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This Week's Motivational Quote

"100% of the shots you don't take don't go in."

- Wayne Gretzky, Hall Of Fame Hockey Player

[If you're motivated to book a hotel room, click here!](#)



Weekly Contest

Last Week's Question:

Fiji (in Melanesia) and Samoa (in Polynesia) are two islands in the South Pacific Ocean. Fiji is about 970 kilometers (600 miles) west of Samoa. A small airplane can fly this distance in two hours.

When will you arrive in Fiji if you leave Samoa on a small airplane on Tuesday night at 11:30 PM?

Last Week's Answer:

Fiji and Samoa are in different time zones and are separated by the International Date Line. When it is 11:30 PM on Tuesday in Samoa, it is 10:30 PM on Wednesday in Fiji. Since the flight takes two hours, you will arrive in Fiji at 12:30 AM on Thursday.

This one must have been a bit more difficult as only 17 of the 94 entries were correct.

Congratulations to Robert Merrill-Colberg of USPS for winning last week's contest. Robert was one of 17 entrants to get the correct answer. Robert wins 2 tickets to the 2007 Bach Festival show of his choice.

Every week we give our subscribers a chance to win GREAT prizes from Valley River Inn. To enter, simply click on the link below and complete the form. The submission closest to the actual answer wins! If there is a tie, we will randomly draw a winner.

**ENTER
NOW TO
WIN!**

Deadline to Enter:
Sunday, July 1st @ 10AM

GOOD LUCK!

THIS WEEK'S PRIZE:
2 tickets to the 2007 Bach Festival show of your choice

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:
How many of Valley River Inn's 257 guestrooms and suites
enjoy a view of the McKenzie River?

[Click Here To Enter](#)

CHEF'S CORNER - New Website Additions Coming Soon

There are some really neat additions coming soon to the SweetWaters on the River website. In the next month, you'll be able to go to the website and watch Video Recipes from our Chefs. Watch the videos to learn the techniques of the pros and then apply them in your own home.



Videos will feature Executive Chef Michael Thieme, Banquet Chef Maria Rauda, Chef de Cuisine Kim Stellflug and Pastry Chef Angela Prull.

We are also updating our recipe page and will be bringing all new recipes to you in the near future.

Lastly, we are adding bios of our culinary team to the "Meet the Chefs" page, which will allow you to learn more about of talented Chefs.

We'll let you know as soon as all of these new enhancements are live on the site.

[Click Here To Visit SweetWaters on the River](#)

Upcoming Area Events

There's always something going in Eugene so here's a small sampling of things going on in the area over the next few months. Why not make it a mini vacation and stay with Valley River Inn while you attend these events?!

Here are some upcoming highlights:

June 30
Countdown to Eugene 08

5 - 7 p.m.
Fifth Street Public Market, Eugene
With Olympians, community leaders, and other special guests, a family-friendly band, kid zone activities and more, the party kicks off a year of community-wide preparation and celebration. Want to get involved? The event includes opportunities for new volunteers to join the fun.
Cost: Free

For more information, call: (541) 687-1989



July 4
Aquafina Butte To Butte

8 a.m.
Spencer Butte Middle School, Eugene
The 34th Annual! It's the biggest and the best running and walking event of the year in Eugene, starting at Spencer Butte Middle School and finishing at Skinner Butte Park. There are unique race challenges, team competitions and great shirts.
Cost: \$17 with a shirt prior to race day, \$23 on race day
For more information, call: (541) 543-5399

July 4
Freedom Festival

4:00 PM
Alton Baker Park, Eugene
The Freedom Festival features fireworks and the live music of Voodoo BBQ. Presented by Maude Kerns Art Center and The Active 20/30 Club of Eugene. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating on the grass in the park.
Cost: Various
For more information, call: (541) 515-2405

July 6 - July 8
24th Annual Art & the Vineyard

11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Alton Baker Park, Eugene
Premier art and wine festival in the Southern Willamette Valley. Includes entertainment and features 150 artists in the Artists' Marketplace and the Art For Your Garden display. Come see and enjoy.
Cost: \$6 pr day or \$15 for 3 days, \$1 kids 6 - 11
For more information, call: (541) 345-1571

July 13 - July 15
Oregon Country Fair

11 a.m. - 7p.m.
Oregon Country Fair, Veneta
Located in a wooded setting in Veneta, the Oregon Country Fair celebrates its 38th year with 12 stages of entertainment, more than 55 international food booths and over 700 artisans. Colorful parades, pageants and performing arts provide an unparalleled feast for the senses.
Cost: Various
For more information, call: (541) 343-4298

July 14 - July 15
Northwest Nationals Drag Boat Racing

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Dexter and Lookout Point Reservoirs, Lowell
The Columbia Drag Boat Association, the premier racing association in the Pacific Northwest, hosts the 2005 Bi-Mart Northwest Nationals. This is the final Oregon drag boat race of the season. Co-Sanctioned with IHBA Div 1, including PCE.

Cost: \$10
For more information, call: (541) 461-3545

July 20 - July 21
Willamette Valley Relay

Alton Baker Park, Eugene
Walking has finally hit its stride with Wonders of Walking (WOW), an organization developed by walkers that spearhead a series of events specifically for walkers. Wonders of Walking celebrates the health benefits, competitive opportunities and recreational aspects of walking. Get a team and participate in the Willamette Valley Relay which begins July 20, 2007 in Champoeg Park and ends July 21, 2007, at Alton Baker Park in Eugene.
For more information, call: (503) 282-1677

July 21
TriAmerica National Series Tour – Supersprint Triathlon

7:30 a.m.
Lakeside Park, Cottage Grove
Super Sprint Triathlons feature a 200 yard swim, a 6 to 8 mile bike, and a 2 mile run. The focus of the Super Sprints is on fun and fitness. Super Sprint Triathlons are ChampionChip timed however typical age group awards are not offered. A time trial type start is used for the swim rather than a wave start.
Cost: \$40 for participants, \$45 race week, spectators free
For more information, call: (352) 394-1320

July 28
Winetasia 2007

6 - 10 p.m.
Silvan Ridge/Hinman Vineyards, Eugene, OR
Wine tasting, fine food from ten local restaurants (including SweetWaters on the River) and dancing under the stars. Benefits Children's Miracle Network at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene/Springfield.
Cost: \$60 per person
For more information, call: (541) 686-6456

August 1 - August 11
Oregon Festival of American Music 2007 – "Richard Rodgers"

4 - 11 p.m.
Hult Center for the Performing Arts, Eugene
Dick Hyman joins the Oregon Festival of American Music for an eclectic, thematically-designed festival that celebrates a broad range of American musical genres with emphasis on jazz, classical and historic popular song. Featuring the music of composer Richard Rodgers and the musical "South Pacific".
Cost: Free to \$50
For more information, call: (541) 687-6526

August 4

5th Annual Animal House Celebration

Trailhead Park, Cottage Grove

Experience the antics of the movie "National Lampoon's Animal House." Cheer on the parade and join the World's Largest Toga Party – it is fun for all.

For more information, call: (541) 515-2405

August 5

Blackberry bRamble

First ride starts at 7a.m.

Eugene Water & Electric Board's Plaza, Eugene

We have 4 beautiful ride options: Wolf Creek Century - 100 miles with a strenuous climb and exciting descent, Poodle Creek Metric Century – 64 miles with moderate rollers, Coyote Creek Mini Century – 43 miles and the Family Ride – around 20 miles. Blackberry pie awaits all riders at the finish to top off a wonderful day of scenery, cycling and camaraderie of both nature and fellow cyclists.

Cost: \$20 if postmarked by July 17th; \$25 after July 17th or day of Ride; \$15 for the Family Ride

August 9 - August 12

Junction City Scandinavian Festival

10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Downtown Junction City, Junction City

Since 1961, Junction City residents have been celebrating their Scandinavian heritage by transforming their city into a charming Old World town, offering cultural and entertainment activities. This four-day event is nationally recognized.

Cost: Free

For more information, call: (541) 998-9372

August 14 - August 19

Lane County Fair

10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Lane Events Center, Home of the Lane County Fair, Eugene

Six days and six nights of family fun and entertainment.

Come and enjoy one of the Northwest's finest fairs offering outstanding concerts, thrilling rides and exhibits showcasing Lane County's finest.

Cost: \$8 adults, \$6 children, Free for children 5 and yo

For more information, call: (541) 682-4292

September 7 - September 9

25th Annual Eugene Celebration

starts at 5 p.m. Friday - 6 p.m. Sunday

Downtown Eugene, Eugene

The Eugene Celebration is a magical time of year when we gather to celebrate community, renew friendships and reinforce our collective sense of why Eugene is such a special place. Spectacular visions, moving music, hearty laughter, enticing foods, unique artistry, family fun, talented entertainers and a zany parade highlight what's old, what's new, and what can be in making "The Celebration" a special experience and tradition

For more information, call: (541)681-4108

[Click Here for our Calendar of Events](#)

HOTEL NEWS - Oregon Bach Festival Starts Today!

It's not too late to book your Bed, Breakfast and Bach Package.

This year's Oregon Bach Festival theme is "Outside the Bachs" and this world-renowned annual event is one of the hottest tickets in Eugene each year. The festival runs from June 27 - July 15.

Valley River Inn has made it easy for you or your friends to enjoy this remarkable event with our Bed, Breakfast and Bach Package. Here's what you get:

- *Deluxe room for two
- *Two tickets to Festival concert of your choice (based on availability)
- *Full breakfast for two
- *Complimentary shuttle to and from concerts

Call us at 800-543-8266 to book your package before all of the tickets are gone!

[Click Here to see the Bach Festival Schedule](#)



Did You Know? Fun Facts

A Fun Tidbit Delivered Right To Your Email Inbox Every Week.

The following are a few odd tidbits sure to make you furrow your brow.

Did you know...

John Madden is an accomplished ballroom dancer.

In 21 states, Wal-Mart is the single largest employer.

One of Hewlett Packard's first ideas was an automatic urinal flusher.

As you age, your eye color gets lighter.

The province of Alberta, Canada is completely free of rats.

Illinois has the most personalized license plates of any state.

There are two credit cards for every person in the United States.

The international telephone dialing code for Antarctica is 672.

The average chocolate bar has 8 insect legs in it.



There are 206 bones in the adult human body, but 300 in children (some of the bones fuse together as a child grows).

Fleas can jump 130 times higher than their own height. In human terms this is equal to a 6 foot person jumping 780 feet into the air.

Snakes are true carnivores as they eat nothing but other animals. They do not eat any type of plant material.

There are no venomous snakes in Maine.

The blue whale can produce sounds up to 188 decibels. This is the loudest sound produced by a living animal and has been detected as far away as 530 miles.

The human eye blinks an average of 4,200,000 times a year.

It takes approximately 12 hours for food to entirely digest.

Erosion at the base of Niagara Falls (USA) undermines the shale cliffs and as a result, the falls have receded approximately 7 miles over the last 10,000 years.

The longest living cells in the body are brain cells which can live an entire lifetime.

The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

North Dakota has never had an earthquake.

Alexander Graham Bell (who invented the telephone) also set a world water-speed record of over seventy miles an hour at the age of 72.

There is enough fuel in a full tank of a jumbo jet to drive an average car four times around the world.

Hawaii is moving toward Japan 4 inches every year.

Chimps are the only animals (other than humans) that can recognize themselves in a mirror.

The leg bones of a bat are so thin that no bat can walk.

There are more living organisms on the skin of a single human being than there are human beings on the surface of the earth.

Marilyn Monroe had six toes on one foot.

If you keep a goldfish in the dark room, it will eventually turn white.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

Almonds are members of the peach family.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

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