

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The New Old Time Chautauqua and Washington State Parks join together for a 2016 Washington State Summer Tour.

The New Old Time Chautauqua (NOTC), America's only traveling or circuit Chatauqua, is joining forces with Washington State Parks (WSP) for a 2016 summer tour of seven Washington State Parks and their nearby communities. The idea is to renew ties and foster goodwill between the towns and their local state parks.

TOUR SCHEDULE:

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The NOTC is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization of 60+ volunteer performers, educators, and staff whose mission is to travel throughout the Greater Northwest to small towns and Native Nations and act as a catalyst for community through education, entertainment, and laughter. The NOTC was founded in 1981 by the Flying Karamazov Brothers and Dr. Patch Adams. For the last 35 years the NOTC has brought the Chautauqua concept to towns in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Northern California, British Columbia, and Alaska. The NOTC is part of great Chautauqua movement that began in 1874 and continues on to this day.

SEE MORE BELOW OR VISIT: www.chautauqua.org

WSP have been serving the citizens of Washington for more than a hundred years as idyllic places to recreate and learn, preserving the land in trust as a living legacy of Washington's natural beauty. Each WSP has it own unique environment and history. The environment and history is also shared by the

communities that are located near each park. While WSP are open to any visitor, each park has its own special place in the hearts of those who live by it. This year's New Old Time Chautauqua 2016 Washington State Parks Tour will celebrate the special bond a community and its State Park through music, entertainment, education, laughter. *(Please feel free to write what WSP wants here)*

SEE MORE ABOUT WASHINGTON STATE PARKS OR VISIT: [www.??](http://www.wsp.wa.gov)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Here is a brief explanation of:

1. A Brief history of the the Chautauqua Movement
2. A brief history of The New Old Time Chautauqua (NOTC)
3. Washington State Parks
4. The NOTC 2016 Washington State Parks Tour
5. Full Calendar of NOTC 2016 WSP Tour
6. Hi Res Photos of NOTC, The Flying Karamazov Brothers, and other performers on tour. There are also other photos that could be used in articles or broadcast from the Chautauqua movement's history in Washington State. Go to www.chautauqua.org for a larger selection of photos, reviews, and articles about the NOTC. Go to [www.???](http://www.wsp.wa.gov) for WSP a larger selection of photos, history, environment about each State Park on the NOTC 2016 WSP Tour.

1. CHAUTAUQUA HISTORY

The Chautauqua Movement was the largest event that has ever existed in the US or Canada. Taking its cue from the preceding Lyceum movement the first Chautauqua was held on idyllic Lake Chautauqua (hence the name) in 1874. Its mix of arts and entertainment became an instant hit. By the turn of the 20th century there were Chautauquas held one coast to the other. In 1904 the Chautauqua idea got on the rails and went mobile. Held in large brown tents Chautauquas were found in nearly every town in the country. Powered by its superstar speakers, international music stars, theatre, vaudeville,

scientists, and politicians it had become a sensation. By 1924 a 1,000 Circuit or Traveling Chautauquas were playing in over 10,000 towns with an attendance of over 40,000,000 Americans. Teddy Roosevelt called Chautauqua, "The most American thing about America". Chautauquas were based on the idea that learning continued throughout life. The Chautauqua Movement's mix of education and entertainment was the predecessor of today's NPR, TED talks, and influenced modern journalism, television, and politics. Chautauquas were always set in an idyllic setting, among the trees, by a shore, or in a park (which is why this 2016 WSP summer is such a natural fit). When Chautauqua came to a town all normal activity stopped as each town's citizen's dedicated a week of their lives to learn, to be entertained, and to join in community.

The traveling Chautauquas disappeared during the Great Depression but the original Chautauqua continues to flourish on the shores of Lake Chautauqua.

CIRCUIT CHAUTAUQUAS IN WASHINGTON 1914-1930:

For a week every summer, from 1914 until 1930, Dayton, WA was invaded. All activities in Dayton and the countryside around were curtailed or reduced. The hotels began to fill up with strange people who had arrived by rail the night before.

Some of these strangers were people of note: politicians, lecturers, inventors, and educators. To this heady cast was added vaudevillians, divas, dancers, Native American Speakers, and actors. The local newspapers headlined the week-long program by printing the schedule on the front page with descriptions of each of the acts. It was the area's biggest week of the year. What was it?

It was the Ellison-White Traveling Circuit Chautauqua and it was part of the national Chautauqua movement which had become the largest attended event in Washington State. In its heyday, the importance of Chautauqua week in Dayton's yearly cycle was right up there with Christmas, Easter, and the Fourth of July.

NOTC's appearance in Dayton is historic as this is the first time in a century that the movement has returned here.

List of Washington Circuit Chautauqua Stops 1925:

Castle Rock, Washington
Centralia, Washington
Sedro-Woolley, Washington
Mt. Vernon, Washington
Monroe, Washington
Carnation, Washington
Leavenworth, Washington
Wenatchee, Washington
Chelan, Washington
Waterville, Washington
Almira, Washington
Wilbur, Washington
Tekoa, Washington
Garfield, Washington
Asotin, Washington
Pomeroy, Washington (July 1)
Dayton, Washington
Waitsburg, Washington
Kennewick, Washington
Goldendale, Washington
Raymond, Washington
Grays Harbor Aberdeen, Washington
Puyallup, Washington
Anacortes, Washington
Bellingham, Washington
Ellensburg, Washington
Yakima, Washington
Sunnyside, Washington
Toppenish, Washington
Walla Walla, Washington
Colfax, Washington

Newport, Washington
Colville, Washington

2. THE NEW OLD TIME CHAUTAUQUA

In 1981, inspired by the Circuit or Traveling Chautauquas of the past, The Flying Karamazov Brothers and family along with Dr. Patch Adams founded the first Circuit or Traveling Chautauqua seen in the US in 50 years. Using the same mix of education and entertainment powered by a 25+ marching band the first tour was a hit and not just for the communities the NOTC visited. It had a profound affect on all those who participated.

Since its founding in 1981, NOTC has traveled for a month each summer for the last 35 years throughout the Greater Northwest visiting small towns in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, Alaska, Northern California, and post-Katrina Louisiana and Mississippi.

NOTC's mission is to inspire community through education, entertainment, and laughter in rural towns and reservations throughout the Greater Northwest. NOTC 60+ all-volunteer intergenerational participants give a month of their lives each summer to the cause. NOTC is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3. NOTC is funded by donations, ticket sales on tour, grants, but mostly by the benefits it puts on throughout the year to help support the summer tour.

3. WASHINGTON STATE PARKS

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4. THE NOTC 2016 WASHINGTON STATE TOUR

This summer NOTC has joined with Washington State Parks to help renew ties between Washington's beautiful park system and their nearby communities.

NOTC offers a two day program in collaboration with each state park and community it visits. These programs are:

DAY 1.

10am - 3pm: Community Shows and/or Community Service Projects
These include shows for senior centers, youth detention centers, prisons.
NOTC volunteers will also work on big projects the community needs
(cleaning trails, building sites, putting in new infrastructure, etc..)

IN THE STATE PARK

4pm - 6pm: WSP Workshops
Free Workshops given by park interpretive specialists, scientists, Native Americans, and historians in and about each state park

6pm-8pm: Community Potluck
Citizens from the area are invited to come to their state park and enjoy a meal cooked by all. Music will be provided by NOTC's Band. There will be speakers as well, including mayors, congressmen, State Parks Leaders, Local Tribal elders, and the New Old Time Chautauqua.

DAY 2:

IN TOWN

Noon: The Big Parade

The community is asked to not only observe but to participate in a grand parade through town. Powered by NOTC's marching band and local musicians, the parade includes NOTC jugglers, clowns, stilt walkers, and banners. Local participants are often kids dressed up in costumes, VFW honor guard, Fire Department, 4-H Club, Local Tribal members, etc...

12:30-3:30pm: Free Workshops

NOTC provides over 25 workshops on everything from learning how to juggle, to face painting, mask making, learning how to fold a fitted sheet, to workshops on history and health. The community also provides workshops on local issues, interesting skills, local history, geology, etc... Each workshop is about 45 minutes in length. There are 3 sessions.

7-9pm: The Big Show

NOTC caps our visit with an all-the-bells-and-whistles extravaganza that is a 2 hour family friendly variety show featuring Broadway stars, a big band, and many amazing Northwest aerialists, comedians, jugglers, poets, and musicians.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTC 2016 WSP TOUR PERFORMERS:

The Flying Karamazov Brothers

This famous foursome who practice Juggling and Cheap Theatrics will be appearing in Anancortes for the first time ever. These Northwest internationally known stars have appeared on Broadway 5 times, been on Seinfeld, had their own Showtime Special, acted in PBS's "Great Performances" with their version of Shakespeare's, "The Comedy of Errors", and been seen in countless TV programs (Late Night with David Letterman, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, 6 appearances on the Today Show, and many more), been on the silver screen with the hit movie, "Jewel of the Nile", and have juggled over the boards at ACT, and Seattle Repertory Theatre and in many plays and shows in theatre's throughout the world.
www.fkb.com

Amy Englehardt

Amy was known for many years as a member of another Northwest Entertainment treasure, The Bobs. She is a nationally known comic singer, musical actress, and composer and lyricist, who performs on the stages of New York City. She will bring her wonderfully and hysterically funny musical whimsy to the stage right here in Anancortes.

Godfrey Daniels

This 8 foot high clown has taken the world by storm as he cavorts on the stage with a 3 foot red ball. Kids and adults go crazy for him as he makes a play for your laughter and emotions.

Joey Pipia

Dellusionist and magician, Joey Pipia, from New York, and now a resident of the Northwest, has performed throughout the country bringing the art of

magic to new heights through not only his skill but also his comedy. Amazement is guaranteed.

Kevin Murphy

Kevin Murphy, a two time Sue C. Boynton winner, has performed with New Old Time Chautauqua, on the Chuckanut Radio Show and has been a featured poet for Village Books. He has published a book of poetry entitled A Beautiful Chaos Demands Energy and recorded poems on CD called Between Onions and Oxygen. Kevin this year released a new CD of poems, "The Bird of Pure Midnight". His poetry is beautiful, accessible, and often hilarious. He is a unique Northwest voice.

Ty Vennewitz

Ty is a combination of comic genius and circus acrobat. With equally incredible control of multiple hoola hoops (used in most unusual ways) or the 7 foot steel circle that is the rou Cyr, Ty will make you gasp and belly laugh at the same time. He is also a member of the rule breaking of Seattle's own Circus Conundrum

Carey Cramer

Carey Cramer talent's as an aerialist are legendary. Powerful, fanciful, graceful, and full of verve she is a master on rope or tissue. She has pushed the boundaries of her art to bring a sense of theatre to her formidable talents. She is also a member of Circus Conundrum.

The Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Chamber Band/Orchestra

This is NOTC's very own high powered Marching Band. This band has powered NOTC's shows and parades for 35 years. The 20+ member band plays everything from marching band standards, to jazz, to cartoon music. It is always a delight as they parade down Main street, onto stage and steal every show!

There will be other artists, surprise visitors as well as well.

A SAMPLE OF NOTC WORKSHOPS FOR 2016 WSP TOUR

Although the Vaudeville show, Community service shows and Parade bring people together, the Workshops present an opportunity for the community to highlight the kinds of things that make it unique and to build strong connections between people.

In the past, host communities have added many topics of local interest including storytelling, language lessons, local skills or histories, flora and fauna, arts and crafts, and more.

Here are just a few descriptions of the over 25+ Workshops for the NOTC 2016 WSP Tour:

Folding the Fitted Sheet

A workshop to musical accompaniment about learning the secrets of folding a t-shirt in two seconds, fitted sheets, pillow cases, pants, short and long sleeved shirts, napkins, and, dare I say it, non-conforming undergarments.

Mask-making

From earliest times, masks have had spiritual and ceremonial significance. How do you and the world feel different when you are wearing a mask? Play with color, line, form, and substance. Come explore the nature of masks and mask making. With simple materials you can create a mask for yourself. Surprise yourself, your friends, and family, and have fun discovering a new you!

Native Healing Foods and Medicine

A walking tour with Donna McKay of the Tlingit Nation to introduce healing foods and medicines derived from local plants including an introduction to methods of preparation and gathering.

Circuit Chautauqua

Come find out about one of the greatest movements in American history. Did you know that a Circuit Chautauqua came to your town 100 years ago? Did you know that everyone at that time waited all year in great anticipation for the biggest gathering of this community on the calendar? In this workshop you will learn how the Chautauquas began and their inner workings.

You will discover that 100 years ago at this time of year your town's streets and homes were transformed as for 6 days Great Speakers, Opera Singers, and Performers came to enthrall and thrill in name of learning and understanding and going by the name, Chautauqua. Appropriate for older kids on up!

Hula Hoops

Everyone gets a turn in this in this group hoop jam and skill sharing workshop. All ages and experience levels are encouraged. A trained teacher will be available to guide you through a dizzying array of tricks or help you master the basics. Don't be left out of the loop in the hooping revolution.

Juggling

One of the most classic, most impressive, and least dangerous circus feats of all! Come learn how to wow your friends, family and random party guests with your newfound skills at the New Old Time Chautauqua's juggling workshop.

Life Behind Barbed Wire

The attack on Pearl Harbor was a surprise military strike conducted by the Imperial Japanese Navy against the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, ordering all persons of Japanese ancestry to be removed from the west coast, creating the mass removal and confinement of over 110,000 men, women and children, the majority of whom were American citizens.

This story is about my mother, Michi Murayama's experience in a Japanese Internment camp in Jerome, Arkansas during World War II. Her words describe what it was like to be an American citizen swept up by the nation's fear, panic and wartime hysteria.

Photographs from our family albums and the National and Smithsonian archives and Michi's award-winning Memory Quilt will illustrate her narrative. Mom was an ordinary person living in extraordinary times.

Perhaps this ordinariness that makes her story compelling and reveals the resilience of the human spirit.

5. FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOTC 2016 WSP TOUR

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