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2026 Statewide Hidden Bottle Hunt Concludes

Six bottle finders and seven clue writers directed a total of \$9,000 to 12 Oregon nonprofits

CLACKAMAS, Ore. – The 2026 Hidden Bottle Hunt, hosted by the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative, operator of the BottleDrop network, was a resounding success as Oregonians across the state decoded clues and visited sites to find six hidden commemorative bottles between June 25-28. The annual summer event celebrated the 55th anniversary of Oregon’s Bottle Bill, which has made a lasting difference for millions of Oregonians and helped keep Oregon litter-free for decades.

“We love seeing Oregonians getting outdoors, learning more about Oregon’s history and connecting with one another in the natural areas Oregon’s iconic Bottle Bill has helped keep pristine over the last 55 years,” said Devon Horsfield, vice president of outreach and strategy for OBRC. “Congratulations to this year’s winners and the nonprofits they selected to receive their donations! We are grateful to everyone involved, particularly our incredible volunteer clue writers and to the dedicated hunters who participated this year.”

The 2026 Hidden Bottle Hunt included six simultaneous hunts geographically dispersed in parks, trails and special places across Oregon. Each lucky winner 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 seven 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: Anna Soderberg and Lisa Kristine of Portland found the bottle along the Springwater Corridor in Portland and are directing the \$1,000 donation to The Peer Company.
- Zone 1W: Amber Scheiderlein and family of Lincoln City found the bottle at Kilchis Point Reserve in Bay City and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Lincoln City Youth League and North Lincoln Hospital Foundation.
- Zone 2: Drew and Danielle Anderson of Eugene found the bottle at Lookout Point Lake/Reservoir in Lowell and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Run Hub Gear Grants.

- Zone 3: Jennifer and Melody Ingram of Medford found the bottle at Golden State Heritage Site near Wolf Creek and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Committed Alliance to Strays (C.A.T.S.).
- Zone 4: Kellen and Rhys Klein of Sisters found the bottle at Metolius Preserve near Camp Sherman and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Sisters Habitat for Humanity.
- Zone 5: Rory and Amber Rittenbach of Pendleton found the bottle at Wallowa Lake near Joseph and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Pioneer Humane Society/Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter.

The volunteer clue writers for each zone are:

- Zone 1E: John Dutt, who is directing \$500 to the Portland Rose Festival Foundation.
- Zone 1W: Glorie Gary, who is directing \$500 to Portland Rose Festival Foundation and Lincoln City Youth League.
- Zone 2: Joe Gantt, who is directing \$500 to the Portland Rose Festival Foundation and Portland Urban Debate League.
- Zone 3: Eric Chambers, who is directing \$500 to Boomer Boosters.
- Zone 4: Levi and Crystal Roberts, who are directing \$500 to Furry Freight Shelter Transport.
- Zone 5: Kelly Luzania, who is directing \$500 to Avalon Microsanctuary and the Portland Rose Festival Foundation.

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](#).

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

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 55th 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](https://www.bottledrop.com) or [OBRC.com](https://www.obrc.com).