

NE OF
THE MOST
thrilling
things about
a wedding is the joy
of joining family and
friends from both of your
lives. But it also presents a challenge: how to make the newly acquainted group feel comfortable and cohesive.
Enter the revamped rehearsal. Sure, traditional
rehearsal dinners can be lovely, but there's nothing
like a group activity to really break the ice.

For serious and novice cyclers alike, **BrewCycle** bike tours get everyone working together for that most Portland of rewards—pints of local craft beer. Also from the BrewGroup, check out the **BrewBarge**, a people-powered sternwheeler that gets your friends and family out on the river for a 90-minute, BYOB pleasure cruise.

First-time visitors might enjoy a taste of Portland's spooky past with an **Underground Portland** walking tour. Meandering through Old Town, your guests will stroll through the city's gritty past and even catch a glimpse of the storied, subterranean Shanghai tunnels.

Backyard barbecues become all the more competitive with game rentals from the **Recreation Department**.

Bride-side vs. groomside cornhole? Just add
cocktails to get everyone
ready to play as one big
team on the wedding day.
For the truly outdoorsy, rough and rugged,
let's-get-muddy wedding party,
Tree to Tree's Aerial Adventure

Park is an ideal place to play. Treat your friends and family to a zipline canopy tour through the forest around Henry Hagg Lake, or put them through the ropes (and wobbly bridges and balance beams and Tarzan swings) in one of Tree to

If your crew is more into intellectual adventure, an evening in a **Portland Escape Room** might be

Tree's six aerial obstacle courses.

just the bonding experience you're looking for. Whether



your group would rather work together to keep the "Steampunk Airship" afloat, or simply survive being "Trapped in a Room with a Zombie," one of the six escape-room experiences is sure to suit your wedding party's fancy.

And if you're looking to truly appeal to everyone's tastes—
or rather,
tastebuds—look
no further
than a private
chocolate-making class with
local chocolatier Alma
Chocolate.
Specializing in
single-origin

chocolates and
confections, Alma's workshop and café is a dreamy place
to host a private chocolate-making
class for your guests. Try your hand at a
classic dark chocolate ganache, or stir up a batch
of bourbon-infused truffles. Whatever you create,
there's no better way to send everyone off to bed
than with the treats you've whipped up together—
powerful enough to conjure sweet dreams of the
wedding day ahead. —MIRANDA RAKE

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