



When We Were Young: Childhood Around the Valley
3rd Annual Heritage Invitational
Opens January 2013 at The Willamette Heritage Center

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WHAT: *When We Were Young: Childhood Around the Valley*
WHEN: Friday, January 18 through Saturday, March 16, 2013
WHERE: 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR 97301
COST: FREE for museum members as well as members of the other participating museums and organizations. WHC admission \$6, adults, \$5 Seniors, \$4.00 Students (with ID) \$3.00 Youth (6 - 17), Children under 5 - Free

What do you know about the lives of children who lived in the Willamette Valley in the past? What kinds of games did they play or chores did they have to do? How did their lives and pastimes compare to yours? What did it even mean to be a "child"?

When We Were Young is the Center's third annual Heritage Invitational, and explores a range of ideas about "childhood," from planting trees after the Tillamook Burn to the role of children in the history of the Good Samaritan School of Nursing; from toys, dolls and games from a by-gone era to the lives of Albany teenagers from the late 1800s through the 1940s.

Participants for *When We Were Young* include: Albany Historic Carousel & Museum, Albany Regional Museum, Bush House Museum, Chemawa Indian School, Historic Deepwood Estate, Forest History Center, Hoover-Minthorn House, Jensen Arctic Museum, Linfield College Archives, Lord & Schryver Conservancy, Oregon State Hospital Museum, Polk County Historical Society, Silverton Country Historical Society, St. Boniface Museum and Archives, and Western Oregon University Archives.

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The Willamette Heritage Center *at The Mill*, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit www.willametteheritage.org.

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