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## **With Six Winners, the 2025 Statewide Hidden Bottle Hunt Closes on a High Note**

*Six bottle finders and five clue writers directed a total of \$9,000 to 13 Oregon nonprofits*

The 2025 Hidden Bottle Hunt, hosted by the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative, parent organization of the BottleDrop network, was a resounding success as Oregonians across the state decoded clues and visited sites to find six commemorative bottles between June 26-29. The annual summer event celebrated the 54th anniversary of Oregon's Bottle Bill, which has made a lasting difference for millions of Oregonians and helped to keep Oregon litter-free for decades.

"It was a delight to see Oregonians getting outdoors and connecting with one another in the natural areas Oregon's iconic Bottle Bill has helped keep pristine over the last 54 years," said Devon Morales, vice president of external affairs for OBRC. "A big congratulations to those who found a hidden bottle! We are so grateful to everyone involved, from our incredible clue writers to the dedicated hunters and our nonprofit partners who helped spread the word via social media."

The 2025 Hidden Bottle Hunt included six simultaneous hunts geographically dispersed in parks, trails and special places across Oregon. Each of the lucky winners kept their commemorative bottle and selected a BottleDrop Give nonprofit partner to receive a \$1,000 donation through the BottleDrop Containers for Change program. In addition, the five clue writers were also able to direct \$500 donations to the nonprofits of their choosing. Thousands of nonprofits across Oregon collectively raise more than \$5 million for their organizations through the BottleDrop Give program each year.

The lucky bottle finders for each zone are:

- Zone 1E: Heather Self of Tualatin (two-time winner) found the bottle at Gresham's Butte Saddle Trail and is directing the \$1,000 donation to Edwards Center.
- Zone 1W: The Jacquith Family of Newberg found the bottle at Newberg's Chehalem Cultural Center and are directing the \$1,000 donation to the Sherwood MITCH Parent Advisory Committee.
- Zone 2: Christopher Miller and Misty Guse of Newport found the bottle on Albany's Dave Clark Trail and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Central Coast Humane Society.
- Zone 3: Rob Schneider and Kim Thurman of Shady Cove (two-time winners) found the bottle in Lakeview's Camas Sno-Park and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Rogue Valley Genealogy Society.
- Zone 4: The Roberts Family of Bend (two-time winners) found the bottle at La Pine's Wickiup Dam and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Furry Freight Shelter Transport.

- Zone 5: The Wren Family (two-time winners) and Kristen Earl of Portland found the bottle in The 1880s Park in Haines and are directing half of their \$1,000 donation to Rabbit Advocates and half to Northwest Mothers Milk Bank.

The volunteer clue writers for each zone are:

- Zone 1E: Eric Chambers, who is directing \$500 to S.E.T. Baseball/Softball Association.
- Zone 1W: Kelly Luzania, who is directing \$500 to Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization.
- Zone 2: John Dutt, who is directing \$500 to Albany Gleaners.
- Zone 3: Joe Gantt and Kelly Luzania, who are directing \$250 to Portland Rose Festival Foundation and \$250 to Portland Urban Debate League.
- Zone 4: Glorie Gary, who is directing \$250 to Breakthrough T1D Oregon and \$250 to Furry Freight Shelter Transport.
- Zone 5: Joe Gantt, who is directing \$500 to Portland Rose Festival Foundation.

**Photos of the finders and other materials can be found [here](#).**

The history of the Hidden Bottle Hunt, information about previous winners and an explanation of previous clues (including this year) can be found on the [BottleDrop website](#).

### **What is the Bottle Bill?**

On July 2, 1971, Oregon became the first state in the nation to pass a Bottle Bill – a system that provides a redemption value for beverage containers to Oregonians, incentivizing recycling by keeping bottles and cans out of our natural areas. In its 54th year, it remains a groundbreaking approach to addressing the issue of litter in our forests, rivers, beaches, scenic byways and other natural areas. Over time, Oregon's system has grown and innovated and has become a national model of beverage container redemption and recycling, inspiring national and international delegations to visit Oregon to learn about its unique and effective system. Learn more about the Bottle Bill [here](#).

### **About BottleDrop and the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative**

The Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative is the industry steward of Oregon's nationally recognized beverage container redemption system and the operator of the BottleDrop network. On behalf of the beverage industry, OBRC helps Oregonians conveniently redeem and recycle more than 2 billion containers every year, dramatically reducing litter in Oregon's special places and boosting the state's recycling outcomes. To learn more, visit [BottleDrop.com](#) or [OBRC.com](#).