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# Residents Study Clackamas County Tourism Development Council July 2006



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### Introduction

This report summarizes the results of a telephone survey conducted in June of Clackamas County, Oregon residents who had visiting friends and relatives (VFRs) within the past 12 months. The primary purpose of this study was to create a profile of resident influence upon VFRs, assessing various trip characteristics and to determine means to educate and market to residents about activities available in Clackamas County. Key points explored include:

- Key VFR themes that resonate most with residents.
- Thoughts, perceptions and motivations regarding events and attractions.
- The decision making process for the VFR market.
- Areas of improvement within the county to attract the VFR market.
- Clackamas County events and attractions offerings.
- Proposed marketing promotions.

### Methodology

BNResearch conducted telephone interviews with Clackamas County residents who had visiting friends and relatives within the past 12 months. The telephone survey approach allowed for greater control of quotas, efficient collection of data, and higher levels of quality control.

403 residents were interviewed from June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006. A sample of this size gave us reliable information regarding residents' awareness, behavior and attitudes regarding the VFR market and enabled segmentation and analysis of urban versus rural residential data.

Urban/Suburban – 72%		R	ural – 28%
Clackamas	Oregon City	Beavercreek	Government Camp
Gladstone	West Linn	Boring	Molalla
Lake Oswego	Wilsonville	Brightwood	Mulino
Milwaukie		Canby	Rhododendron
		Colton	Sandy
		Eagle Creek	Welches
		Estacada	Zigzag

For residents who had more than one VFR party in the past 12 months, one random party was selected to ask questions about so we could sample a cross section of visitors across all seasons. In addition, some survey questions were asked of all VFR parties within the past 12 months.

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### **Executive Summary**

#### **Resident Profile**

Clackamas County resident demographics were gathered to better understand who the Clackamas County Tourism Development Council can market to.

Resident Demo Profile	
Median Age ~51	

**Median Income** 

Clackamas Co Residency	
<1 year	4%
1-5 years	17%
5-10 years	14%
10-20 years	23%
>20 years	40%

Residents with VFRs are a bit older, have higher income, and have lived in Clackamas County longer than the general population.

#### **Visiting Friends and Relatives Demographics**

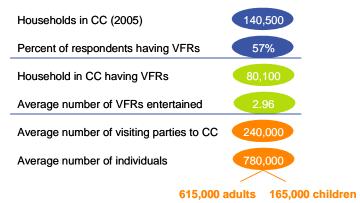
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There were roughly 240,000 VFR parties staying in Clackamas County within the past 12 months.

These parties were composed of 780,000 individuals: 615,000 adults and 165,000 children. This is a very substantial segment.

Guests visit frequently and return often.
77% of VFRs visit at least once a year (18% visit at least once every 2-10+ years) and
80% have traveled to visit residents
specifically, rather than for some other
activity. Only 6% of VFRs were first time

Frequencies of Visiting Friends and Relatives (within the past 12 months)



visitors and .0025% (1 out of 400) VFRs were once in a lifetime visitors.

Guest visits are evenly dispersed throughout the year. VFRs overwhelmingly stay overnight (88%)

or longer. Their choice of lodging is usually the resident's home (86%), while 8% stayed at a hotel or motel, 6% staying at someone else's home and 2% staying at an alternative venue (campgrounds, etc.).

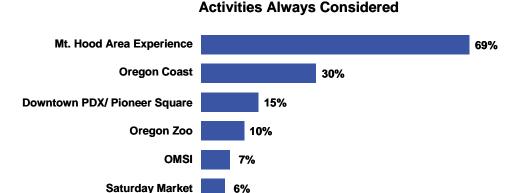
For 55% of VFRs who stayed in hotels or motels, the resident they visited recommended the place to stay, either independently or jointly with the visiting party.

Seasonal V	isits
Winter	28%
Spring	28%
Summer	25%
Fall	19%



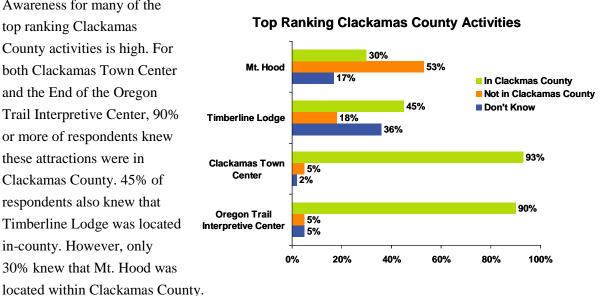
#### **Residents as Ambassadors**

Residents have a strong influence on VFR activities. 85% of residents polled indicated that they either planned on their own or through cooperation with VFRs what to do during the visiting party's trip. Based on VFR projections, this equates into over 650,000 VFRs who let residents help guide their recreational choices.



The majority of residents often consider the "Mt. Hood Area Experience" as part of their recreational choice. Encompassing Mt. Hood, Clackamas Town Center, Timberline Lodge, Multnomah Falls and the Columbia Gorge, the "Mt. Hood Area Experience" accounted for 69% of all activities considered by residents when friends and family visit. The Oregon Coast is the next destination for 30% of residents, followed by downtown Portland and Pioneer Courthouse Square (15%), the Oregon Zoo (10%), OMSI (7%) and Saturday Market (6%).

Awareness for many of the top ranking Clackamas County activities is high. For both Clackamas Town Center and the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, 90% or more of respondents knew these attractions were in Clackamas County. 45% of respondents also knew that Timberline Lodge was located in-county. However, only 30% knew that Mt. Hood was



Respondents were very satisfied with all activities they engaged in within the county, giving an average rating of 4.3 on a 5-point scale, where 1=extremely dissatisfied and 5=extremely satisfied.



There are a variety of restaurants recalled by respondents, with 57% listing a diverse assortment of dining options other than the top five most recalled restaurants.

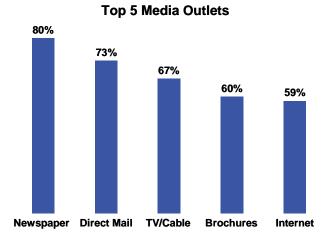
#### **Most Recalled Restaurants**



#### Where Residents Get Their Information

When it comes to how Clackamas County residents want to be informed about specific county events and activities, 80% rank newspapers as their primary choice, followed by direct mail (73%), TV/ cable (67%), brochures (60%) and the Internet (59%). 54% of residents also indicate that discount coupons influence their decision to go to events and attractions.

Regarding "Mt. Hood Territory", 41% of residents polled say they recall an



advertisement or hearing information about the brand. Of those that remember an ad, 54% say they recall the information from newspapers and 47% say they remember it from TV/cable. The Oregonian is the primary newspaper recalled with Mt. Hood Territory advertisements (34%) and Channel 8 (KGW) is the primary TV/cable station residents remember (12%).

#### **Study Overview**

This study confirms that residents definitely have influence upon visiting friends and relatives. Both lodging and activity choices are influenced either directly or in cooperation with residents. The impact residents have is amplified by the estimated 780,000 visiting friends and relatives within the past 12 months traveling to Clackamas County. CCTDC can reach a notable percent of the VFR segment by marketing to and educating residents.

The most significant activity (or group of activities) residents consider revolves around the "Mt. Hood Area Experience". 69% of residents always consider the experience when entertaining VFRs. Together with CCTDC's recent Mt. Hood Territory advertisement campaign, resident knowledge and awareness of the "Mt. Hood Area Experience" is positive.

Data gathered for this study is consistent across all demographic segments with no segment preferring specific activities over another.

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00151	Oregon Symphony and ballet in Portland.
00230	Mt. St. Helens
00392	Chinese Gardens
00500	Sports
00519	Mt. St. Helens
00524	Oaks Park
00559	Chinese Gardens in downtown Portland
00644	Mt. St. Helens
00713	Tony's Fish Market
00992	East Moreland Golf Course
00993	Play cards.
01091	Mt. St. Helens
01163	Chinatown
01317	Fish hatchery
01339	Jazz Festival
01485	A play at Molalla High School, as well as a Christmas function at same place.
01488	Golfing
01796	The Cascades
01802	Lake Oswego events
01849	Mt Hood Jazz Festival
01862	Harvey's Comedy Club
01868	Stone Creek Golf Course
02046	Sunriver
02182	Skamania Lodge
02201	Scenic Highway. Fish Hatchery.

02750	Fishing
02922	The clubs.
02959	Mulino Golf Course
02986	Hawthorne
03081	The school play of one of the grandkids.
03190	Salmon fishing and seeing the Lion King at Keller Auditorium.
03238 City.	NW Children's Theater, Stone Creek Golf Course, Keller Auditorium. Hill Top Nine in Oregon
03312	Shady Dell Trolley
03393	Skamania Lodge
03517	West Linn Library
03528	Forest Grove
03627	Pittock Mansion, Northwest Portland, Detroit Lake
03707	Stockcar racing
03745	Lake Chinook
03756	Fishing, gun shows, antique shows.
03849	Chinese Gardens
03906	Pittock Mansion
04111	Religious things locally.
04205	Steven Crawford's Historical House
04209	Eastern Oregon, in Madras.
04396	Concerts
04439	Rockwood Bowling
04489	Woodburn Drag Strip
04553	Molalla. Silverton Gardens.
04758	Faraday Lake
04950	Pittock Mansion

05094	Chinese Garden
05118	Hiking and the falls in Brightwood, Oregon.
05166	Oktoberfest. Sandy Mountain Festival.
05318	Hawthorne. Pearl District.
05444	Charleston, Oregon. Christmas Garden. Fish hatchery.
05951	Chinese Garden
06216	Mt. St. Helens
06690	The kid's course.
06743	Picnics. Plays.
06790	Pittock Mansion
06863	Family activities.
06987	Silverton.
07071	Camping
07197	Crater Lake
07287	Timothy Lake
07579	Wooden Shoe Dahlia Garden
07628	Pittock Mansion
07787	Oregon Interpretive Center
08322	Wineries, mountains, and Portland.
08398	Silverton Falls
08420	Kid's games
08658	The Grotto
09337	Mt. St. Helens
09365	Hawthorne and NW 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
09461	Safari Sam's
09509	Portland waterfront, Working Wonders, Enchanted Forest.
10242	Rodeo. Calf roping.

11194	Woodburn
11394	Visiting Canby, Molalla, Detroit Lake.
11526	Portland Raceway. The Grotto. Portland Center Stage to see plays. Sternwheeler.
11571	Aquarium
11848	Oregon Trail
11876	Visiting relatives here, or going hiking.

# Q1B. Which events, activities and places did you do and see the last time you had out of town visitors?

00047	Wildlife Safari in Medford.
00151	Wine tasting.
00161	We went to a concert.
00202	Visited old-growth forest
00465	Drove around Portland.
00500	Little League baseball and high school softball.
00519	Mt. St. Helens
00524	Oaks Park.
00527	We visited family.
00836	The Carnegie Center
00887	Dundee. Eugene.
00992	We went to Salem and had a picnic.
01027	Tri-On Funds, which is a community of people that puts on shows.
01160	VFW, which is a members only club.
01297	Corvallis
01310	The Oregon Historical Railroad Center
01339	The jazz festival.
01485	We played at Molalla High School.
01488	Golf.
01538	Plant and Flower Show. Clackamas County Fair.
01796	Mt. St. Helens
01862	Wordstock
01868	Stone Creek Golf Course
01990	We went to a wedding
02201	Fish hatchery.
02674	St. Helens
02874	Concert at Roseland.

# Q1B. Which events, activities and places did you do and see the last time you had out of town visitors?

02922	Skiing. Concerts.
02927	Birthday party.
03081	School play.
03190	Fishing and plays.
03220	Bonneville Dam
03279	Winery. Crater Lake.
03407	Roseland and Tonic Lounge.
03528	Downtown Lake Oswego.
03534	Church.
03745	Bowling group in Wilsonville.
03756	Fishing
03762	My son and his girlfriend hiked, but I'm not sure where.
03860	Church event.
04205	Steven Crawford's house.
04439	Rockwood Bowling
04459	A model train in NE Portland.
04489	Woodburn Drag Strip.
04826	Weddings and birthdays.
04994	First Friday in Silverton. Aurora.
05094	Chinese Garden
05166	Oktoberfest and Sandy Mountain Festival.
05216	Peacock Lane
05318	Bike rides.
05410	Ollalie Lake
05519	We went to listen to music.
05534	NW 23 <sup>rd</sup>

# Q1B. Which events, activities and places did you do and see the last time you had out of town visitors?

05782	The Grotto and Enchanted Forest.
05951	Christmas Ships on the river.
06151	Wine tasting.
06216	St. Helens
06350	The Molalla Corridor
06547	Portland Theater for the Performing Arts
06578	Lakes
06745	High school play (Jesus Christ Superstar).
06863	We went to a wedding.
06864	We went fishing on the Willamette.
07071	Camping
07512	Iris Gardens.
07628	Pittock Mansion
07697	Long Beach, Washington
07918	Clackamas County Fair
08155	Master Gardener convention at the Red Lion.
08322	Winery.
08393	A wedding.
08837	Wine tasting in Dundee.
08925	Hood River
08954	Mt. St. Helens
09343	We drove through Canby.
10519	Rockwood Bowling.
11107	Lake Oswego Train.
11152	Car show in Estacada.
11376	We went and saw friends in the Willamette Valley. We went down by Salem. I used to live there.
11526	We went to Portland Center Stage to see a play.

## Q1B. Which events, activities and places did you do and see the last time you had out of town visitors?

11565 Live theatre in downtown Portland.

11848 Oregon Trail

11859 Football game. Baseball game.

00161	Mazu. Cooperstown.
00289	Juan Colorado. Cheesecake Factory.
00325	Benihana's
00359	Hong Kong 97
00392	Gubanc's. Sanjo. Lady Di's
00446	Calamity Jane. Tollgate Inn.
00486	The Brewery. Marcum.
00500	Takahashi
00524	Pho Van on 82 <sup>nd</sup> Ave.
00527	Waight's Bar and Grill in downtown Portland.
00535	Mt. Hood.
00559	Higgins. Clarke Lewis Restaurant in Portland.
00578	Suberious. High Spoon.
00644	The Bomber. Stuart Anderson's.
00742	Silver Grill
00807	Beesaw's
00832	Noble House at John's Landing
00836	Super-Tora
00887	Linn City Pub
00980	Rose and Raindrop. Aranawanda.
00982	Small local places.
00992	Tebo's.
00993	Redland Cafe
01000	Stanley's Corner in Gladstone.
01027	Main Street Cafe in Oregon City.
01076	Walk Inn in Wilsonville.
01080	Country Bills

01091	La Costita
01160	Ringside
01173	The Blue Hour. Clark Lewis.
01258	Best Buffet
01268	Huber's and The Montage.
01269	Salty's
01278	Calamity Jane's in Sandy. Asia Kitchen in Gresham.
01339	Bob's Red Mill. Pastini's. Tully's.
01467	Wild Hair. Steven's Grill.
01488	Macaroni Grill.
01635	Thai Villa
01692	Season and Regions. Acadia.
01695	Original Pancake House
01786	Bob's Red Mill
01849	Mickey Finn's
01862	Baja Peruvian.
01868	The Wichita. Rotters.
01892	Stuart Anderson's
01934	La Costita
01950	Wichita Pub
02038	Rigoberto's.
02111	Vinotopia in Vancouver.
02146	El Gaucho
02201	Red Baron
02273	Typhoon
02302	Papa Murphy's
02320	Red Robin in Clackamas Town Center.

02323	Jaretto's
02326	La Bamba in Sandy.
02332	Todai.
02418	Old Town Buffet
02454	Thai Village
02636	Taco Bell, McDonald's, KFC, Subway.
02702	Round Table Pizza
02733	Macaroni Grill
02750	Terry's. Happy Chinese. Markham Inn.
02766	Yoko's, Patty's, Higgins.
02768	Taco Loco, Round Table on McLaughlin and Kell's in Portland.
02826	Ringside
02843	Giuseppe's in Gresham
02861	La Hacienda. Extapas.
02865	California Pizza Kitchen
02874	Ringside
02986	Manzinetta's in Lake Oswego.
03054	Charthouse
03071	Thai Mango
03209	California Pizza Kitchen. Buffalo Gap Saloon in Multnomah County.
03220	Binn's
03225	Takahashi
03312	Mia Sandwich Shoppe in Molalla. El Trido in Molalla.
03361	Arroline Thai Food
03383	Stark Street Pizza
03393	Flast in Lake Oswego.
03407	Windermere. Berlin Inn.

03425	Sushi Takahashi
03472	Top of the Hill in Canby. Tacho's in Oregon City.
03528	Oyster Bar
03534	Tollgate in Sandy
03637	Opa. The Simpatico Dining Hall. Higgins.
03738	Tad's. Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.
03756	Canby Pub and Grill. Jimmy Ho's Pizza.
03815	Imperial Garden.
03849	Higgins
03862	Morton's. Melting Pot.
03906	Chris Steak House. Benson Hotel.
04071	Got Curry?. Sushi Land in the Clackamas Promenade. Poki's in Oregon City.
04166	Guilt Club. Pin Tal Restaurant.
04205	Burrito place on Washington Street. It's a hole in the wall Mexican place.
04209	Tebo's and the Golden Globe.
04377	Tacho's in Oregon City.
04396	Montage. Gubanc's.
04446	Hayden's on the lake in Tualatin.
04489	Marquain
04517	Mexican restaurant in West Linn.
04532	Gino's in Sellwood. Pastini in Portland. Three Doors Down in Portland.
04553	Arrowhead Golf Club called The Homestead. Hoffman House Restaurant.
04793	Shorewood in Oregon City.
04826	Giuseppe's
04898	Caprios. Bob's Red Mill. Happy Cafe.
04962	London Grill
04994	PF Chang's

05007	Zigzag Inn
05091	El Gaucho. Typher. Big Belly.
05094	Buzano in Lake Oswego.
05099	El Gaucho. Morton's. Alamir.
05116	Thien Hong
05118	Longview Restaurant and the lounge at Timberline Lodge.
05166	Tollgate. Elucias Troutpie. People's Grill.
05216	Esparza's. Montage.
05280	Oba in the Pearl District.
05288	Hurley's
05318	Rose Garden. Columbia Gorge restaurants. Pearl District restaurants.
05326	Andina. Abou Karim.
05331	Benihana
05410	Sizzler in Portland. McDonald's in Molalla or Woodburn.
05467	PF Chang's
05519	Rigobertos.
05534	Kappia. Iron Horse.
05612	Swanson's in Clackamas Town Center.
05675	Wichita's. Taco Bell. McDonald's.
05777	El Gaucho
05782	Redland Café. Hitching Post Pizza.
05854	Tebo's.
05901	Marquam Inn.
05914	Eleni's in Sellwood.
05935	Blue Hour.
05951	Gubanc's. Senoul. Three Degrees.
05969	Stone Hedge Garden in Hood River. Don Guido's.

06012	Ringside
06031	Kell's. Huber's. Kornblatte's Deli.
06151	Wild abandon. La Provence in Lake Oswego.
06311	Gino's. Azteca.
06350	The Farmstead at the golf course. Jasper's. The Hoffman House.
06371	Stuart Anderson's.
06562	Todai in Portland. Jimmy Ho's Pizza in Oregon City.
06578	Adobe's Mexican in Sellwood. Alexis in Portland. The Indian food place on Barbur Blvd.
06598	Gino's. Three Doors Down. Fernando's Hideaway.
06605	Taco Bell.
06631	Our House.
06665	Yourts
06690	Street Fish House. Freemont Pub.
06718	Chacho's
06725	Genoa. Paley's Place. Hurley's.
06745	Caprial's in Milwaukie.
06790	Georgio's. Tuscany. Cafe Mingo. Andina.
06863	The Marquam Inn.
06864	Ripe in Portland. Old Cider Mill.
06935	Giuseppe's in Gresham.
07068	Acadia
07287	House of Louie. La Costita.
07293 Trout. A	Sparky's Pizza. Fearless Brew Pub. Barbara's Coffee and Flowers. Frotis Greek Deli. Elusive arawan. Super Torte. The places need to be inexpensive and child friendly for us to go there.
07449	Amadeus
07472	Hales
07512	Tebo's. Pine Garden in West Linn.
07545	Amadeus

07579	Dory Cove in Lincoln City.
07582	Cooper's Town.
07663	Salty's on the river.
07787	Chart House. Koji Osayaka.
07875	Cazadero Inn.
07894	Flying Pie Pizzeria. Local Mexican restaurants.
07918	The Four Seasons
07928	Zigzag Inn.
07933	Teoff's
07949	Morton's Charthouse
08006	The Airport Cafe in Molino.
08107	Mio Sushi
08126	Pazzo's Restaurant
08155	Nicholas. Modi. The Cuban restaurant in Portland. Burgerville.
08195	Round Table Pizza. Tacho's.
08226	Macaroni Grill. Chez Jose.
08260	Caro Amico's
08272	Tazadaro
08300	Wichita Pub
08322	South Park
08365	Macaroni Grill. Cheesecake Factory.
08393	Imperial Gardens. Biscuits.
08398	Tacho's in Oregon City.
08420	Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
08438	Riverside Restaurant
08551	Mingo's
08658	Huber's. Hen's. Sammy's. Capriel's Bistro.

### Q2A. What are the top restaurants you recommend when you have visitors?

08706	Todai.
08761	Three Doors Down. Portland Brewing Company. Bridgeport.
08767	Hoffman. The Farmstead.
08837	Ringside. Heathman Hotel.
08855	Gubanc's
08924	Tollgate Inn. Calamity Jane's.
08925	Gino's. Caprial's.
08954	The Bomber.
09116	Red Robin in Clackamas.
09161	Biscuits. The Farmstead Inn.
09250	Mingo's Café
09277	El Jarrito
09343	PF Chang'. El Gaucho.
09365	Three Doors Down
09397	Cheesecake Factory
09435	Szechwan Garden. Cafe Duberry.
09453	Harborside.
09455	PF Chang's
09478	Hong Kong 97
09509	Tony Roma's
09601	Oba. Fratelli.
09945	Acacia
10098	Old Country Buffet
10242	Viewpoint
10249	Azteca at Clackamas Town Center.
10519	La Tarras

10564 Lee's kitchen. Gubanc.

10730	Pine Garden. Miller's Homestead.
11107	Pepper Tree Thai restaurant. La Provence
11152	Country Restaurant
11311	Cassadero
11351	Boots and Spurs
11376	Howells
11409	Los Volcano
11524	Foamve Restaurant
11526	Melting Pot
11643	Seasons Inn
11731	Heidi's
11741	Deans in Damascus.
11876	Mike's Drive In.

### Q4. And do you recall where you read or heard the information or advertisements?

00446	East County Gazette
01278	Sandy newspaper
01339	Willamette Week
01695	The Damascus paper.
02239	East County papers.
02590	East County Gazette
02922	East County Gazette. Portland Mercury.
02927	Northwest Gazette
03312	Molalla Pioneer
04205	Oregon City News.
04844	Mountain Times
05118	Mountain Town Newspaper
05216	East County Gazette and Sandy Post.
05777	West Linn Tidings
05833	Sandy Post
05901	Molalla Pioneer
05969	Mountain Times. Sandy Post.
06726	Sandy Post
06743	Clackamas County Review
06745	I saw it in the newspaper.
07894	Oregon City Community News. Clackamas Review.
07928	Sandy Profile. Mountain News, Mountain Gazette.
08767	Molalla Pioneer
08924	Clackamas Gazette
09751	East County Gazette
11731	The Observer
11876	In a newspaper, but nothing specific.