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Gorge Games open Friday

With the fun, expect to see street closures, entry fees, restricted access

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Whether the Gorge Games draws a huge crowd or more modest numbers, the event will bring with it some logistical changes for the coming weekend.

The sports-heavy event returns to the region Thursday after a four-year hiatus.

While the Hood River Adventure and Athletes villages won't be set up until Friday, and open Saturday, events begin Thursday with kite board racing set for Hood River and the 505 North

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Photo by Sean Trew, Pacific Fog

SAILORS hike out to balance their boat against a stiff breeze during the WIND Youth Regatta held in Cascade Locks July 12-13. The 505 North American Sailing championships, part of the Gorge Games lineup, start on Thursday.

THE BASICS

What: Gorge Games

When: July 17-20

Where: Based in Hood River, sites around Gorge.

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General info and tickets:
www.gorgegames.com;
www.ticketwest.com

Full schedule: Gorge Games Guides are available at Hood River News, 419 State St., across from Hood River Library.

Admission: Four-day wristband — \$35.

Saturday-Sunday pass — \$20.

Thursday Friday pass — \$15

Shuttle service — bus service is provided with paid admission from Adventure Village and Athlete's Village to the competition sites.

Gorge Games Inside:

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Photo by Ben McCarty

GORGE GAME

Colin Godkin of Team Full Sail hoists the kayak on the pedestrian path under Interstate 84 Sunday as his Urban Adventure race teammates Leslie Nies and Cyndi Howley run behind. Twenty teams competed in the three-hour race involving bike trail riding, rappelling, running, the stair climb, and kayaking. At left, sailors compete on the Columbia between Cascade Locks and Stevenson Sunday.

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