

Annual Gathering Schedule

Saturday, September 26, 2009
Riviera Activity Center

1:30pm Registration Opens

2:00pm Building Wealth in Local Communities

- Interactive session facilitated by Jeff Goebel
- Short breaks and refreshments throughout

6:00pm Social Hour

- Refreshments, mingling, learning about chapters and allied organizations
- Silent Auction
- Greeting by Executive Director Andrea Malmberg and Board Chair Ramon Lara

7:00pm Dinner and Dancing

- Local food feast catered by Chef Merlyn Baker of Foley Station
- Dancing and live music by the Larry Robb Band of Baker City

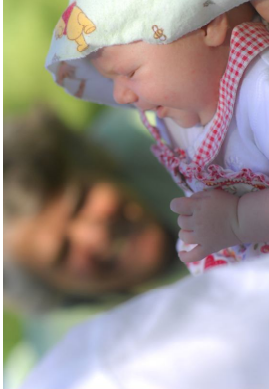
Location of the Annual Gathering

Riviera Activity Center
2609 2nd St

La Grande, Oregon 97850

Questions? Contact the Oregon Rural Action office

541-975-2411



BUILDING WEALTH IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES: A PROGRAM FOR CHANGE



The Eighth Annual Gathering of
OREGON RURAL ACTION

Saturday, September 26 - 2:00pm to 10:00pm
Riviera Activity Center, 2609 2nd St, La Grande, OR

Celebration • Future Vision • Local Food • Silent Auction • Live Music • Dancing

SOWING SEEDS OF CHANGE

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Registration Information

Space is limited. Reserve your space today by mailing in this form and your dinner registration payment to PO Box 1231, La Grande, OR 97850. You can also register online at www.oregonrural.com/join.

Cost for Dinner and Dancing

\$10 for students w/ ID
\$20 for members
\$25 for non-members

Annual Membership Fees

\$30	Individual Membership
\$40	Family Membership
\$60	Business
\$200+	Founding Member
_____	Sustainer's Circle (monthly recurring donations of your choice)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number attending (12 and up) _____

Number of children under 12 (free) _____

Which portions will you attend?

Jeff Goebel Session Dinner and Dancing

Childcare

I would like childcare for my children.

Number needing care _____

Transportation

I am interested in carpooling, if possible.

Lodging

I am interested in a home stay with a local ORA member.

I will be staying at the Rodeway Inn and would like to be entered in the drawing for the free room. (Winner drawn on September 18.)

~ Invitation to Attend ~

Oregon Rural Action is pleased to request your attendance at our 8th Annual Gathering Saturday, September 26 at the Riviera Activity Center in La Grande

Our Mission...

Oregon Rural Action is a community-based organization that works to promote social justice, agricultural and economic sustainability, and stewardship of the region's land, air and water. Our mission is to bring people together to build strong communities. We do this by providing information and tools for local people to use in addressing the issues affecting our communities and by helping community members develop and implement solutions that work.

The Gathering...

"Building Wealth in Local Communities: A Program for Change" is the theme of Oregon Rural Action's Annual Gathering on Saturday, September 26. The event will be a time for members and community supporters to gather and celebrate, to talk, to envision, to create the future. The day will kick off at 2 pm with an engaging session on "Building Wealth in Local Communities" led by Jeff Goebel, a veteran facilitator in consensus-building and an expert in human development. At 6 pm, this will be followed by a locally-grown food feast, friendly conversation, a silent auction, live music, and dancing into the evening.

There is no cost for participation in the interactive session from 2-6 pm but we would like to know if you plan on attending. The delicious local food feast and dancing is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, \$10 for students. Children under 12 are free! Attendance to all of the day's events is not required.

Childcare: Free, fun and educational childcare will be available for those who indicate they would like it for their children.

Transportation: We will be coordinating carpool transportation for those who indicate an interest or need for it. Please check the box on the registration form if you would be interested, especially if your attendance depends on it.

Home Stay: A number of Blue Mountain Chapter members have offered home stay accommodations for out-of-towners.

Participating Motel: Rodeway Inn of La Grande is offering 25% off its internet rates when you mention "Oregon Rural Action" upon reserving a room. The Rodeway Inn is also generously giving away one free room to an Annual Gathering attendee! If you plan to stay at the Rodeway, please check the box on the registration form and a drawing will be held on September 18 to announce the winner.

Others: A list of other accommodations can be found at www.visitlagrande.com/lodging.html

About the Program:

Last year, Oregon Rural Action hosted renowned farmer and author Joel Salatin who engaged participants in considering the opportunities and challenges for "Building a Food System that Works." This year, participants will build on those ideas and take part in envisioning a sustainable future for our communities, ultimately developing the practical solutions for achieving that vision.

Jeff Goebel will lead a community-based process that promote sustainability by identifying local resources, engaging local initiative and talent, and designing a locally endorsed and sponsored vision of community quality of life, all while emphasizing the triple bottom line: people, profit, and planet. This process will help Oregon Rural Action refine its skills in creating strategic, holistic decisions in order to be more effective in its work to create sustainable communities.

About the Food:

The event's food will be locally sourced and catered by Chef Merlyn Baker of Foley Station in La Grande, with items specially chosen for their sustainability as well as their delectability. Placards will be on hand to offer information on where the food came from and the stories of the farmers who grew it.

About the Music:

The Larry Robb Band of Baker City will be supplying the music for dancing in the evening. They are described as a high energy quartet playing everything from straight classic honky-tonk for Texas two-stepping to ripping, Rockabilly scorchers. Visit their website to learn more: thelarryrobbband.com

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