



## NEWS

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## Chautauqua tour brings mirth and merriment to Pearrygin Lake State Park, nearby communities

OLYMPIA – May 31, 2018 – The New Old Time Chautauqua (NOTC) and Washington State Parks are teaming up to bring family fun, educational experiences, food and entertainment to [Pearrygin Lake](#), [Alta Lake](#) and [Conconully](#) state parks and communities in Okanogan county beginning June 22.

The New Old Time Chautauqua is America's only traveling or circuit Chautauqua. This summer, the NOTC and State Parks are reuniting to help renew ties between Washington's beautiful park system and nearby communities by hosting Chautauqua at six parks in three areas of the state—**desert, mountain and sea**.

The second stop in the NOTC-State Parks tour—the **mountain area**—runs from Thursday, June 22 through Tuesday, June 26, with Pearrygin Lake State Park as its anchor site. The park is located at [561 Bear Creek Road, Winthrop, WA 98862](#). ([Driving directions](#).)

### Pearrygin Lake State Park

Friday, June 22

**9 a.m.** — Community service project.

**4 p.m.**—Workshops presented by park staff and partners. Workshop offerings include the history of Pearrygin Lake State Park, a ranger talk, a fly-casting lesson, sheep-to-shawl demonstration, crafts for children and more.

**6 p.m.**—Potluck at Group Camp Two. All are welcome and invited to bring a favorite dish to share. Speakers will address visitors during dinner, and music and dance will follow the potluck.

### Twisp

Saturday, June 23

**Noon**—Parade from the [Methow Valley Farmers Market \(201 S Highway 20, Twisp\)](#) to [TwispWorks \(502 S Glover St, Twisp\)](#). This colorful parade features costumed jugglers, unicycle riders, dancers, little faeries and other merry-makers accompanied by NOTC's

lively marching band. Local residents and community groups are encouraged to participate in the parade.

**1 to 4 p.m.**—Three sessions of interactive workshops at TwispWorks, led by NOTC and community members on topics to include juggling, acrobatics, mask-making, trash fashion creation, samba dance and drumming, folk singing, magic and clowning. Community members will also facilitate discussions on alternative energy, health education, storytelling and more. Workshops last around 45 minutes each. Anyone can lead a workshop. Contact Makaela Kroin, (360) 902-8635.

**7 p.m.**— NOTC presents the Really Big Show including music, juggling, comedy, acrobats, and more.

### **Alta Lake State Park**

Sunday, June 24

**3:30 p.m.**— Parade in the park. This colorful parade features costumed jugglers, unicycle riders, dancers, little faeries and other merry-makers accompanied by NOTC's lively marching band. Local residents and community groups are encouraged to participate in the parade.

**4 p.m.**— Workshops presented by park staff and partners. Workshop offerings include the history of Alta Lake State Park, a ranger talk, crafts for children and more.

**6 p.m.**— Potluck. All are welcome and invited to bring a favorite dish to share. Speakers will address visitors during dinner.

**7 p.m.**— NOTC presents a one-hour show including music, juggling, comedy, acrobats and more.

### **Conconully State Park**

Tuesday, June 26

**3:30 p.m.**— Parade from the north side of Main Street to Conconully State Park. This colorful parade features costumed jugglers, unicycle riders, dancers, little faeries and other merry-makers accompanied by NOTC's lively marching band. Local residents and community groups are encouraged to participate in the parade.

**4 p.m.**— Workshops presented by park staff and NOTC members. Workshop offerings include the history of Conconully State Park, a ranger talk, crafts for children and more.

**6 p.m.**— Potluck. All are welcome. Speakers will address visitors during dinner.

**7 p.m.**— NOTC presents a one-hour show including music, juggling, comedy, acrobats, and more.

In addition to the above tour stops, the New Old Time Chautauqua and State Parks have two more tours scheduled at the following state parks and communities:

- **Desert** June 14 through 20 Sun Lakes-Dry Falls State Park and the towns of Keller, Nespelem, Coulee City, Inchelium and Omak
- **Sea** June 28 through 30 Birch Bay and Peace Arch state parks, Lummi Nation

For more information about the summer 2018 NOTC-State Parks tour, visit: <http://parks.state.wa.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=390>, or contact [Makaela Kroin](#), Folk and Traditional Arts Program Coordinator, (360) 902-8635.

### **About the New Old Time Chautauqua**

The New Old Time Chautauqua is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization of 60-plus volunteer performers, educators and staff whose mission is to travel throughout the Greater Northwest to small towns and Native Nations to promote community through education, entertainment and laughter. The NOTC was founded in 1981 by the Flying Karamazov Brothers and Dr. Patch Adams. For the last 37 years, the NOTC has brought the Chautauqua concept to towns in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Northern California, British Columbia and Alaska. For more information, visit: <http://www.chautauqua.org/>

### **About the Folk and Traditional Arts in the Parks Program**

The New Old Time Chautauqua events are part of a broader series of events celebrating Washington's diverse cultures presented by the Folk and Traditional Arts Program, with funding provided by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts as well as support from the Washington State Parks Foundation.

For more information about the Folks and Traditional Arts in the Parks program, including upcoming events, visit: <http://parks.state.wa.us/folkarts>, or contact Makaela Kroin, Program Coordinator, at [Makaela.Kroin@parks.wa.gov](mailto:Makaela.Kroin@parks.wa.gov) or (360) 902-8635.

Note to media: Photos and videos from four of the 2016 NOTC-State Parks tour are available for use here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/wastateparks/collections/72157672051495915/>. Please credit "Washington State Parks."

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