

## **Welcome Email**

**Dear APLD Member,**

The Oregon APLD membership is excited to be hosting the 2009 conference this July. There is SO much to do in Portland....so much to see.....not enough meals in a day!

The Local Site Committee has put together some information to help you in planning your trip and to make your stay in Oregon run smoothly. In the spirit of sustainability, many of these resources are included in this email as links on-line.

Once you're here, we encourage you to take MAX, our light rail, ([trimet.org](http://trimet.org)) to visit Portland's living room, Pioneer Courthouse Square, where you'll find even more materials available at the Visitor's Information Center. We've hand-picked a few items to be included in your APLD Conference 'welcome bags', which will be available at the hotel.

### **Transportation**

To get from the airport (PDX) to the Crowne Plaza Hotel there is a free shuttle that operates from 7AM to 11PM. It takes about 15 minutes once you call from the airport (503. 233.2401)

One can also take MAX Red Line ([trimet.org](http://trimet.org)) from the airport to the Convention Center Station which is a 4 blocks walk from Crowne Plaza. The MAX fare is \$2.30. It runs from the airport about every 10-15 minutes between 4:30AM and midnight. Also, you can ask for a hotel shuttle (503. 233.2401) to pick you up from the Convention Center Station.

Other public transportation in and around Portland;  
TriMet includes MAX and buses.  
503. 238.RIDE  
[trimet.org](http://trimet.org)

The Portland Streetcar is a separate business.  
503. 823.2900  
[portlandstreetcar.org](http://portlandstreetcar.org)

## Bicycles

The Crowne Plaza has 5 bicycles (with locks and helmets) to borrow.

## Bike rentals nearby

Veloce Bicycles (Eastside) 503. 234. 8400

Waterfront Bicycles (Westside) 503. 227. 1719

## **Local Resources near the hotel**

### Cameras and Film

Citizen's Photo

709 SE 7th Avenue

503. 232.8501

[citizensphoto.com](http://citizensphoto.com)

### Computer Equipment

MacForce

100 SE Salmon Street

503. 231.7707

Old Town Computers (PC)

115 NW 5th Avenue

503. 432. 9157

### Drugstore

Walgreen's

1620 NE Grand Avenue

503. 403. 2715

### Clothing

Downtown Department Stores

Macy's

Nordstrom's

### Office Supply

Paper Zone

1136 SE Grand Avenue

503. 233.2933

Arvey's

1005 SE Grand Avenue

503. 231. 5600

### FedEx

1605 NE 7th

503. 284. 2129

## Links

[www.travelportland.com](http://www.travelportland.com) (excellent all purpose)  
[www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org) (bus and lightrail)  
[www.portlandstreetcar.org](http://www.portlandstreetcar.org)  
[www.yamhillvalley.org](http://www.yamhillvalley.org) (wine)  
[www.cannonbeach.org](http://www.cannonbeach.org)  
[www.visittheoregoncoast.com](http://www.visittheoregoncoast.com)  
[www.oregonlive.com](http://www.oregonlive.com) (local news and events)  
[www.powellsbooks.com](http://www.powellsbooks.com)  
[www.oregongarden.org](http://www.oregongarden.org)  
[www.oregonwine.org](http://www.oregonwine.org)

## **Reading Material: a list of books to get you in the mood:**

### Novels

Snow Falling on Cedars David Guterson  
Sometimes a Great Notion Ken Kesey  
The River Why David Duncan  
Fight Club C. Palahniuk  
Wild Life Molly Gloss  
Reading Portland: The City in Prose Trombold and Donahue  
Lathe of Heaven Ursula Le Guin  
Ramona books by Beverly Cleary (children's)

### Poetry

William Stafford, poet laureate of Oregon  
Mountains and Rivers Without End, Left Out in the Rain  
Gary Snyder

### Non-fiction

Voyage of a Summer Sun: Canoeing the Columbia River  
Robin Cody  
Eat. Shop. Portland Kaie Wellman

## **Gardens in and Around Portland not included in conference:**

Elk Rock- The Bishop's Close  
[www.diocese-oregon.org](http://www.diocese-oregon.org)

The Oregon Garden  
[www.oregongarden.org](http://www.oregongarden.org)

## **Other Places Not to Miss**

Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood (included in the post conference)  
[www.timberlinelodge.com](http://www.timberlinelodge.com)

There are many neighborhood Farm Markets in the Portland area worth visiting. Ask us for more information.

From Portland, it is only a short ride to find snow on Mt. Hood, go for a hike in the rain forest, or for a walk along the beach. Our Summer weather is normally dry with temps in the 70's and 80's, but evenings can be cool, so bring appropriate layered attire.

We hope to see you in July and look forward to sharing the Oregon Experience with you,

**Barbara Simon and Linda Engstrom,  
Local Site Amenities Co-chairs**