

GLADSTONE GAZETTE

The Daily Voice of the Gladstone Camp Meeting » Saturday/Sabbath, July 26, 2025

FOUR GENERATIONS OF CAMP MEETING

BY KALEB EISELE

Down in the valley, nestled amidst a neighborhood of campers, Ruby Stevenson was relaxing in a chair in the shade, enjoying camp meeting as she has done for the majority of the past 82 years. Four generations of Ruby's family are attending this year including her daughter, Arlene, her granddaughter, Shalla, and her great-grandson, Sawyer.

"I think we started coming to camp meeting in about 1943," Ruby said as we sat on camp chairs together beside her camper on Thursday afternoon. "We moved here from back east, but my dad had been out here and he knew about camp meeting. So he started bringing us." When I asked Ruby about a few of her favorite things she said, "I love the meetings and I love getting around to see my friends, too."

As we talked, Ruby and Arlene shared many of the ways camp meeting had changed over the course of their lives. In the early days, campers used to cook their own meals near



their camp sites, stopping by the on-campus grocery store for fruits and veggies when needed. "Things were kind of like they are now," said Ruby, "They would have meetings and take the young people around to places. Some things were different, though. We had a regular store on the camp grounds and an ice house." Arlene, Ruby's daughter, chimed in: "They also had these boys who were the only ones allowed to ride their bikes. They would go around and deliver ice or messages or milk or whatever was needed... And I remember we used to follow behind the water trucks on hot days so we could get wet and cool down!"

One positive change Arlene and Ruby shared was the ability to watch the meetings from the comfort of their camper. "I'm 99 years old now. I'll be 100 in November," said Ruby. "I can't get around like I used to, but God has been very good to me - and I love camp meeting."



WRAPPING UP CAMP MEETING

BY ASHLEY CASTRO-RODRIGUEZ & KISSY BARBER

We hope you've enjoyed this year's Gladstone Camp Meeting! We love being able to come together as a big family in Christ, whether it's your first time joining us or your 93rd!

We celebrated getting the occupancy permit approved for the new Gladstone Pavilion - just a few hours before the evening meeting began on Tuesday! Many thanks go to our facilities operations team, and so very many others for their hard work leading up to camp meeting!

The Snack Shack sold 2,731 Pronto Pups as of Thursday night and we can only imagine how many more will be bought over the weekend! If you haven't tried something from the Snack Shack, the mango smoothie is a best seller!

Yesterday morning, we started the day with the Fun Run/Walk and the fastest of the our

speedy racers ran the 5k in 18:56 minutes! Look for some great photos of the Fun Run on our social media in the coming days.

The seminars by Seth Pierce and Kessia Reyne Bennett and others will soon be available on-demand. Seminar videos are being processed and will be uploaded to our Oregon Adventists YouTube page in the next few days.

Have you stopped by the Used Book Sale yet? We've been told that PAES has donated boxes of nearly new children's books! They'll be open tonight from 9:15-10:30 PM and again on Sunday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

It's been a huge blessing to be together this week, to hear the happy voices, see long-lost friends, and enjoy time *Together in Christ*. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Special THANKS

The lovely new street lights that have been lighting our way all over campus this week are thanks to Richard and Linda Cowles who donated both the equipment and cost of installation of those solar street lights. What a huge improvement they've made for all of us!

Thank you!



Instead of bulletins in the Pavilion this year, you'll find all of the evening program info in your printed camp meeting guide. Starting on page 21.

2026 Gladstone Camp Meeting
July 14-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gladstone Camp Meeting 2025

Union College Alumni Gathering - Alumni, family, and friends of Union College/Union Adventist University are invited for a time of fellowship, food, and a bit of the good ol' Union spirit, Sabbath afternoon at 5:00 PM in the Conference Office Board Room. Union reps, Jennifer Rieke Schall '05, Janya Nordgren Mekelburg '86 and Ken Farrow will be joining us to share how Union is doing.

Singles Ministry Ice Cream Social - Join your single friends, and come make new ones, in the Holden Center, Laurelwood Room, after the Saturday evening meeting. Donations accepted to cover the costs.

If a member of your family tends to get lost easily due to dementia or mental illness, drop by the First Aid station; we'll give them a yellow wristband on which you can write contact information.

Shop the Used Book Sale! Visit Zull Hall to browse through a wide selection of gently used books (particularly children's books right now!), then bring them to the ABC for purchase! Hours are Saturday 9:15 PM-10:30 PM, and Sunday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Books sell for \$4.00 per inch!

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TODAY'S CAFETERIA MENU

See the full menu at www.OregonAdventist.org

Breakfast
7:30-8:30AM

Sticky Buns
Continental
Hot Cereal
Cold Cereal
Breads & Fruit

Lunch Trays
12:00-1:30PM

Cottage Cheese Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Garlic Green Beans
Rolls

Dinner
5:00-6:15PM

Falafels
Fruit salad







Gluten-free, Dairy-free and vegan options available.

Help us keep the Plaza Pavilion area clean by depositing your used bulletins and other paper in the paper recycling containers around the outside edges of the Pavilion.

POTLUCK LIST

Filipinos and Filipino-at-heart are all invited to the Camp Meeting Annual OWAFF (Oregon-Washington Adventists Filipino Fellowship) Lunch Potluck on July 26 right after church service between the Locations and Butterfly buildings. Bring your favorite food/drinks to share. Bring also your chair if you need it. Utensils will be provided.

Singles Ministry Fellowship Lunch - Bring ingredients you enjoy for a haystack potluck lunch. Beans, olives, plates, cups, napkins, and plasticware will be provided. Find us downstairs in the Holden Center, Laurelwood Room.

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Sabbath, July 26, 3:00 PM Gladstone Pavilion

Enjoy a concert by King's Heralds, the internationally acclaimed quartet brings a ninety-seven-year heritage in gospel music to the stage. Founded in 1927, the group has come to be recognized worldwide for their blend and musical expertise.



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