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Travel Oregon Grant Fuels Tourism Push

INVESTING IN CHILOQUIN'S FUTURE THROUGH TOURISM AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

This year, Chiloquin Visions in Progress (CVIP) was awarded a highly competitive grant from **Travel Oregon** to launch a new tourism marketing campaign designed to showcase the unique charm and attractions of Chiloquin and the surrounding region. The project aims to position Chiloquin as a destination for **travelers exploring Southern Oregon and Crater Lake National Park**, encouraging them to extend their trip.



With this funding, CVIP has been working with local partners to create a series of professional promotional videos, digital assets, and marketing tools that highlight the area's year-round recreational opportunities, cultural experiences, and community spirit. These videos will tell the story of Chiloquin. From water activities such as kayaking to exploring **Collier Memorial State Park**, visiting **Train Mountain**, enjoying the **Friday Farmers Market**, or dining at favorite local spots like **El Rodeo**, **Zuc's BBQ**, **Peak to Peak**, and the **Potbelly Cafe**, the campaign paints a picture of a community full of rural opportunity. Over the next year, we'll be producing the videos, running ads in AAA Via Magazine and Travel Southern Oregon, and distributing brochures across Oregon to highlight everything that makes Chiloquin so special.

The marketing project is not only about drawing visitors but also about supporting local businesses and creating a stronger economic foundation for the future. By showcasing attractions like the new stores in the recently revitalized **HIRVI Building**, **Two Rivers Art Gallery and Gift Shop**, the new EV charging stations downtown, and local lodging options such as the **Sleep Inn & Suites**, **Lonesome Duck Ranch**, **Waterwheel RV Resort**, and **Crater Lake Resort**, the campaign aims to encourage visitors to stay longer and spend more time in Chiloquin.

This effort also ties into larger regional tourism goals, ensuring Chiloquin has a visible role in promoting the Klamath Basin as a destination for outdoor adventure, history, and cultural heritage. As part of the campaign, CVIP will be distributing the videos online, through social media, and in collaboration with local partners, helping to broaden Chiloquin's reach to audiences across Oregon and beyond.

The Travel Oregon grant represents an essential investment in Chiloquin's future, giving our community new tools to celebrate what makes it special and inviting more people to discover all that we have to offer.

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About CVIP

CVIP is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves the greater Chiloquin area as a catalyst for fostering a healthy and prosperous community. Central to our mission, CVIP built and managed the Community Center, a multifunctional facility. Beyond providing meeting spaces, the Community Center is home to the [Chiloquin Branch Library](#) and the [Two Rivers Art Gallery](#).

Community Events

Bingo Night at the Community Center

The first Thursday night of each month from 6 to 8 pm at the Chiloquin Community Center.

Trivia Night at the Community Center

Join us on the third Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 pm at the Chiloquin Community Center.

Blessing Pot

Drive-thru on Tuesdays 11-12:30 at the Chiloquin Christian Center for a homemade bowl of soup.

Chilo-Crafters

All crafters are welcome on the First and Third Tuesdays of most months starting at 1:30 pm at the Two Rivers Art Gallery and Gift Shop.

ChiloQuilters

Meetings are on Thursdays at 11 am at the Two Rivers Art Gallery and Gift Shop.

Story Time with Paprika the Pirate

Wednesdays at 2:30 pm at the Chiloquin Library.

High Tea and Coffee Time

Third Thursdays at 1 pm at the Chiloquin Library.

Pumpkin Express

Saturday, October 18 and 25 at the Klamath & Western Railroad from 10 am to 3 pm.

Boo Bash Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 20, from 5 to 7 pm at the Klamath Tribes Fitness Center.

Daylight Saving Time Change Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 2nd at 2 am.

Open House at the Gallery

Saturday, November 15 starting at 11 am at the Two Rivers Art Gallery and Gift Shop.

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 6, from 9 am to 3 pm at the Chiloquin Community Center.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 6, at 6 pm at the Pocket Park.

Contact us if you would like us to feature your event in our next quarterly newsletter.

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Summer at the Center

A SUMMER FULL OF ENERGY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

If you happened to stop by the Chiloquin Community Center this summer, you probably noticed the joyful commotion, kids running around, laughter spilling out of the spaces, and the unmistakable energy of young minds busy learning, creating, and exploring. It was a season when the Community Center truly lived up to its name: a place alive with activity, connection, and opportunity.

At the heart of it all was the launch of our brand-new **Chiloquin Teen Adventure Camp (CTAC)**. For six weeks, teens

embarked on themed adventures that ranged from kayaking and aviation to railroad exploration, art, outdoor skills, and even a week dedicated to giving back through community service. Whether paddling kayaks, painting pottery, or meeting professionals in aviation and science, the camp gave teens a chance to see the world, and their own community, through new eyes.



Alongside CTAC, the **Summer Arts for Kids** program brought together the **Two Rivers Art Gallery** and the **Chiloquin Branch Library** in a creative partnership. Children painted, sketched, crafted, and shared stories, discovering how art and imagination can weave together learning and fun. The collaboration not only nurtured budding artists but also strengthened the bridge between two of

Chiloquin's beloved cultural anchors.

To top it off, **Oregon Tech** joined the fun by hosting a **LEGO Camp** at the Community Center. With LEGO bricks scattered across tables and imaginations firing on all cylinders, kids created fantastic creations. More than just play, the camp introduced problem-solving, teamwork, and hands-on learning in a way that felt like pure fun.



As summer winds down, we look back with gratitude for the partners, parents, and supporters who helped create such a vibrant experience for Chiloquin's youth.

Most importantly, none of this would have been possible without the generous support of our funders. We extend heartfelt thanks to **The Roundhouse Foundation**, the **Arthur R. Dubs Foundation**, **Cycle Oregon**, the **Klamath County School District**, **Klamath County Cultural Coalition**, and **The Klamath Tribes**. Their commitment to our community ensures that programs like these continue to inspire, engage, and empower our youth.

You can make a difference today by donating or volunteering your time.

To donate, use the QR Code or go to www.chiloquinvisions.com/donate



Help Us Keep the Momentum Going

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD BRIGHT FUTURES

This summer, the Chiloquin Community Center was alive with the energy of youth, teens learning more about their community, kids building masterpieces at LEGO Camp, and young artists filling canvases with color and imagination. These moments weren't just summer fun; they were building blocks of confidence, creativity, and connection for our community's children.

While CVIP has been fortunate to receive generous grants that make new programs possible, the truth is that grants rarely cover everything. **The lights that stayed on during art workshops, the insurance that kept camp safe, the staff and volunteers who made sure every child had a place to belong, those costs are only met when local supporters like you step in.**

THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN. Every contribution, whether from a business sponsor or an individual donor, helps us sustain the heart of these programs. When **you** give locally, you're not just funding a program; you're investing in the laughter, the learning, and the bright futures of Chiloquin's kids, along with other programs and projects that CVIP is involved in. You can use the QR Code, email us at admin@chiloquinvisions.com, visit our website at <https://www.chiloquinvisions.com/donate>, or stop by our office in the Community Center.



This GivingTuesday, December 2, we invite you to join us by volunteering, donating, and helping us carry on the momentum started this summer. For more information, visit www.chiloquinvisions.com/givingtuesday.

Stitching Together Chiloquin's Centennial

THE QUILTERS BEGIN A NEW QUILT PROJECT FOR 2026

The hum of sewing machines, the snip of scissors, and the soft chatter of friends working side by side, that's the soundtrack of Thursday mornings at the Two Rivers Art Gallery, where the [Chiloquilters](#) gather at 10 am each week. This dedicated group of quilters has been creating beautiful works of art for years, but their next project is one with special meaning: a quilt to celebrate the **City of Chiloquin's Centennial in 2026**.



The centennial quilt will be more than just fabric and thread; it will be a tapestry of our community's history, culture, and shared memories. It will tell a story about the people, places, and spirit that have defined Chiloquin over the past 100 years.

✂ Call for Ideas!

The Chiloquilters need your ideas for the Centennial Quilt.

Better yet, join the fun!
Thursdays 10 am
Two Rivers Art Gallery & Gift Shop

To bring this vision to life, the Chiloquilters are inviting the public to share ideas, themes, and stories that could be incorporated into the design.

You can email your ideas to 2riversart@gmail.com or stop by the Gallery. And there's room for more than just ideas! The group welcomes anyone who wants to learn or lend a hand. Whether you're an experienced quilter or just curious about picking up a needle and thread, the Chiloquilters promise a warm welcome and the joy of being part of a creative community. **Stop by on a Thursday morning at the Two Rivers Art Gallery to share your ideas, join in the fun, or see what's taking shape.**

Raffle tickets for the Chiloquilter's current quilt, "**Golden Harvest**," a king-size quilt, are now available at the Two Rivers Art Gallery for **1 ticket for \$1.00 and 6 tickets for \$5.00**. The drawing will be in June 2026 during the annual quilt show. The quilt is hanging up in the lobby of the Chiloquin Community Center.

Join CVIP for Fun and Fundraising on Thursday Nights!

Bingo Night takes place on the first Thursday of each month. Bring your friends, grab your lucky charm, and get ready for a night of fun. Whether you're a seasoned bingo player or a first-time player, you're sure to enjoy the excitement while helping us raise funds for local community projects.

Test your knowledge on the third Thursday of each month at **Trivia Night!** Gather your team of trivia enthusiasts, or come solo and join others for a friendly competition. From pop culture to history, there's something for everyone.

Both events are held at the **Chiloquin Community Center and start at 6:00 pm**. Proceeds from these events help support CVIP's programs, including our new Chiloquin Teen Adventure Camp, Chiloquin Learns After School, and our local high school scholarships.



First Thursday of the Month



Third Thursday of the Month

Message from the CVIP Board

JOHN RADEMACHER, CVIP PRESIDENT

As you may have noticed from this newsletter, Chiloquin Visions In Progress is increasing our involvement in the Chiloquin community. Much of this new emphasis involves youth opportunities and programs. What a bonus for Chiloquin kids!



Others in our community are also donating time and money to our children. This spring and summer saw a resurgence of sports activities. This fall, we again have youth football, cheerleading, and our bike club on full display. Friends of the Chiloquin Library Story Time continues, and after-school learning (CLAS) is returning for the elementary school students.

If you're interested in joining our current programs or have ideas for new projects or initiatives, please let us know.

Our nonprofit board of directors also has vacancies if you want your ideas and opinions heard. We have a newly formed advisory board that meets semi-annually. Keep us in mind for your celebrations and parties needing room rentals. Contact our CVIP office at 541-783-7780 or talk to any board member if you are interested.



Two Rivers Art Gallery & Gift Shop

UPDATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The gallery team has welcomed several new members recently and will be growing even more by the Holidays! You will be able to find an original, affordable selection of gifts. **Locally made Holiday cards** are being designed for you to send or to scan & email.

Mike Schmidt, the **new art teacher at our high school** and a new member here, will be showing his work in the gallery during **October**. We are planning an opening reception so the community can become acquainted with this wonderful teaching artist.

In **November**, we will be gearing up with decorations for the Holidays. An open house is planned for **Saturday, November 15th**, beginning at 11:00. We will have treats, beverages, and special handmade free gifts (for as long as they last) for visitors.



We said goodbye to our longtime interns, who are all off to college now. We will be actively recruiting for the next group to train, learn, grow, and have fun with us. This is an excellent opportunity for the students who will proudly represent our creative youth community. **If you are interested or know someone who is, stop by the gallery.**

Chiloquin Learns After School

CLASS RETURNS THIS OCTOBER

We're excited to announce that Chiloquin Learns After School (CLAS) will be starting back up this October! The program is open to all students in grades K-6 and provides a safe, engaging place for kids to learn, explore, and connect after the school day ends. CLAS will be held at Chiloquin Elementary School, **Monday through Thursday, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.**

Each afternoon, students will enjoy a mix of homework help, enrichment activities, and hands-on projects designed to spark curiosity and creativity. From reading and math support to art, games, and community projects, CLAS gives children the chance to build confidence and discover new interests in a supportive environment.

Registration is now open. Parents can pick up forms at both **Chiloquin Elementary School** and the **Chiloquin Community Center**, or register online at **CVIP's website**.

If you're interested in working with students, you can apply on the CVIP website to be an aide. Parents, grandparents, and community members are also invited to volunteer. To learn more, email us at admin@chiloquinvisions.com.

After-school programs like CLAS play a vital role in helping children succeed both in and out of the classroom. With your support, we can ensure that every student has a safe, positive place to go after school.

Friends of the Chiloquin Library

FALL ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

The Friends of the Chiloquin Library (FoCL) are busy this fall, and we're excited to share a few highlights!

First, for history buffs and home cooks alike, all three volumes of the **Chiloquin History and Recipe Books** are now available for purchase at both the **Chiloquin Library** and the **Two Rivers Art Gallery**. These beloved books make wonderful gifts and are a treasure trove of local stories and family favorites.

Looking ahead, the always-popular FoCL Calendar has been finalized and submitted to the publisher. The 2026 edition will be ready around December 15th, just in time for holiday gift-giving.

Our programs at the library are also in full swing. **Story Time with Paprika the Pirate** is back and bringing plenty of fun every Wednesday at 2:30 pm. at the Chiloquin Library. Children and families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of adventure, imagination, and reading.



And for those who prefer a more relaxed gathering, don't forget **High Tea and Coffee Time** on the third Thursday of each month at 1 pm. This monthly event is a chance to sip, chat, and connect with neighbors in a cozy setting.