



**2010 WSPSS-OSSS Summer Tour General Announcement**  
***From Volcanoes to Vineyards in the Scenic Columbia River Gorge***

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup> 2009, Hood River, OR** (Thursday 1-4:30 PM followed by wine tasting & banquet at 6PM, Friday 9 AM-4 PM Bus Transportation, & Saturday 9AM–Noon Carpool)



**Pre-Registration will run May 10<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**(15 ARCPACS CEU's for attending Thursday-Saturday!!!)**

**WSPSS & OSSS Members: \$85    Nonmembers: \$100    Full time students: \$50**  
**ALL FEES INCLUDE CATERED DINNER ON THURSDAY EVENING AT THE MT. HOOD WINERY AND LUNCH FRIDAY, PLUS BUS TRANSPORTATION ON FRIDAY.**  
**LODGING IS NOT INCLUDED.**

**THURSDAY JULY 22ND – MT. HOOD WINERY, HOOD RIVER, OR**

2882 Van Horn Drive (4 miles south of Hood River on Hwy 35, turn left at the yellow blinking light).

11AM-12:30 PM WSPSS Business Meeting—refer to WSPSS Website for details (<http://www.ieway.com/wspss/>)

***1PM-5PM***

***Summer Tour Technical Session***

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| 1PM-1:15PM                  | Introductory Remarks and Welcome by WSPSS & OSSS  |
| 1:15PM-2:00PM               | <i>Developing a site selection GIS for inland grape production</i> , Ian Yau, WSU Graduate Student  |
| 2:00PM-2:45PM               | Patricia A. Skinkis, Ph.D. Viticulture Extension Agent Oregon State University  |
| 2:45PM-3:00PM               | Break   |
| 3:00PM-3:45PM               | Dick Wallace, Vice Chairman Northwest Power and Conservation Council  |
| 3:45PM-4:00PM               | Break   |
| 4:00 PM-4:45PM              | <i>Vineyard Management Techniques and Terroir in the Northern Willamette Valley</i> , Kathryn Barnard, Portland State University Graduate Student |
| 4:45PM- 5:00PM              | Closing Remarks and Announcements   |
| <b><i>5:00PM-6:00PM</i></b> | <b><i>Break, on your own</i></b>  |
| <b><i>6:00PM-8:30PM</i></b> | <b><i>Social Hour and Catered Dinner, Mount Hood Winery</i></b>   |
| 6:00PM-6:45PM               | Social Hour. Mount Hood Winery wines and a local microbrew will be available by the glass to purchase, appetizers will be served                  |
| 6:45PM-8:30PM               | Dinner and Dessert<br><i>Geology, Soils, and Winegrape Vineyards of the Columbia Gorge</i> , Dr. Alan Busacca, Vinitas Vineyard Consultants, LLC  |

### **FRIDAY JULY 23RD - FIELD TOUR:**

Join us on for a day-long field trip to examine the geology and soils of the Columbia Gorge and the terroirs of vineyards in this wonderful wine-growing region. Terroir involves the complex interplay of climate, soils, geology, and other biophysical factors that influence the character and quality of wine grapes. Our trip will take us from the high-rainfall, conifer-covered western Gorge area with its volcanic soils and cool-season white wine-grape and Pinot noir vineyards to the dry, sagebrush-covered eastern Gorge with its flood-derived and eolian soils and big red-wine grape vineyards with varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon and Barbera. Lunch will be at Maryhill Museum of Art.

The trip will depart from Mount Hood Winery at 8:00AM with stops along the Columbia Gorge AVA and the adjoining western part of the Columbia River AVA and return by 5:00PM. Motorcoach transportation, snacks, lunch, and wine tasting is included in your Summer Tour registration fee. The trip will be led by Dr. Alan Busacca, Emeritus Professor of Soils and Geology, Washington State University, and owner of Vinitas Vineyard Consultants.

### **SATURDAY JULY 24TH - FIELD VISIT (OPTIONAL)—POLSON'S CHERRY ORCHARD**

OSSS member Dick Polson has graciously offered to host a short site visit to his newly established cherry orchard. The site visit is arranged for one last look at soils along the gorge for those of us who just didn't get enough soils on Friday. Mr. Polson will share his experiences with establishing a fruit crop along the Columbia. For those of you looking for alternatives, the Hood River area is surrounded by recreational outdoor activities; *please see suggestions and links below.*

### **LODGING OPTIONS:**

Late July is high season for vacationers in the Columbia Gorge and hotels and campgrounds are commonly completely booked, so we strongly recommend that you make reservations early for this event.

A block of rooms is being held for WSPSS and OSSS members *for the night of July 22 only* at Sunset Motel, 2300 Cascade Avenue, Hood River, OR 97031. They are holding 5 double queen bed rooms at \$89/night plus tax and 7 single queen bed rooms at \$79/night plus tax. Call Margaret at 541-386-6322 to reserve.

Other options are:

Hood River Hotel, [www.hoodriverhotel.com](http://www.hoodriverhotel.com), 541-386-1900

Best Western Hood River Inn, [www.bestwesternoregon.com](http://www.bestwesternoregon.com), 541-386-2200

Comfort Suites, [www.comfortsuites.com](http://www.comfortsuites.com), 541-308-1000

Riverview Lodge, [www.riverviewforyou.com](http://www.riverviewforyou.com), 541-386-8719

Several options for other motels exist within 20 miles of Hood River: The Dalles (~18 miles east of Hood River); Cascade Locks (~18 miles west of Hood River); Stevenson, WA (17 miles west of Hood River—crossing at Hood River or Cascade Locks).

### **CAMPING:**

#### **Polson's Cherry Orchard**

OSSS member Dick Polson has been gracious enough to host free camping on his newly established cherry orchard. Camping would be available Thursday and Friday nights. Amenities include: an outhouse, potable water, either forest or orchard camp sites, limited access to indoor restrooms, and gas camp stove cooking allowed in safe locations. This option will be available for 15-20 tents. There is also space for a limited number of RVs. If you are interested in this option you must register with OSSS President Cory Owens by July 16, 2010 via email: [president@oregonsoils.org](mailto:president@oregonsoils.org). Registration will be first come first serve. Pack it In-Pack it Out. Thanks so much to Mr. Polson for this option.

#### **Oregon State Parks—Viento Campground**

Cost: Tent-\$17, Electrical/Water Hookup-\$20, Extra Vehicle-\$5. First-Come, First-Served; 56 Electrical & 18 Tent Only Sites.

Directions: Approximately 6 miles west of Hood River on I-84.

More Information: [http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park\\_171.php](http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_171.php)

#### Oregon State Parks—Memaloose Campground

Cost: Tent-\$19, Full Hookup-\$24, Extra Vehicle-\$5. Reservations call 1-800-452-5687; 44 Electrical & 66 Tent Only Sites.

Directions: Approximately 9 miles east of Hood River and 11 miles west of The Dalles, on I-84.

More Information: [http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park\\_163.php](http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_163.php)

#### USFS—Wyeth Campground

Cost: 10\$ per night. First-Come, First-Served, 13 total sites

Directions: In Hood River, OR, take I-84 west 12.7 miles to Exit 51 (Wyeth). Take exit ramp to stop sign. Turn left and go less than 0.1 miles to a "T" intersection. Turn right and go 0.1 miles to campground on left.

More Information: <http://www.forestcamping.com/dow/pacificnw/crgcmp.htm#wyeth>

#### Hood River County Parks—Tucker Park

Cost: Overnight full hookup \$20, Overnight self-contained RV site (river side) \$22, Overnight self-contained RV site \$19, Overnight group Tent Site \$72, Overnight Tent Site \$18, Overnight Tent Site (river side) \$20, Extra Tent \$8, Extra Vehicle \$5; First-Come, First-Served.

Directions: About 6 miles north of Hood River; map of Hood River County Parks: <http://co.hood-river.or.us/vertical/Sites/%7B4BB5BFDA-3709-449E-9B16-B62A0A0DD6E4%7D/uploads/%7B896104D4-EE39-4DD4-88EF-CCA7B447901B%7D.PDF>

More Information: [http://www.co.hood-river.or.us/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={471AE695-C054-4F8C-BEB1-639B721C63E0}](http://www.co.hood-river.or.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={471AE695-C054-4F8C-BEB1-639B721C63E0})

#### Hood River County Parks—Tollbridge Park

Cost: Overnight full hookup \$20, Overnight self-contained RV site (river side) \$22, Overnight self-contained RV site \$19, Overnight group Tent Site \$72, Overnight Tent Site \$18, Overnight Tent Site (river side) \$20, Extra Tent \$8, Extra Vehicle \$5; Reservations (at least 3 weeks advanced warning) 541-352-5522, otherwise First-Come, First-Served.

Directions: About 16 miles north of Hood River; map of Hood River County Parks: <http://co.hood-river.or.us/vertical/Sites/%7B4BB5BFDA-3709-449E-9B16-B62A0A0DD6E4%7D/uploads/%7B896104D4-EE39-4DD4-88EF-CCA7B447901B%7D.PDF>

More Information: [http://www.co.hood-river.or.us/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={471AE695-C054-4F8C-BEB1-639B721C63E0}](http://www.co.hood-river.or.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={471AE695-C054-4F8C-BEB1-639B721C63E0})

#### **RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

The WSPSS/OSSS summer tour is an excellent opportunity to bring your family and take in the amazing range of things to do while you are in session Thursday and Friday, and on the weekend as well.

Hood River, Oregon is an outdoor enthusiasts' dream, and there is a wide array of attractions and activities for the whole family within a short distance from downtown Hood River—including: windsurfing (Hood River is the self proclaimed windsurfing capitol of the world), camping, birding, scenic byways touring, hiking, skiing, biking, kayaking, wine tours, fruit picking, and many, many other recreational opportunities to explore.

To go on a self-guided tour of wineries and vineyards in the Columbia Gorge/Hood River area, visit:

<http://www.columbiagorgewine.com/> and download their winery touring map.

Hood River Chamber of Commerce, <http://www.hoodriver.org/>. The Hood River Chamber of Commerce website has an amazing set of pages with links and phone numbers:

[http://www.hoodriver.org/HRCCC\\_CategoryTemplate.asp?CategoryINDX=504](http://www.hoodriver.org/HRCCC_CategoryTemplate.asp?CategoryINDX=504) to connect you with over thirty categories of fun things to do, from historic aircraft museums to Maryhill Art Museum to Mount Hood Scenic railroad, Hood River Saturday market, and Bonneville Dam tours.

# REGISTRATION FORM – WSPSS-OSSS SUMMER TOUR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Costs:

WSPSS member: \$85.00

Non-Member: \$100.00

OSSS member: \$85.00

Full time student: \$50.00

## **Submit registration form and payment by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

WSPSS Members can pay by check, payable to WSPSS, by sending payment to:

Toby Rodgers, WSPSS Secretary  
PO Box 247  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

OSSS members can pay by check, payable to OSSS, by sending payment to:

Summer Tour 2010  
Oregon Society of Soil Scientists  
P.O. Box 2383  
Corvallis, OR 97339

**Payment must be received with your registration to enroll you in the tour. Depending upon initial numbers of participants, registration may be re-opened after July 1<sup>st</sup>, but don't wait as there is limited space. Refunds: Full refunds are available up until 2 weeks prior to the Tour (July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010). A refund of ½ the tour cost will be available if cancellation occurs between July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are a WSPSS or OSSS member and you would like to donate the refund money to one of our designated scholarship funds, please let us know. If you can't make the Tour and would like to apply for a refund, WSPSS members should contact Dan Ufnar ([dufnar@tss.net](mailto:dufnar@tss.net), or 360-236-1899) and OSSS members should contact Cory Owens ([president@oregonsoils.org](mailto:president@oregonsoils.org) or 541.967.5925 ext 119).**

By completing and submitting this form, I am verifying that as a workshop participant, I agree to hold the Washington Society of Professional Soil Scientists (WSPSS), the Oregon Society of Soil Scientists (OSSS) or its agents, harmless of any accidents, injury, loss or damage to property that may occur during this workshop. In the event of an emergency, I give permission to WSPSS or OSSS to secure proper medical treatment. I understand that any medical expense will be billed directly to me or my insurance company. I grant permission for WSPSS or OSSS to use any photographs of the participant taken during the workshop in newspapers, magazines, brochures or other media for promotional purposes.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Online Registration and Payment Available Through OSSS

Are you a WSPSS or OSSS member or a Guest interested in registering for  
From Volcanoes to Vineyards online?

Are you a WSPSS or OSSS member or a Guest interested in paying for  
the event through PayPal?

If you answered yes to either of those questions then you need a myOSSS account.

Getting a myOSSS account is easy!

1. Select Join from [www.oregonsoils.org](http://www.oregonsoils.org)
2. Create a username and password
3. Fill in your personal information
4. Fill in your professional information
5. If you are a WSPSS member or a Guest select to create a guest account. If you are an OSSS member select your membership status.
6. Click on submit

Congratulations! You have just created your myOSSS account.

To login to your account either go to the [myOSSS](#) page or sign in on the upper right corner of the page.

Once you login to your [myOSSS](#) account you will see:

- Your account information
- The registration form for “From Volcanoes to Vineyards”
- You will be prompted to select your membership affiliation or if you are a guest, which society you are a guest of.
- You will have the option of paying online, paying through the mail, or paying at the event.

If you have any questions about how to create a [myOSSS](#) account or about your account please don't hesitate to contact the OSSS webmaster:  
[webmaster@oregonsoils.org](mailto:webmaster@oregonsoils.org) or President Cory Owens (she's the webmaster!)