

Salem-area breweries join state-wide tours Saturday

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Zwickelman: Oregon Brewery Tour gives those 21 and older a chance to scope out behind-the-scenes at participating breweries, including Santiam Brewing.

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When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

Participating breweries: Gilgamesh Brewing, 2065 Madrona Ave. SE; Ram Restaurant & Brewery, 515 12th St. SE; Santiam Brewing, 2544 SE 19th St. SE; Salem Ale Works, 2027 25th St. SE; Thompson Brewery & Public House, 3575 Liberty Rd. S; and Vagabond Brewing, 2195 Hyacinth St. NE, Suite 164

Cost: Free

Information: (503) 559-0044

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If you like beer, then Zwickelman: Oregon Brewery Tour is for you.

The statewide event, which dubs itself “a once-a-year backstage pass to tour Oregon’s breweries,” will include six Salem-area breweries.

During the event, dozens of Oregon breweries and brewpubs open their doors, giving visitors a chance to tour the breweries, meet the brewers and sample their favorite beers.

“Zwickelmanias is a great opportunity to taste beers where they were produced and talk to the brewers who created them,” Santiam Brewing Company’s Matt Killikelly said.

Participating Salem-area breweries include Gilgamesh Brewing, McMenamins Thompson House, The Ram Restaurant & Brewery, Salem Ale Works, Santiam Brewing Company and Vagabond Brewing.

AleWays Premier Brewery Tours bus will offer a complimentary shuttle that will travel between the six locations throughout the day. The first pick up is at 11:45 a.m. at Santiam Brewing Company. The bus will run on an hourly rotation until approximately 9 p.m. as there are extended hours at some breweries. There is ample parking at Santiam Brewing to park and ride. No registration is necessary. Adults 21 and older are welcome to ride.

Visitors are encouraged to share photos of their experience on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #Zwickel14.

The tours are organized in seven regions: Central Oregon, The Coast, Eastern Oregon, Mount Hood/The Gorge, Portland Metro, Southern Oregon and Willamette Valley. For shuttle schedules for all regions, how to participate and event details, go to oregonbeer.org/zwickelmanias.

— Carlee Wright