



The **Elkton Community Education Center** is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the cultural, educational and social lives of rural Oregonians.

ECEC offers diverse programming that showcases the environment, culture and history of the Umpqua River Valley for the benefit of residents and visitors of all ages while providing job training for local students.

Environmental Education We encourage the preservation of Oregon flora & fauna through our Native Plant Park & Nursery, Butterfly Propagation Program, and gardening & wildlife workshops.

Cultural Programming Our 30-acre site features multiple venues for art shows, concerts, and special events, with a spacious community building that houses an art gallery, lending library, and meeting space.

Local History The centerpiece of our local history program is **Fort Umpqua**, a replica of the Hudson's Bay Company's southernmost fur trading outpost with displays, interpretive signage and demonstrations that depict life in the Umpqua River Valley in the mid-1800s.

Creating a Vibrant Rural Economy Our **Youth Employment Program** provides training and employment for local high school students who serve as tour guides, help maintain our gardens, and staff the **Outpost Café** during the summer season. Our **Market Garden and Produce Stand** offer fresh, affordable fruit and vegetables, and provide produce for local food pantries. Our **Gift Shop** is a retail outlet for local artisans.



Open daily Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend 9AM to 5PM

Free Admission - Donations Appreciated
Spacious Parking for RVs & Trailers
Bicycle- and Dog-Friendly
Accessible for Limited Mobility

DIRECTIONS: ECEC is located on the Umpqua Scenic Byway
From EUGENE: South on I-5 to Exit 162; take Hwy 38 West to Elkton
From REEDSPORT: Hwy 38 East to Elkton
From ROSEBURG: North on I-5 to exit 136; take Hwy 138 west to Elkton

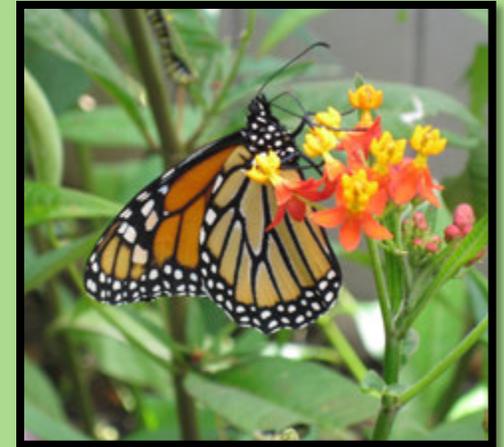


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Join us in one of our special events:

Blooms & Butterflies: Our day-long garden celebration kicks off with a 5K family run.

Fort Umpqua Days: Two days of fun and local history over the Labor Day weekend.

Thanksgiving Weekend: Our Gift Shop is open for holiday shopping.

Plant Sales, Art Shows, Workshops, Concerts, Dances and Yard Sales

See our website for a calendar of events.



CELEBRATE a wedding or a special event in one of our beautiful outdoor settings



Explore the trail through our native plant park and discover hidden art while learning about Oregon's multiple climate zones.

Observe the life cycle of native butterflies in the butterfly pavilion and flight room.

Stroll through the lush flower and berry gardens that attract butterflies, hummingbirds and more than 100 other species.

Travel back in time at Fort Umpqua, a 150'x200' replica of the Hudson's Bay Company's southernmost fur trading post.

Pick up fresh vegetables from the seasonal market garden; **buy** hand-crafted garden art, native shrubs and the work of local artisans in the gift shop; and **enjoy** espresso, berry smoothies, sandwiches and Umpqua Dairy ice cream at the Outpost Café. Your purchases support our **Youth Employment Program** and other community activities.



Fort Umpqua This Hudson's Bay Company's fur-trading outpost represented the British claim to the Oregon Territory in the mid-1800s. French-Canadians, English, Scotch and Hawaiians worked in various capacities at the original fort which evolved into an agricultural center, introducing the first livestock and fruit trees to the Umpqua region. It also supplied provisions to settlers and miners passing through the area.

ECEC's replica was hand-hewn by local volunteers and funded by donations, log sponsorships and grants from private foundations. Dedicated in September 2009 as part of the Oregon 150 Celebration, the stockaded complex includes a granary building and barracks with educational displays. Local high school students serve as historic interpreters, linking Oregon's past with its future.

