

Museum offers spring break camps

The High Desert Museum is offering three spring day-camps for kids ages 5 to 10, with a focus on nature, culture, and science. For the first time, scholarships are being offered for one of the camps. All three camps take place from March 23-27.

The camps are broken down by age. For 9- and 10-year-olds, there's Camping Cookout, where children explore different foods and cooking methods from the past and present. They also will explore the science behind turning raw ingredients into culinary delights. Kids will learn about everything from Native American staples to Dutch oven cooking to the science of oven-baked pizza.

For 7- and 8-year-olds, there is Eureka! Children are invited to play, construct, design and experiment during this week of wild science. They'll engineer a spaghetti skyscraper, create a marble slide and explore

modern technologies used to track and monitor wild animals.

For 5- and 6-year-olds, there is Out on a Limb. This nature-inspired week of exploration will have kids creating arts and crafts, playing in a treehouse and building shelters for stuffed animals. This popular camp has sold out quickly.

In an effort to make science, technology, engineering and math learning accessible to all, the Central Oregon STEM Hub is offering scholarships for the Eureka! camp to families with a demonstrated financial need. Those interested must apply to the scholarship program by February 27.

All three of the camps run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Optional extended care is available.

To register for camp or apply for a scholarship to Eureka! visit <http://highdesertmuseum.org/spring-break-kids-camp>.

QUILT SHOW: New staff will help push show forward

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where she also teaches belly dancing.

"Being at the quilt show office has inspired me to pick up my Hawaiian quilting projects again," said Alexander. "I'm impressed with the many moving parts to organizing and administering the quilt show, and I'm looking forward to working with all the amazing quilters and making certain all the beautiful quilts that come to our office are processed in the most careful and efficient manner!"

Karen Koppel comes to SOQS as the assistant director, responsible for a myriad of special programs and behind-the-scenes logistics for coordinating local business partners' quilt exhibit displays, and orchestrating the deployment of more than 1,200 quilts to be hung by an army of volunteers on quilt show day and then taken down and returned safely to their owners.



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Tracy Alexander.



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Karen Koppel.

Koppel's experience includes program and event development, fundraising and sponsorship and volunteer and personnel management. Her skills were tapped by the Vancouver 2010 Winter & Paralympic Winter Games as Director of Overlay — City Venues and the 2020 Salt Lake City Olympic & Paralympic Games as Design & Site Manager. She has served in a variety of capacities on events from community festivals to Super Bowls. A licensed architect, she most recently worked as senior project manager for Infinite Scale, an environmental graphic design firm.

"Working on arts and cultural events that defines our sense of place in Central Oregon is my passion," said Koppel. "The SOQS celebrates the beauty and heritage of quilting. I love seeing an entire community come together to showcase the community and talent within."

In Central Oregon, Koppel worked at the *Bend Bulletin*. As a board member of Bend Film, she served as manager of all venue managers as well as volunteer manager.

For more information on the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, visit www.sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org.

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