Bringing People Together

We welcome you to join us for the 48th annual OSA Summer Convention at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes resort in Bend, Oregon. The theme is ***Bringing People Together*** and in that spirit we have planned a casual, family-friendly convention designed to get you mingling, dancing and competing with your fellow members.

We will kick off the fun with a pre-convention reception at the Deschutes Brewery. We end Saturday with a country hoedown-themed banquet. Banquet dress will be business casual as we hit the dance floor for a quick line dance lesson.

In between, hike one of Bend's gorgeous trails, raft down the Deschutes River, explore lava caves, jump on a brewery bus, or just relax around the Riverhouse's indoor-outdoor heated pool.

During Friday's reception honoring OSA past presidents, buy tickets for the opportunity to Sink a Seedsman. Board members have "volunteered" to sit in a dunk tank to raise money for the OSA scholarship program. The reception will be a tailgate themed event, so wear your favorite sports team's colors or gear.

The following pages contain the convention agenda, registration rates, and information on group activities. Registration is available for members, families and guests, priced for the full convention or by individual event.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the convention.

Agenda

Thursday, June 22

10:00 AM	Pre-Convention Golf
4:00 PM	Early Registration/Check-In
5:30-7:30 PM	Pre-Convention Reception, *Sponsored by:* Columbia Seeds

Friday, June 23

7:30-8:10 AM	Registration/Check-In
8:10-8:40 AM	Breakfast Buffet, *Sponsored by:* West Coast Beet Seed Company
8:45-9:30 AM	Town Hall Discussion on Seed Testing
9:30-10:30 AM	General Session
10:45-11:50 AM	International Committee Meeting Chair: Phill Lindgren, Grassland Oregon Co-Chair: Paul Hedgpeth, Columbia River Seed
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch Buffet & Scholarship Presentation, *Sponsored by:* Agri Seed Testing, Inc.
1:25-2:00 PM	Domestic Committee Meeting Chair: Mandi Mack, Vista Seed Partners Co-Chair: Doug Pickles, Lewis Seed Co.
2:05-3:00 PM	Science & Technology Committee Meeting Chair: Rick Myers, DLF Pickseed USA
3:10-4:00 PM	Associates Committee Meeting Chair: Doug Pickles, Lewis Seed Co.
3:10-4:00 PM	Emerging Professionals Committee Meeting Chair: Dustin Withee, Smith Seed Services Co-Chair: Kirsten Pick, Columbia Seeds
6:00-8:00 PM	Reception Honoring OSA Past Presidents, *Sponsored by:* Scotts
8:30 PM	President's Hospitality Gathering (open invite)

Saturday, June 24

7:30-8:15 AM	Registration/Check-In
7:30-8:15 AM	Breakfast Buffet & Omelet Station
8:15-9:15 AM	Legislative Committee Meeting Chair: Jake Stockfleth, Oregon Seed Cleaning Co-Chair: Jeff Martin, The Scotts Co.
9:30-11:30 AM	Closed Session (Active members only)
	LUNCH ON OWN (except golfers)
12:00 PM	OSA Golf Tournament, *Beverages Sponsored by:* Tee 2 Green
1:30-4:30 PM	Lava Tube Cave Tour
2:30-4:00 PM	Big Eddy White Water Rafting

Agenda (cont.)

Saturday, June 24 (cont.)

5:45-10:00 PM	Child Care
6:00-7:15 PM	Reception & Silent Auction
7:30-10:00 PM	Banquet Dinner, *Sponsored by:* MODE TRANSPORTATION

Sunday, June 25

9:00-11:30 AM	Board Breakfast & Meeting
12:00 PM	Checkout

Registration

Register by June 14 to avoid late fees. Some excursions have earlier registration deadlines, so please check the following pages for more information. If you need to cancel a registration, please do so by June 14 for a full refund. Any cancellations after that date, regretfully, cannot be honored.

See attached registration form, or register online. Payment is acceptable by check, credit card or via PayPal.

Lodging

Lodging reservations can be made by phone 541-389-3111 (option 1) or online through May 29 to guarantee block rates. OSA block rates start at $189/night for a non-river view guest room, single or double occupancy. Rates are good from Thursday, June 22 through Saturday, June 24 (departing Sunday).

Click here for more information about rooms and amenities.

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Group Activities

Pre-Convention Golf—June 22, 10:00 AM
Aspen Lakes Golf Course
Check in by 10:00 am; shotgun start at 10:30 am
Includes green fees, cart and range balls. Transportation, food and beverages on own.

Pre-Convention Reception—June 22, 5:30-7:30 PM
Deschutes Brewery, Mountain Room
Transportation provided; meet in lobby of convention center. Bus boards at 5:15, 5:30 & 5:45, and returns at 7:30, 7:45 & 8:00.

Town Hall Discussion on Seed Testing—June 23, 8:45-9:30 AM
Participate in a town hall discussion on seed testing procedures and issues with representatives from USDA, OSU and Pure Seed Testing. The discussion will include USDA procedure and protocols; seed testing practices and labeling procedures, testing changes and areas of interest as it applies to the grass seed, native grass and vegetable industry; and a focus on lab uniformity concerns across the U.S.

Lunch & Scholarship Presentation—June 23, 12:00-1:00 PM
Speaker Dave Johnson, Olympic decathlete and current coach at South Salem High School, will share with us an inspiring view of his life experiences.

Reception Honoring OSA Past Presidents—June 23, 6:00-8:00 PM
Join us for an outdoor reception to honor OSA's past presidents. Mingle with friends, customers and others. Compete to win prizes while playing fun lawn games. Show your team spirit by wearing your favorite sports team's colors or gear at this "tailgate-themed" event.

Families welcome; heavy appetizers served; each guest will receive 2 drink tickets (cash accepted also). Bring cash for a "fun"draiser supporting OSA's scholarship program.

OSA Golf Tournament—June 24, 12:00 PM
Rivers Edge Golf Course
Check in by 12:00 pm; shotgun start at 12:15 pm
Includes lunch, green fees, cart and range balls. To support the scholarship fund we will sell 1 mulligan and 1 "throw" per player. Must be purchased with registration or at golf check-in.

Lava Tube Cave Tour—June 24, 1:30-4:30 PM
Ages 5 & Up Recommended

Explore the underground tunnels of central Oregon. These large, cool lava tube caves are fun and fascinating for the whole family. We will take you on a tour of caves not open to the general public, with the only guide company permitted in these caves. You will be taken away from the crowds into the heart of the high desert to experience natural lava caves without artificial lighting, paved pathways and parking lots. Bend's lava caves are delicate ecosystems that few have experienced in this way. (This is not the lava river cave on Hwy 97.)

Outfitted with helmets and headlamps (included), guides will help you discover secret rooms, great cave history and what lives and grows in the caves. The caves are cool! Dress warm and wear closed-toe shoes. Transportation provided.

Must be registered by June 8 to join this tour. A minimum of 10 people is required or tour may be canceled and refunds issued.

Group Activities (cont.)

Big Eddy White Water Rafting—June 24, 2:30-4:00 PM

Ages 6 & Up

Raft the Big Eddy with an expert, certified river guide. This trip will take you down a three mile stretch of the river through class I, II and Big Eddy's 3+ rapids. Perfect for first-timers and experienced adventurers alike. Guided trip is about 1½ hours long.

Transportation to river launch site provided; however, transportation to Seventh Mountain River Co. on own. Commute is 15 minutes, 8.7 miles. Arrive 20 minutes early for paperwork.

Must be registered by June 22 to join this tour.

Sun Mountain Fun Center—Anytime

Walk across the street from convention resort and enter a world of fun! Enjoy an indoor-outdoor amusement center with go-karts, bowling, mini-golf, bumper cars, billiards and more, including the most extensive and complete arcade and redemption center east of the Oregon Cascades. We will provide you with a discounted fun card valued at $25, good for anything payable at the register, including food, bowling, mini golf and arcade games.

Child Care—June 24, 5:45-10:00 PM

We will provide qualified child care, dinner and activities to keep the young ones happy while you enjoy the banquet dinner and entertainment.

Reception & Silent Auction—June 24, 6:00-7:15 PM

Support the OSA scholarship program by bidding on highly sought-after items such as a hot air balloon ride with gourmet brunch for two, Weber BBQ, wine basket, game tickets, golf, and an overnight romance package at Boulder Falls Inn, and much more. Cash, check and credit cards accepted.

Banquet Dinner & Entertainment—June 24, 7:30-10:00 PM

We wrap up the convention with dinner, closing business and golf awards. Following dinner, we will go a little bit country with a "Boots, Chaps & Cowboy Hats" themed hoedown. Come dressed in your best western gear and your biggest belt buckle. We'll kick it up with DJ music provided by Brock Sound Company, and a line dance lesson by Barry Jost.

Other Available Activities

While in Bend, take advantage of the many unique activities the region has to offer. Click on the links below to learn more.

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