Westwind

Reed Alum beach & feast

*A weekend at one of Oregon's most beautiful—and secluded—beaches*

From the early '60s through the early '90s, Reedies spent a weekend in the fall enjoying surf, sand, the talent show, green eggs and ham, and the unique setting that is Camp Westwind on the Oregon coast. The Portland alumni chapter has revived the tradition and invites you to join us this year on **September 29**- **October 1, 2006** for our fifth-annual trip to the beach.

The cost includes food, lodging, and round-trip transportation from Reed. A limited number of reduced rate spaces are available for kitchen crew people; please contact Johanna Colgrove '92 at turner@alumni.reed.edu or 503/775-3032.

Fees are on p. 4.

**COME TO WESTWIND FOR BEACHES, FOOD, SOLITUDE OR COMPANIONSHIP**

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ECSTASY X 6: THE RECIPE

Some years ago, a Reed College student, no doubt as hungry as college students usually are, ate one of these bars and said, “that’s ecstasy.” A much better name, really, than their original title of Chocolate Chip-Oatmeal Bars.

- 6 c butter
- 4 c granulated sugar
- 4 c brown sugar
- 12 eggs
- 1/4 c vanilla
- 6 c flour
- 2 T baking powder
- 1 T salt
- 2 T cinnamon
- 1 T nutmeg
- 12 c quick cooking oats
- 6 c chocolate chips
- 1 c raisins

Beat together butter, sugars, eggs & vanilla in stand mixer.

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon & nutmeg. (Does anyone really sift?). Stir together with butter mixture. Add and stir: oats, chocolate chips, and raisins.

Line pans with parchment paper. Spread in equivalent of 6 ungreased 9 x 13 pans.

Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool and cut into bars. Don’t overbake or the bars will be dry. The top should look slightly squishy or soft when the bars are done.

THE CABINS ARE PRETTY BASIC... EXCEPT FOR THE VIEW

Climb high for an ocean view, or grab a cabin close to the kitchen if you have little ones to tote.

This is from whence the deer and other fauna emerge.

The bunks... quite comfortable if you grab two mattresses.

The close-in cabins tend to be shared, but if you want privacy, there are plenty of ‘free’ cabins hidden up in the woods.

At the 2005 Westwind, 1,872 square inches of Ecstasy were wolfed down by Reedies and their loved ones in a very short period of time... to say nothing of the quaffing of four cases of wine.

Above: Jason at the stove.
Below: Ecstasy
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WESTWIND

Q. Do I have to be stuck with my kids the whole time?

A. No. We drag along some victims who will do some fairly well-organized activities (within Reedesque parameters of organization) for your kids while you do... whatever.

Q. Will there be high-speed Internet access so I can check my stocks every 4 minutes?

A. Um, yeah. Sure. Sure there will be. Really good Internet access. Made of, um, wood. And squirrel parts. And a mixture of butter and old dental floss.

Westwind is an opportunity to get away from it all... even from Wikipedia. After a short time in the idyllic splendor of the Oregon coast, you won’t care that your shares of CheckersExperts.com have plummeted faster than a lead-filled toy donkey.

Q. How about cell phone access?

A. Coverage is spotty, but it exists. However, by the time they ferry the pizza over, it'll be cold, so it’s not worth calling. And you have to catch your own anchovies.

Q. Will it rain?

A. It might. This is Oregon, after all, where rain pre-dates continental drift. However, some Westwinds have been quite sunny, even hot. One year it got so warm that people were tanning in their sleeping bags. Best to dress for cool and wet, but bring that tank top along.

Q. Will I know anyone there?

A. Maybe not at the beginning, but by the end you're likely to have made some lasting friendships. Even if your friendships only last as far as the boat ramp, hey, that counts for something. Maybe someone will dive into the river and rescue your underpants before they float out to the Pacific.

Q. Do I have to help out?

A. Not all the time, but, yes, Westwind is a cooperative vacation. That means helping with a meal or two and tidying the place up before leaving. It’s not that much, and it’s fun to pitch in with others. And, perhaps, if you pull a thorn from a lion’s paw, it will recognize you years later when you’re being used as entertainment at a Roman festival, and refuse to eat you. It’s rare, but it could happen.

Some people sign up to work in the kitchen. This means they help prepare all the meals. In return, they get a discount on their admission; plus, they’re closer to the chocolate chips.

Q. What kind of entertainment is there?

A. Plenty! There’s a talent show, which involves everything from joke-telling to juggling to demonstrating the right way to hold a spatula (by the handle, as it turns out). Lots of folks bring guitars and other musical instruments, and there are many board games and toys for kids. There’s also great hiking trails and a spectacular beach for those who prefer to go outside and get all covered with nitrogen.

Q. I’m a misanthrope. What’s there for me?

A. There’re plenty of hiking trails for going off on your own. You can always sit in your cabin and brood until dinnertime. And if you want to go into a closet and mutter about not being chosen to be a crossing guard in fourth grade, no one will stop you. But you’ll be missing out on some great people and great times. You may also find you’re accidentally standing in a pail of Pine-Sol.

Balmy weather at the 2004 Westwind in November!
Welcome Snack
Ginger bread
Ecstasy Cookies
Various Spreads and Pita
Fruit: apples, oranges, bananas
Baby Carrots
Chips: corn and potato and pretzels
Salsa

Snacks 4:00
S’mores

Dinner
Penne or Polenta
Bolognese Sauce
Artichoke Heart Provencal Sauce
Garlic Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Caesar Salad (cheese on the side)
Apricot Jam Tart w/Whipped Cream

Sunday:
Frittata with Mushrooms, Leeks & Cheese or smoked salmon
Granny Buns
Oatmeal with Raisins and Pecans
Gruyere Herb Scones
Warm fruit
Cold Cereal

Brown Bag
Empanadas
PB&J Sandwiches
Cheese Sticks
Small Bags of chips
Whole fruit

Through September 10
$130 adults
$95 for kids 3-10 (children 2 and under are free)
$95 for crew

After September 10
$180 for adults
$145 for kids

Partners and children are welcome to attend this event.

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Snippets
SOME, VERY FEW, ARE fashion conscious.
We thank Renata for being the exception.

EVEN IN OCTOBER
Even in October, the beach is beautiful. A little rain, a little sun, and lots of company or solitude as your soul requires.

THE BEACH IS SECLUDED
We love the Oregon Beach Law, but it is still nice to have a secluded beach.... so very, very nice.