

and food co-op distributions, while also housing volunteer fire equipment. The trucks were moved outside during events. A dedicated fire station was built in the early 2000s, allowing the original structure to function solely as a community center.



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Cover artwork by Mary Lou Goertzen

Recent improvements include a refurbished clerestory and covered deck (2016-2017) and a newly designed playground (2021-2023) shaped by community feedback. These projects were funded by the Mapleton Community Foundation, Western Lane Community Foundation, The Three Rivers Foundation, and individual donors. Today, the Deadwood Community Center remains a vital hub for the community, and continues to be managed by the all-volunteer Deadwood Creek Services Board of Directors with the financial support of community donations.

Third Saturdays, a monthly fun and fundraising event for Deadwood Creek Services, happens September-June. Started in the 2010s, this event provides an opportunity for the community to gather to share food, socialize, and enjoy live music!

Bands of various genres from Florence, Eugene, and beyond enjoy coming to the beautiful Deadwood Community Center and enjoy the appreciation they receive from the Deadwood community.

MAKE A DONATION

Deadwood Creek Services is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that graciously receives donations. Checks can be mailed to: Deadwood Creek Services or online at <https://givebutter.com/deadwood-creek-services>

Your support — whether through time, talent, or financial contributions — makes everything we do possible. Your support helps us sustain the programs, spaces, and connections that keep Deadwood strong.

Donations may be made online at givebutter.com/deadwood-creek-services or by check made out to **Deadwood Creek Services** and sent to **PO Box 12, Deadwood, OR 97430**. Those interested in long term or legacy donations should talk with a DCS Board member. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us maintain momentum and keep our community spaces thriving.



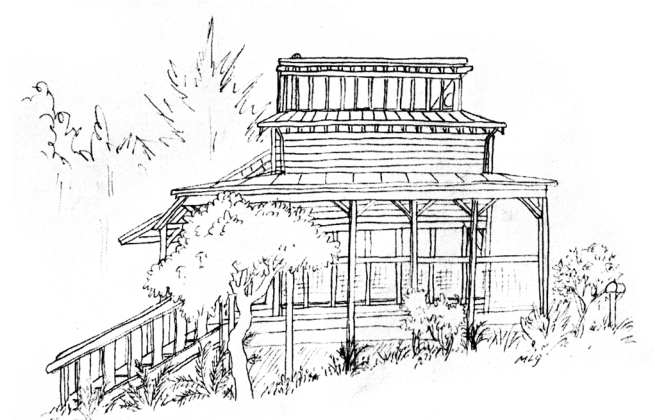
Photo by Maggie Muir, 2023



The Deadwood Community Center

Building & Rental Information

PLEASE TAKE ONE!



The Deadwood Community Center is on Deadwood Creek Road, 4.3 miles up from Highway 36 in Deadwood Oregon

The Deadwood Community Center (DCC) is available to reserve for meetings, activities and public or private special events!

RESERVATIONS

Please contact our Building Coordinator (BC), Greg Hertzbach, 541-901-1469 or dcfsgreg@gmail.com

Use of the DCC is scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. **Reservations are required** (at least 7 days prior to rental) and *must include a completed Rental Agreement and all forms in the rental packet signed by the Building Coordinator and Building User.*

RENTAL FEES*

Up to 6 hours:	
0-30 people	\$ 25
30-60 people	\$ 70
6 to 12 hours:	
0-30 people	\$ 45
30-60 people	\$130
12 to 24 hours:	
0-30 people	\$ 85
30-60 people	\$250

Deposit: **\$100**, nonrefundable unless all tasks on Cleanup Checklist are completed.

Use of the DCC by more than 60 people and/or for more than 24 hours must be approved and additional fees may be required, please contact the Building Coordinator for rates.

Additional fees to offset event impact, or additional discounts, are at the discretion of the Building Coordinator and the DCS Board of Directors on a case by case basis.

Rental includes indoor and outdoor spaces, including main room, bathroom, kitchen, porch, grounds and playground. Kitchen supplies, indoor and outdoor furniture are also included. See rental packet for details on inclusions and rental responsibilities.

*Rental Fees are subsidized for community members residing in Deadwood, Greenleaf, Indiola, Swisshome, Brickerville and Mapleton (97430, 97480 and 97453 zip codes.) ***There will be a surcharge of 50% added to the total fees for those outside this area.*** All rental fees go to Deadwood Creek Services, additional donations to our non profit are accepted with gratitude!

HISTORY

The Siuslaw people (now part of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians) hunted and fished in the Deadwood Creek Valley for generations. Early white settlers arrived around 1890, building a school that also served as a church and voting place. Community dances took place in barns and homes until a grand hall near the Deadwood Covered Bridge was built around 1920. It served as a gathering space until collapsing under heavy snow in 1937.

A wave of new people moved into the valley starting in the late 1960s when old farms and homesteads were breaking up. A spirit of cooperation was in the air. In the summer of 1975, over thirty households came together to share ideas about community projects: forming a bulk-buying co-op, a workers' cooperative, a preschool playgroup, and a newsletter. Meetings were held by the general assembly, with decisions made by consensus. Volunteers took turns moderating meetings and providing child care.

Federal grant money was available, and the group discussed applying for a grant to construct a firehall and community center. There was some hesitation about getting involved with federal assistance, but most were in favor. To apply for the grant, a nonprofit corporation called Deadwood Creek Services was formed at a general assembly in 1978.



Photo of ground breaking ceremony by Jerry Joffe, 1980

A \$50,000 Housing & Urban Development Grant was secured, with funds allocated to re-shingle the Deadwood Covered Bridge, purchase fire equipment, and acquire land. Volunteers provided all labor, and the Department of Energy later contributed \$20,000 for solar construction materials.

Community energy surged as residents worked on planning and construction. A fallen old-growth tree, donated by the U.S. Forest Service, was milled on-site. Volunteers built the firehall first as practice for future structures. The project saw setbacks, but skilled hands always stepped in to keep it moving. By 1982, the firehall was completed and also served as the community center.

For decades the Deadwood Community Center has hosted theater, quilting gatherings, dances, talent shows...