

Enjoy The Discover Lake Sylvania Fall Festival in Montesano

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MONTESANO, Wash. - The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and Friends of Schafer and Lake Sylvania State Parks invite the public to the third annual Discover Lake Sylvania Fall Festival – a Centennial 2013 event at Lake Sylvania State Park in Grays Harbor County.

Discover Lake Sylvania Fall Festival runs from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 15 at Lake Sylvania State Park, 1812 Lake Sylvania Road in Montesano. The event begins with a pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m., followed by music in the park, games, an art show hike in the woods, a farmer’s market and children’s activities from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other activities include Dutch oven cooking demonstrations at 10 a.m., park tours about the history of Lake Sylvania at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and vintage games for kids at 1 p.m. All are welcome to the free event. Pancake breakfast is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children under 5 years of age. The Discover Pass is required for vehicle access to the festival.

The festival features individual and team triathlons and a duathlon for those ages 13 years and older at 9 a.m. Kids 12 years and younger may participate in the mini individual triathlon at 11 a.m. Registration fee is required for participation. Participants may register in advance by visiting www.active.com.

Discover Lake Sylvania Fall Festival is one of many Centennial 2013 events leading up to the park system’s 100th birthday in 2013. Events include park fun days, tours, demonstrations, cultural, music and arts events, interpretive activities, recreation days and more. For information about State Parks events in this 100th celebration year, visit www.parks.wa.gov/events and watch for reminders on State Parks social media.

The festival is organized by the Friends of Schafer and Lake Sylvania State Parks. All proceeds go to the friends group to help support Lake Sylvania State Park. For more information about the event, visit www.facebook.com/LakeSylviaSateParkFallFestival. nbsp;

The Friends of Schafer and Lake Sylvania State Parks strive to support, promote and ensure the perpetual operation of Schafer and Lake Sylvania state parks. The friends group raises funds and in-kind donations for the support of these two state parks, through events such as the Fall Festival at Lake Sylvania, the Yule Log Celebration at Schafer and year-round volunteer efforts. Friends groups support Washington state parks in a variety of ways, including financial assistance and volunteer support and helping keep state parks open and operating for the enjoyment of all Washingtonians. To learn more about starting a friends group, contact Peter Herzog at (360) 902-8652 or Peter.Herzog@parks.wa.gov.

Lake Sylvania State Park is a camping park with freshwater shoreline along Lake Sylvania. The park began as an old logging camp in a wooded area halfway between Olympia and the Pacific Coast. The lake was formed by damming up Sylvania Creek for the purpose of log ponding and power

production. The 233-acre camping park is popular with anglers with its creek-fed lake that is stocked annually with rainbow trout. There are two rail-trails located in the park. One of the trails includes a wooden bridge built just above the elevation of the water. The boardwalk bridge makes a great location for fishing.

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The Commission manages a diverse system of more than 100 state parks and recreation programs, including long-distance trails, boating safety and winter recreation. The 99-year-old park system will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013.

Support state parks by purchasing your annual Discover Pass today, and enjoy a whole year of outdoor fun on Washington's beautiful state-managed recreation lands. For more information, visit www.discoverpass.wa.gov.