

ECEC Signature Events Overview

ELKTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

CONTACT ECEC FOR CURRENT INFORMATION AND VENDOR APPLICATIONS. WE ALSO ACCEPT SOME ITEMS ON CONSIGNMENTS IN OUR GIFT SHOP. CALL FOR INFO

Blooms & Butterflies & 5K Run/Walk - Typically the 3rd Saturday in June

Blooms and Butterflies is a one-day celebration of spring color in the garden and the return of the butterflies to beautiful Elkton, Oregon. The event features a 5K Butterfly Run, Kids' Fun Run, tours of the butterfly pavilion and Fort Umpqua, live music, and kids' activities. Shop local with crafters, artisans, and vendors featuring home and garden, eco-friendly, handmade, and wellness items. Food, coffee, and baked goods are available on site all day in ECEC's student-run cafe. Native plants, butterfly-friendly perennials, and garden starts will be for sale. Proceeds from the event support ECEC's educational programs, including our butterfly pavilion and youth employment program. Booths open from 10am - 4pm. ECEC site hours 9am - 5pm. EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 5K and Kids Free Fun Run
- Live Music & Family Activities
- Native Plant Nursery & Veggie Starts
- Cafe open from 9am 5pm

SIZE: Approximately 25 Art & Craft Vendors and educational booths. Approximately 70 folks run in the 5K and 200 attend the event.

Fort Umpqua Days - Labor Day weekend

A great summer event on Labor Day Weekend in our beautiful town of Elkton, Oregon. Fort Umpqua Days is a community-wide celebration that features the stories and traditions of the Native Americans, settlers and trappers who lived in the area in the mid-1800's. The event features a wide variety of craft, vendor, business and community booths; there is a special area for history-themed booths. Booths open from 10am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday. ECEC site hours 9am - 5pm; live musical pageant at 5pm

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- History-themed activities at a replica Hudson's Bay Company trading fort
- Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
- Parade
- Wine Garden
- Music & Family Activities
- Pageant
- Pie Auction
- Butterfly Adoptions
- BBQ Booth and Cafe onsite
- Native Plant Nursery

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Bluegrass & Butterflies - Mid September

This is a two-day outdoor music festival held down at Fort Umpqua with dry camping available in the upper recreation field. The event features multiple bands, food trucks, products from local wineries & breweries, and vendors with eco-friendly, handmade, and wellness items.

The event theme is "Music is Medicine," and a portion of the proceeds benefit ECEC's new Wellness Initiative to reduce high levels of chronic illness in this Medically Underserved Area through nutrition and lifestyle classes, support groups, public benefit application assistance, telehealth access and preventative health services.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Multiple regionally & nationally known bluegrass performers
- Food Vendors
- Local Craft Vendors
- Banjo Workshops
- Beer & Custom Wine
- Main Stage Music
- Oregon Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Jam session

SIZE: Around 15 vendors and 400+ attendees. Booths open from 11am - 8pm each day; music until 10pm. ECEC site hours 9am - 5pm.

Art & Wine Weekend - Thanksgiving Weekend

Local artists and wineries open their studios and tasting rooms to the public on Thanksgiving Weekend for holiday shopping with a focus on unique, handmade gifts and local wines. Elkton Community Education Center (ECEC) and the Lodge Hall host even more local artists and crafters, so people can visit multiple artisans at one site. Artist booths at ECEC are open from 10am - 4pm Fri/Sat/Sun.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 8-12 sites open around town
- Cafe on site at ECEC
- Local artist & crafters' showcase
- Art show and artist demos

SIZE: Approximately 12 artist booths at ECEC; others may be located in businesses around Elkton. ECEC sees around 300 people over the weekend.