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## ***Family Fun and Fabulous Prizes***

***Journey to the Center of Albany Summer Passport program launches June 18***

**ALBANY** Summer is right around the corner and Albany's annual summer kids program "*Journey to the Center of Albany*" launches on June 18<sup>th</sup> with a kick-off celebration from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Albany Visitors Association.

Developed with children in mind, the passport program sends kids to fun locations around Albany to gather stamps in their passports. 100% family-friendly and free to enroll. Participants in the program have all summer to gather their stamps and report back to the Albany Visitors Association, where they can enter to win fabulous prizes.

The June 18 kick-off celebration features free trolley rides, photo opportunity & a bonus stamp. Kids can sign up for their passports, enjoy the activities and hop on board the trolley to another passport stop or stroll through downtown to start collecting stamps! The best news yet – it's free!

To play along, pick up your passport and then start visiting locations on the map to earn stamps. Passports are available at the kick-off event and after, at the Albany Visitors Association office (110 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE, Albany) while supplies last. Look for the ***Journey to the Center of Albany Summer Passport 2016 "Hot Spot"*** sign at participating locations. Upon completion, children will report back to the AVA with their stamped passports and be entered into a raffle for prizes. Passport holders do not have to visit every location to enter the drawing.

Key partners for 2016 are the Albany Regional Museum, the Monteith House Museum, the Albany Visitors Association, and More Ink. The program is geared towards elementary age children but their families, including younger and older siblings, parents and even grandparents are all welcome to come along for the *2016 Journey to the Center of Albany Summer Passport Program*.

Popular Prizes include:

- The Albany Amtrak Station has donated two round-trip tickets to Portland on the Amtrak Cascades for the grand prize winner.
- Albany Fire Department has donated a certificate for a ride in a fire truck.
- Infinite Air Center has donated a certificate for a 1hr plane ride.
- Other prizes include: gift certificates from Surefire, the Pix Theater and Albany Community Pool; adventure books; Knights baseball fan gear, water bottles; carousel souvenirs; historic toys; and travel games.

The adventure ends with the raffle drawing following the August 31, 2016 turn in date.

**And where is the center of Albany you ask? Sign up for the program to find out where this fabulous raffle will take place.**

*See the website for regular updates and more information by visiting [albanyvisitors.com](http://albanyvisitors.com)  
Look for the **Journey to the Center of Albany** link and find us on Facebook.  
You can also email [info@albanyvisitors.com](mailto:info@albanyvisitors.com) or call 541-928-0911.*

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