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Mission Mill's "Teen Interpretive Program" participants look to bowl their way to Bend, Oregon

SALEM, ORE. — Mission Mill Museum's Teen Interpretive Program will hold a fundraising bowl-a-thon event at Town & Country Lanes in Keizer on July 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Money raised will go to towards the program and a trip to the nationally acclaimed High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon where the students will have the opportunity to experience professional living history programs.

Inspiration and community support are important elements for young students when they are learning history. Local youths are keeping Oregon history alive through Mission Mill's Teen Interpretive Program; designed to introduce young students to history by teaching them how to perform living history, researching historical characters and demonstrating crafts.

In addition to the bowl-a-thon, the fundraising event will include Living History Day, time period musicians, kid's craft table, cartoon portraits, time period food, Nintendo Wii bowling, games and more! A \$10 bowling package consisting of 3 bowling games, shoe rental, and a 12oz soda will be offered for individuals not participating in the bowl-a-thon. Email reservations or questions to Mardi Smith at mardi.smith@gmail.com.

The bowl-a-thon will be take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the living history performance will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., as historical characters from Mission Mill will be interpreted by participants of the Teen Interpretive Program.

One hundred percent of sponsor/pledge monies goes to Mission Mill's Teen Interpretive Program. Current sponsors include: Interpretative Exhibits, Crowell Ing LLP, Spirit Halloween Store and Town & Country Lanes. For sponsor and pledge forms, contact Jennifer Senner at jennifers@missionmill.org.

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