds Everyone Can Help!

Do you have special skills or a desire to learn new skills as you help protect and restore your Tualatin watershed? Contact Monica Smiley to volunteer at [monica@tualatinriverkeepers.org](mailto:monica@tualatinriverkeepers.org) or 503-620-7507.

### Green Heron Gala Event Volunteers:

The Gala is April 25 at the Walters Cultural Arts Center in Hillsboro. Volunteers are needed to help with event set up from noon – 5pm.

### Discovery Day Event Volunteers:

Discovery Day is Saturday, June 27, from Cook Park in Tigard to Brown's Ferry Park in Tualatin. Many strong volunteers are needed to launch and dock boats. Lighter duty positions like watermelon cutter also available.

### Office Volunteers:

Your office skills are needed one time per week for filing, mailings or data entry.

### Field Trip Leaders:

Share your knowledge of the natural world with students. Enthusiasm is a must! Field trips are at Gotter Prairie in Scholls and Cook Park in Tigard.

### Nature Day Camp Counselors:

Share your knowledge and passion for the natural world with children at our new Summer Service Learning Camps in Hillsboro, Sherwood and Tigard. \$1,000 Education award available through AmeriCorps for 300 hours of service.

### Citizen Action Committee:

Researchers, scientists, policy analysts, engineers, writers, organizers needed to help TRK develop public policy positions and advocate for the Tualatin River. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub on Main Street in Tigard.

### Marketing & Communications Committee:

Help TRK connect! The Marketing & Communications Committee work with Board and staff to develop and implement TRK's media plan. Professionals with experience in marketing, communications, public relations or related field preferred. Must be able to commit two hours weekly to volunteer projects and attend monthly meeting at TRK in Tigard. Contact Committee Chair Nickie Harber with questions at [nharber@gmail.com](mailto:nharber@gmail.com).



Volunteer Spotlight — Suzanne Whisler

"I have been kayaking on the Tualatin River for approximately 10 years. During this time I have introduced many friends and family members to the beauty and wonders of the Tualatin River and surrounding wetlands. It is a joy to see the excitement of my fellow paddlers as they see the many wild creatures on, above and along the river. No matter how many times we round a bend and see a large owl, the magnificent eagle or turtles sunning themselves on a log, or the many smaller birds swooping in to catch a meal on the water's surface, it is like seeing them for the first time. I appreciate how hard the TRK staff and many volunteers work to keep improving the quality of the river and surrounding wetlands and protecting the wildlife that call it home.

Volunteering for TRK as a Trips & Tours leader is a way for me to share with the community my enjoyment of paddling on the Tualatin River. This is a way for me to share with my fellow paddlers the importance of protecting the river and restoring the surrounding wetlands for the betterment of our total environment. It has been quite rewarding to lead trips on the river with so many different individuals and groups from our community," says volunteer Suzanne Whisler.

Volunteer Paddle Trip Leaders like Suzanne make the Tualatin River accessible to hundreds of people in our community each year. This would not be possible without their exceptional skills and dedication. *Thank you, Suzanne!*

On February 8th, Tualatin Riverkeepers celebrated Tu B'Shvat with the P'nai Or congregation of Portland. Tu B'Shvat is a Jewish holiday honoring the New Year for Trees. Each year P'nai Or has joined TRK in planting native trees and shrubs to observe this holiday. This year over 60 parents, grandparents, and children faced the cold weather and muddy earth to plant nearly a thousand native oak and snow-berry at Metro's Greenspace property on Munger Lane. P'nai Or was the first volunteer group to plant at this site which began the transformation back to its natural wetland and oak savanna habitat.

Thank you to the families of P'nai Or for a wonderful Tu B'Shvat celebration!



# Gala Live Auction Preview

## Green Heron Gala Live Auction Items.

A full list of items can be found at our website, [www.tualatinriverkeepers.org](http://www.tualatinriverkeepers.org).



### A Perfect Day

Original pastel drawing by Tigard artist Deb DeWit Marchant.

23" x 30" image size, 30" x 36" frame size.

Meet the artist and tour her studio.

### Columbia River

#### Sailboat Trip

Metro Counselor Hosticka will be your captain.

Four-hour sail for up to four people. Wine and cheese will be served.



### Guided Sea Kayaking Tour in British Columbia

Paddle the Johnstone Strait, Barkley or Clayquot Sound with Pacific Rim Paddling Company. Experience wildlife from a new vantage. Orcas, otter, bald eagles, sea lions and more. Five nights, six days. All paddling gear and meals provided.



### Sushi Party for 10

TRK member Marty Denis and friend will come to your home and prepare an authentic Japanese Sushi dinner for you and nine of your friends. Marty and Lindy will bring all food and sushi rolling supplies. Get ready for fun...guest participation is required!

### Oregon Zoo Tour

Metro Council President David Bragdon and Councilor Kathryn Harrington will be your guides on a trip to the Oregon Zoo. While there you and five guests will take a behind-the-scenes tour of the penguin, elephant, hippo or sea lion and otter exhibits. Metro Regional Government owns and manages the Oregon Zoo.



### Wine Tour at Willakenzie Estate Vineyards

You and seven of your friends will enjoy a guided tour of the vineyard by owner Ronni Lacroute. Amazing views and incredible wines await. Picnic lunch included.

## Trips & Tours

### 2009 Tualatin Riverkeepers' Paddle Trip Schedule

TRK trips are open to all members and the general public. Space is limited and reservations are required. *There is a trip charge of \$5 per person for TRK members and \$10 for nonmembers. Canoes are available to members free of charge by reservation. Nonmembers may rent canoes for our trips for \$30. Annual memberships start at \$35.*

Alcohol is not permitted on trips and personal flotation devices must be worn. Trips may be canceled due to weather conditions. Trip leaders are volunteers, and are not compensated for the time and energy they contribute in making our Trips & Tours program successful. Trips may be canceled if we are unable to recruit sufficient volunteer support to lead a safe and enjoyable trip. For more information, please contact us at 503-620-7507 or [info@tualatinriverkeepers.org](mailto:info@tualatinriverkeepers.org).

**May 16, Saturday** Birds of the Tualatin Watershed  
Where: 99W Bridge, Tualatin Time: 9 am to noon

**June 6, Saturday** Paddle & Hike with James Davis  
Where: Metro's Greenspace Property in Scholls Time: 10 am to 2 pm

**FREE June 27, Saturday**  
**20th Annual Tualatin River Discovery Day**  
Where: Cook Park to Brown's Ferry Time: 9 am to 4 pm

**July 11, Saturday** Moonlight Evening Paddle  
Where: Tualatin Community Park Time: 5 pm to 8 pm

**July 26, Sunday** Paddle & Picnic at the Oregon Grape Nursery  
Where: Fields Bridge, West Linn Time: 10 am to 2 pm

**August 8, Saturday** Mid-Summer's Night Paddle Trip  
Where: Cook Park, Tigard Time: 5 pm to 8 pm

**August 22, Saturday** Family Day Summer Paddle  
Where: Tualatin Community Park Time: 10 am to 1 pm

**September 6, Sunday** River Clean-Up  
Where: Tualatin Community Park Time: 10 am to 1 pm

**September 12, Saturday** Members-Only Advanced Paddle  
Where: Eagle Landing to Scholls Time: 9 am to 1 pm

**October 10, Saturday** Autumn Colors Paddle Trip  
Where: 99W Bridge, Tualatin Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

*Dates and times subject to change. Please check our website for updates at [www.tualatinriverkeepers.org](http://www.tualatinriverkeepers.org).*

### Tualatin Riverkeepers' 20th Annual Discovery Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 27

TRK's 20th Annual Discovery Day! The Tualatin River has been building communities for ages. As Oregon celebrates 150 years of statehood, we would like to recognize this beautiful river's contribution to our local communities. Celebrate our 20th Annual Discovery Day by joining us on a relaxing paddle from Cook Park in Tigard to Brown's Ferry Park in Tualatin.

This short route (3.2 miles) is ideal for first-time paddlers and young ones. So bring your friends and family for this great opportunity to enjoy the river. Discover the natural wonders and tranquility the Tualatin River offers as it flows through our urban communities!



TRK presents "Backyard Birds"  
Class at the Tigard Library!  
Saturday, June 13, 1pm to 2:30pm

Local expert birder **Doug Robberson** will give a multi-media presentation on Backyard Birds, including bird identification and bird songs. Learn to identify local birds by sight and sound. The class will cover the 25 most common birds in Oregon. It is FREE and open to the public.

Contact the Tigard Public Library at 503-684-6537 or visit the library's web page at [www.tigard-or.gov/library](http://www.tigard-or.gov/library) for more information.

# Acknowledgements

We would like to thank the following Riverkeepers who joined or renewed their membership between December 1, 2008 and February 28, 2009.

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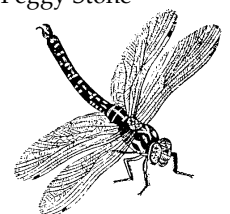
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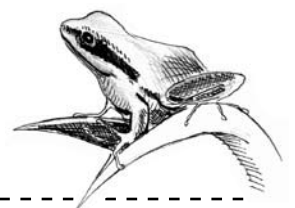
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