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BIG TRUCK DAY SLATED FOR AUG. 11 AT CONESTOGA REC & AQUATIC

Big Truck Day, an event unlike any other offered by the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, will be back for its 14th year on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center.

More than 75 trucks and utility vehicles in a variety of shapes and sizes will be displayed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Conestoga is located at 9985 SW 125th Avenue, Beaverton.



"This event brings people up close with trucks all of us see every day on the road," said Big Truck Day organizer Terri Cannon of THPRD. "The best part is the smiles of the little kids as they sit in those huge trucks and honk the horns."

Newly featured this year is a Kool Pak 53-foot tractor/trailer refrigeration truck. Most other attractions are favorites from years past: a KPTV Fox 12 satellite news gathering truck, a Terex crane and knuckle boom, a 48-foot Con-way freight truck, assorted ODOT vehicles, an American Red Cross blood mobile, TriMet and Beaverton School District buses, and a Franz Bakery truck.

Other highlights include a video game truck, monster trucks, a fire truck, an ambulance, a Life Flight helicopter, a PGE bucket truck, Al Kader Shriners locomotive and calliope, a Lenco BearCat armored truck, and six Silver limousines.

Trucks aren't the day's only star attraction. Conestoga will welcome six local mascots: Chuck E. Cheese, Geoffrey (Toys "R" Us), Clifford the Big Red Dog (Scholastic Books), Sweet Treat (Sweet Tomatoes), the Red Robin (Red Robin restaurants) and Sassy Suds (Great Clips).

After a one-year hiatus due to construction at Conestoga, THPRD's sand play zone will be back. Children are encouraged to use their imagination as they play with toy shovels, trucks and cars under the covered sand pit.

There will also be a hoop shoot, raffles, prizes, gifts, Scholastic Book Fair, and a giant inflatable toy truck that kids can bounce on. THPRD's Rec Mobile will be on hand with face painting, games and entertainment. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

The title sponsor for Big Truck Day is Damerow Ford. Supporting sponsors are Les Schwab Tires and Platt Electric. For more information, call Conestoga at 503/629-6313.

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning about 50 square miles and serving more than 220,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of classes, 90 park sites with active recreational amenities, 60 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,400 acres of natural areas. For more information: www.thprd.org or 503/645-6433.

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