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TIMBERS' 'DRIBBLE OREGON' TOUR VISITS EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Club to visit Willamette Valley community during four-city Oregon tour

PORTLAND, Ore. – Members of Major League Soccer's Portland Timbers will visit Eugene/Springfield on Saturday, Jan. 14, as part of the club's community tour, "Dribble Oregon," presented by JELD-WEN Windows & Doors. As part of Dribble Oregon, the Timbers will take part in three events, including a youth soccer clinic, community event and a meet-and-greet with select players at a local pub.

Dribble Oregon is a four-stop community tour, taking the club around Oregon to engage with area fans. The tour opens in Klamath Falls on Sunday and will also include the cities of Salem (Jan. 15) and Bend (Jan. 17) during the month of January.

Timbers defender **Eric Brunner** and goalkeeper **Jake Gleeson** along with Timbers mascot **Timber Joey** will join Timbers staff at each of the three Dribble Oregon events in Eugene/Springfield. Use the following links for additional information on [Brunner](#) or [Gleeson](#).

Community Event: Tree Planting at Harvest Landing Park

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Harvest Landing Park, Harvest Landing, Springfield (planting site is located at the north end of Harvest Lane; [click here](#) for directions)

Event Details: Timbers players Eric Brunner and Jake Gleeson will join Timbers COO Mike Golub, Timber Joey and other volunteers in planting trees at Harvest Landing Park with Timbers community pillar partner Friends of Trees. Together, the Timbers and Friends of Trees planted dozens of trees around the Portland metro area in 2011.

Media: The event is open to media for photos and b-roll; tree planting activities are scheduled until 11:10 a.m. Interview opportunities will be available.

Youth Soccer Clinic: Kick City

Time: 1-4 p.m.

Location: Kick City, 1650 28th St., Springfield

Event Details: Led by the Timbers' youth academy staff, the club will conduct two free youth soccer clinics for children ages 5-13 at Kick City. The first clinic, for kids ages 5-8, runs from 1-2 p.m.; limited space is still available. The second session from 2-3 p.m., which is for kids ages 9-13, has reached capacity. Making a special appearance at the clinics are Timbers players Brunner and Gleeson, who along with Timber Joey will also sign autographs on site following the clinics. To register for the remaining clinic, visit Kick City or call [\(541\) 744-2255](tel:5417442255).

Media: The event is open to media for photos and b-roll, with interview opportunities following the clinic at 3 p.m.

Pub Event: Meet-and-Greet at The Old Pad

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: The Old Pad, 3355 East Amazon Dr., Eugene

Event Details: The Timbers play host to a special meet-and-greet with Timbers players Brunner and Gleeson at The Old Pad. The two-hour pub event includes a Q&A and autograph session with both players and Timber Joey. Fans will also have the opportunity to enter to win autographed Timbers merchandise and prizes throughout the night.

Media: The event is open to the public and media.

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(Editor's note: Media interested in covering any of the three events should contact Chris Metz at cmetz@portlandtimbers.com with any questions. The logo for Dribble Oregon is attached.)