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2016 Rotary Duck Derby Adoptions Start Saturday at Grants Pass Growers Market

The Duck Derby is back – duck adoptions start Saturday at the Grants Pass Growers Market for the 2016 Rotary Duck Derby. This year’s goal is to build a covered amphitheater at Wildlife Images near Merlin.



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The 4,000 square foot amphitheater would allow youngsters at day camps and on field trips to gather in one place at the wildlife rehabilitation and education center. That hasn’t been possible since a 2012 storm wiped out a previous meeting place.

Family owned and operated
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The amphitheater would be available for use by community groups as well as by visitors to Wildlife Images.

Ducks cost \$10 each and will be available at more than 20 locations in Josephine County. The Duck Derby itself will take place on September 17th at noon, with ducks “racing” on the Rogue River from Baker Park to Riverside Park. The first 14 ducks to reach the finish line earn their owners some valuable prizes.



The grand prize again this year is \$15,000 toward the purchase or lease of a vehicle from one of five Grants Pass auto dealerships.

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In its previous 13 years, the Duck Derby has raised more than \$1.3 million to develop Morrison Centennial Park, build tracks and other athletic facilities at the four public high schools, provide matching funds for a grant to build the Josephine County Food Bank’s new warehouse and to construct teen centers at local Boys & Girls Clubs.

Duck Derby Committee Chairman Dennis Roler said the funded project is always something to benefit local youth and families. He said the motto is “Quackin’ for Kids.”

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