

April 29, 2016

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Re: Fee Waiver Request for William Clark Park

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this formal request to waive the park rental fees for the "Washougal Amazing Race" on September 18th, 2016. This is the second year the race will take place. This race was created to raise money for the Children's Home Society of Washougal. Children's Home Society provides the food for the Hathaway and Gause Backpack Program and is open to give food to families in need all year long, averaging 350 food bags per month.

Last year we were able to donate appx \$3,000 to this program and we'd like to increase that this year. We strive to keep costs to a minimum in efforts to maximize our donation. Many businesses in Washougal contributed their time, resources, and the high school waived any rental fees of their stadium.

We not only intend to raise money, the race was also designed to increase family connectedness and physical activity that is *affordable*. Thus, teams of 2-8 (ages 5+) participate in a 3-4 mile course with 6-8 fun activities/challenges throughout. We are proud to say that we had to cap last year's participants to 285 runners. This year we'd like to extend it to 400 runners.

In order to keep this race affordable for families (\$30/team) we need to keep costs down as we do not want to increase the team entry fee. Waiving this fee would help tremendously as it is our biggest expense. Without this fee waived, we cannot host the race at William Clark Park which is our first choice.

I hope you consider this request and support our efforts to provide food for children in need in our community. If you would like more information about the race, you can visit last year's information at www.racewashougal.com. We do need to move forward rather quickly and the first thing in order is to secure the race course (Start/Finish Line). We really appreciate your understanding. If you could please let me know by May 10th, that would be most appreciative.

Thank you,
Emily Watts
Race Director
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