



Umatilla County Fair



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Festival of Lights Parade and Opening Night Friday

Hermiston, Ore. – Family fun and a holiday spirit will be in the air this weekend as the 8th Annual Festival of Lights returns to the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston, Oregon.

The festival kicks off with a lighted parade at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 24th. The parade will begin at Newport Park and wind its way down Main Street, Highway 395 and Hermiston Avenue before concluding at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds for the official opening of the Festival of Lights. Applications for the parade are due at the Fair office by November 22.

“After you are done watching the parade, we invite your to come over to the Fairgrounds for more fun,” said Peggy Clough Fairgrounds Manager.

Stroll though the grounds and enjoy the many beautiful themed displays. For a small fee you can catch a carriage or train ride, or have your picture taken with Santa by the Hermiston High School photography class. Browse the arts and crafts bazaar, catch a performance by a local choir or enjoy a treat from the Eagles club concessions stand.

The Festival of Lights will be open, weather permitting, from 5 to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 5 to 8 p.m. on Sundays through December 17, 2006. Admission to the Festival of Lights is free, however donations are appreciated to continue the brilliant display of millions of lights for holiday seasons to come.

On November 30, a special tour will be open for citizens with special needs. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Fair office. The grounds will not be open to the general public that night.

For more information contact the Umatilla County Fair office at (541) 567-6121 or by email at fair@co.umatilla.or.us. They are located at 515 West Orchard Avenue. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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