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Innovative Education Center Hosts a Free Living History Festival in June
Trails of Time: Oregon's Living History Comes Alive in Springfield on June 20, 2026

EUGENE, Ore. — Families across Western Oregon are invited to step into the past—and connect it meaningfully to the present—at [**Trails of Time: An Oregon Living History Festival**](#), hosted by **Singing Creek Educational Center** on Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at Dorris Ranch Living History Village in Springfield.

This immersive, *culturally-responsive* event will bring Oregon's diverse histories to life through hands-on activities, music, storytelling, and interactive experiences designed for children, families, educators, and history enthusiasts alike.

Visitors will meet living history interpreters in authentic period clothing, explore Indigenous traditions, discover fur trade history, learn about Latino cultural contributions to Oregon, and participate in historic crafts and daily chores from Oregon's past. Festival highlights include washboard laundry demonstrations, canoe exploration with fur traders, Native storytelling in the cedar plankhouse, live music, food, meet-a-goat experiences, and opportunities to engage directly with educators and cultural interpreters.

Special guest **Deitrich Peters of Grand Ronde**, along with members of his family, will share Native cultural traditions through storytelling, flute music, regalia presentations, and discussions about Indigenous life today. Weather permitting, visitors may also experience a traditional tipi installation near the plankhouse.

"Oregon's history is not one story—it is many voices, cultures, and lived experiences. This festival will bring together people who care about sharing Oregon's history in a meaningful way," said Karen Rainsong, founding Executive Director of Singing Creek Educational Center.

Founded in Eugene, Singing Creek Educational Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing culturally-responsive living history education throughout Western Oregon. Through programs at Dorris Ranch Living History Village and mobile educational outreach to schools, libraries, and parks, Singing Creek Ed. Center works to make history accessible, inclusive, and deeply engaging.

Karen Rainsong, a longtime educator, naturalist, and Oregon history advocate, has spent decades building bridges between historical education, environmental understanding, and cultural respect. Her work includes collaborations with Kalapuya tribal elders, Indigenous educators, and community organizations to ensure that history is taught with both accuracy and inclusivity.

Trails of Time reflects Singing Creek Educational Center's mission to honor the many voices that shaped Oregon—past and present—while inspiring future generations to appreciate the value of cultural understanding.

Event Details:

Trails of Time: An Oregon Living History Festival

Saturday, June 20, 2026

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Dorris Ranch Living History Village

Springfield, Oregon

FREE

People of all ages are welcome.

For more information, or sponsorship opportunities, visit [Singing Creek Educational Center's website](#).