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**Creswell's Project Playground Plans 2006 Run/Walk Fundraiser**

CRESWELL, OREGON--Project Playground's final fundraiser, the 2006 Run for the Park 8k/5k family run/walk, will kick into gear on Saturday, July 15, at 8 a.m.

This year's event, sponsored by BiMart and Foster Farms, among a host of others, will again wind through scenic country roads in Creswell and traverse a chunk of Creswell's historic main street, Oregon Avenue. Entrants have several options, choosing either the 5k or the 8k course to run or walk. Both routes are paved, and children under 5 can enter for free with a paying companion. All paying entrants receive a commemorative T-shirt and a finish time, and division winners and overall male and female winners in each distance category will receive awards. A prize drawing will be held, and refreshments will be available at the event. Local entertainment will also be provided.

All proceeds benefit Creswell's Project Playground, organized by a group of Creswell moms raising funds for new playground equipment at Creswell's city park, Holt Memorial Park. Last year's event raised nearly \$8,000 for the project, with 169 participants, nearly half from Creswell. The group anticipates an even higher turnout this year.

"We are finalizing plans to build the playground this fall, and we would love to double last year's Creswell participation to show support for our cause," says Project Playground committee member Monica Marquess. She says she hopes the race will continue as an annual event to benefit Creswell causes.

Entrants can register online through [www.goodrace.com](http://www.goodrace.com), or in person at several locations. In Creswell, at City Hall and The Natural Path; in Eugene at the Eugene Running Company (116 Oakway Center), The Step Beyond (3365 E. Amazon), and Run Pro Inc. (525 High St.). Fliers are available in many Creswell locations, including Ray's, and can also be downloaded from the Project Playground Web site: <http://home.centurytel.net/playground>.

Volunteers of all abilities are still needed for the event. Interested parties are encouraged to call Monica at 895-4112 or e-mail [playground@centurytel.net](mailto:playground@centurytel.net) for more information about the event or about Project Playground. The Web site also contains detailed information about the project.

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