

BRIDGE ^{OF} THE GODS

MAGAZINE WRITER & PHOTOGRAPHER GUIDELINES

Bridge of the Gods Magazine explores the Columbia River Gorge, from Camas, Washington and Troutdale, Oregon to Maryhill, Washington and Biggs Junction, Oregon. It's a big region with diverse interests and geography.

WRITERS

We publish stories that span every Gorge community with particular attention to the wonderful diversity in our region. We are not a travel, history, nature, or food magazine, but we do all of that and more – sometimes within the same story.

Stories must be Gorge-centric. Story topics are as diverse as our region. We like colorful characters, communities, history, food, travel, nature, wildlife, photography, adventure, poetry, art literature, and photo essays. We do not publish stories on breaking news events, political opinions/issues, trends, or investigative reporting. We use very little fiction but will consider Columbia River Gorge stories that communicate our varied culture. Our readers are Gorge residents and Gorge fans who want to know and understand this special place on earth.

We value entertaining, vivid storytelling, lively anecdotes, and factual accuracy infused with fun, adventure, human emotion, drama, and wonderment. Introduce us to fascinating people, events, communities, and places. Make us feel what you feel. We want to see through your eyes.

Articles are 100-3000 words. Longer articles (400 words and up) may be considered for publication in our print magazine and online. Photo essays are collections of images with captions that provide insight to the viewer.

Departments:

- **Adventure & Activities** – fun things to do, places to see, getaways, vacation rentals, and little-known destinations
- **Heritage** – colorful history, impressive or surprising events, people who have shaped our traditions or culture, historical homes, and places, just about anything from the past that has enriched the present
- **Community** – things that make each community unique, people working together, neighbors helping neighbors, innovation and change, higher learning and educational change agents, the arts, business trends, and business spotlights
- **Eat, Drink, & Shop** – best places to dine, have a drink, buy stuff; farmers markets, wineries, boutiques, etc.
- **Health & Wellness** – how locals stay fit and healthy, best healthful eats and activities, extraordinary practitioners, inspiring or motivational practitioners, regional healthcare providers, and facilities
- **Home & Garden** – techniques, sources, consultants, native plants, landscaping, home décor, real estate, and home showcases
- **Animals** – wild animals, farm animals, domesticated pets, pet care, best hikes for pets, pet play, nutrition, pet caregivers, and pet supplies and businesses
- **Other** – we're open to other ideas; just drop us a line with your topic or questions

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We like to engage our readers and make them want to read on by using:

- Short Paragraphs
- Bullet Points
- Lists
- Photos

PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Send images with a description of where they were taken. Please be sure to name the file(s) with your name, something like "BridgeOfTheGods1-NickImbry". That will help keep ownership clear.
- Be sure to include any info about your image(s) in your email. This lets us tell our readers what they are seeing and any little backstory they should know. At a minimum, identify what the photo is showing and whether you give permission for use in print and/or online. You can just include the print/online info in the name. Example: "BridgeOfTheGods-NickImbry-print-only" or "BridgeOfTheGods-NickImbry-printo+web" or "BridgeOfTheGods-NickImbry-web-only"
- Send a short bio - just a few lines (more if you want) about you. It can be as simple as, "Nick Imbry lives in Town and enjoys taking photos when he hikes." Or it can be a paragraph or two.

PERKS

All writers and photographers retain the copyright to their work and give us permission to use their material by submitting it. We reserve the right to edit as needed. Writers and photographers receive full credit and an upgraded listing in our Directory if desired. An upgraded directory listing allows you to showcase your work or business. We have a small stipend fund for stories or photos used in the annual print magazine. The amounts are currently undetermined, but we want to acknowledge the efforts of our writers and photographers.

- Send a headshot or other photo of yourself(optional)
- Let us know what information you would like in your Directory listing. Here is an example of a local photographer's listing: <https://www.thebridgeofthegods.com/businesses/n-a-n-a-steider-studios> Whenever we use one of your images, a link to it will appear on your Directory page.

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