

# **GPAA Beach Outing**

## **June 18, 19 & 20**

### **Boone Creek & Pacific Beach State Park**

Come and join us for our GPAA Beach Mining Outing. Beach mining will be all three days at Boone Creek and a potluck dinner at Pacific Beach State Park, Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Because the Two Year Pilot Beach Mining Program is to end July 1<sup>st</sup>, we have invited our state law makers, park rangers, fish and wildlife personnel, and county commissioners to join us at Boone Creek Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. I don't know how many of them will come. Hearings will be next year on whether to allow mining to continue. We hope they will vote to allow it to continue and that they extend the areas we can beach mine. By having them there, we can show them how we collect the fine gold from the beach sand and they can see the different equipment we are using. I think that we have gotten good grades so far. We need everyone that has a Beach HPA to bring it, and call the WDFW biologist, Bill Rehe (360) 249-1224, and the Park Rangers (360) 289-3553 two days before the outing. We can only beach mine ¼ mile on each side of Boone Creek. A Beach HPA is needed for each group of miners. If you do not have a Beach HPA you **can not** go off and pan or use mining equipment by yourself. We will not be able to beach mine after July 1st. We are hoping for good weather and to having a wonderful interesting time. We will be feeding everybody hot dogs and pork and beans for lunch. Please help by bring drinks and chips.

Our Potluck Dinner is going to be later in the day, about 6:00pm, at Pacific Beach State Park, three miles North of Boone Creek. Bring a dish that will feed 10. Horse shoes, kite flying, frisbee throwing & hula dancing will be happening on the beach. For those who worked all day digging, chair sitting and beach watching might be the fun thing to do. The tides are going to be very good, unlike in the winter when we also had to consider the short days. High tide 6:57am, Low tide 12:59 and High 7:39pm.

Bela and I will be staying in space #16 at Pacific Beach State Park. If you do not have reservations now, it might be hard to find a space, it is a small park with limited space. [www.parks.wa.gov/parks](http://www.parks.wa.gov/parks) State reservation office 888-226-7688 or Pacific Beach 360-276-4297. Another option for military current or retired is Pacific Beach Resort. They have cabins, rooms, tent, and RV spaces <http://www.navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>. Ocean Shores is 18 miles south of Boone Creek.

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