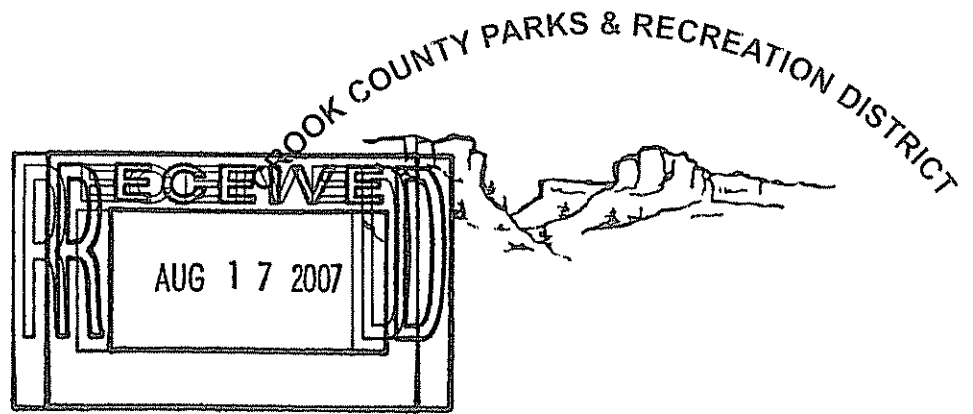


August 15, 2007

Robb Corbett
387 NE Third
Prineville, OR 97754



Dear Robb:

I am writing to request financial assistance for the Santa Workshop program. The date for this year's program is November 17th. If you are not familiar with Santa's Workshop it is a program designed to give children age 3 through 9 a chance to make Christmas presents for their family and friends. Our goals are as follows: the program is affordable to all, the children can make as many gifts as time and energy allows, and that we turn no child away due to running out of supplies.

Parks staff and volunteers spend countless hours preparing the projects to a point that the children can finish them virtually by themselves with little help from an adult. We have between 20 and 25 projects that the children can choose from. If a child desires they can make a Christmas present for each of their loved ones.

Over 80 young people from the honor society of the High School and Junior High as well as Mtn. Bachelor Academy help the day of the event manning the booths and showing the children how to complete the projects. We normally have between 300 and 400 children attending plus we require parents to stay. It is a very busy but fun day.

We have offered this program to the children of Crook County since 1993, and have never raised the cost (only \$3.00 per child). As you can well imagine the price of supplies have been on a continual climb. All monies brought in by the fee go toward supplies, but never seem to cover the expenses. Also, in the beginning we were able to use Crooked River Gym at no cost, but grew out of that facility. We now rent Carey Foster Hall which last year ran \$300.00.

I am requesting \$400.00 to help cover costs for this project. If you would like me to give a presentation to City Council just let me know a date and time. I have hundreds of pictures of past years that I would be glad to share.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Searcy
Business Manager