

# Trout Lake Fair Offers Potluck and Parade

- ▶ **August 5:** Community Potluck Social at the Elk Meadows RV park, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come and have grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. People attending with last names A-K bring your favorite side dish; names L-Z bring your favorite desserts. Grab a blanket and a couple of chairs and meet us under the trees with the backdrop of Mount Adams for a wonderful evening of good food and great entertainment! Mark this date on your calendar to begin a fun-filled weekend at the Trout Lake Fair.
- ▶ **August 6:** Fair activities start early with the Fireman’s Breakfast at Trout Lake School, 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and car wash. At Jonah Ministries, get ready early for the 5K/10K run and one-mile fun run. Shop at the Saturday Market at the grange and get ready for the parade at 11 a.m. Follow the parade through town to Jonah Ministries to the Trout Lake Fair exhibits, family games, bounce house, food booths, zip line, timber carnival, bungee run, climbing wall, pet show and a baking contest. Trout Lake Community Foundation will host a silent auction for scholarships in the afternoon, followed by an auction of baked goods. There also will be a firewood, gravel and quilt raffle. A stargazing event at Trout Lake School will be held in the evening.
- ▶ **August 7:** Community church service at Jonah Ministries, 11 a.m.

*If you want to help with the fair, contact Ray Thygesen at (509) 395-2318.*

**A community parade is a popular attraction at the annual Trout Lake Fair.**



# Mark of Safety Identifies Quality Electronics

You probably have seen the UL mark on a number of products. Illinois-based Underwriters Laboratories is the leading third-party certification organization in the United States and North America. As a not-for-profit product safety testing and certification organization, UL has been evaluating products in the interest of public safety since 1894.

The UL mark means samples of the product meet safety requirements, primarily based on UL’s published standards.

The mark can be found on appliances and computer equipment, furnaces and heaters, fuses, electrical panelboards, smoke detectors, life jackets, bullet-resistant glass and thousands of other products.

To determine if a product is certified by UL, look for the mark on the product, not the packaging or store display.



An example of UL certification are surge protectors. When buying a surge protector, look for these features:

- UL 1449 listing and the term “Transient Voltage Surge Suppressor.” The UL 1449 standard changed in 1998, so check old surge suppressors to make sure they still comply.
  - An indicator light or some other feature is needed to show whether the device has experienced a power spike. If the light is out, the suppressor no longer works properly and should be replaced.
- Voltage suppression of 330 volts per UL standards. Higher voltage ratings give less protection. Ratings of 400 can be found on cheaper, less effective devices.
  - Make sure any manufacturer insurance guarantees cover the cost of replacing damaged equipment. ■