

Grants available for spay/neuter programs

Deschutes County is soliciting applications for grants to local nonprofit organizations which provide and/or promote spay and neuter services. A total of \$12,500 is available for multiple grant awards. Applications must be received in the Deschutes County Department of Administrative Services no later than 5 p.m. on April 21.

The County's dog license and pet ID applications provide an opportunity for residents to make a voluntary donation to support spay and neuter services. These donations, which are periodically supplemented by additional funds authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, are offered to local nonprofit organizations which provide spay and neuter services in Deschutes County for pets whose owners are unable to access or afford the procedure. Grant funds may also be used for educational or promotional programs focused on encouraging or expanding spay and neuter procedures in Deschutes

County.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, located in Deschutes County, and able to certify that grant proceeds will be used in support of Deschutes County residents.

Applications will be evaluated based on several criteria, including organizational stability, connection to grant funding objectives, and ability to leverage the grant funds to access other financial support.

Application forms are available to download from the County's website at <http://www.deschutes.org/rfps> or may be requested by sending an email to judithu@deschutes.org.

Applications must be submitted electronically by attaching the completed application form and attachments to an email addressed to judithu@deschutes.org. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Walden visiting Bend for town hall meeting

BEND (AP) — U.S. Rep. Greg Walden plans to visit Bend next week for a town hall meeting.

Bend is the largest city in Walden's district, and *The Bulletin* newspaper reports the Republican has been criticized for not holding a town hall meeting there since 2013.

The critics say Walden has been avoiding Bend because it does not give him the unquestioned support he receives elsewhere in his largely rural district.

Walden's visit will be on April 13 at Mountain View High School.

Town hall meetings held by members of Congress have drawn more attention since Donald Trump was elected president. Several Republican lawmakers have been met by hecklers and organized protests.

The Bulletin reports that protesters have held mock town halls outside Walden's Bend office.

Young women can get a glimpse of forest career

Discover Your Forest and the Deschutes National Forest are seeking applicants for the Young Women's Natural Resource Career Camp, which will be held June 27-29.

Young women from around Central Oregon in grades 9-12 are invited to apply for the camp, which is hosted on the Deschutes National Forest as a three day, two-night camp out. During the camp, female members of the Forest Service and Discover Your Forest will supervise and mentor the young women as they learn about a variety of careers including wildlife biology, engineering, botany, archaeology, and fire.

To register or get more

information, contact the Forest Service 541-383-4771 or email Karen Gentry, Discover Your Forest Education Program Director at kwgentry@fs.fed.us. Interested applicants can also apply at www.discoveryourforest.org. Applications are due by June 12.

The camp is provided free of charge to young women from Central Oregon through the combined efforts of Discover Your Forest and female employees of the Deschutes National Forest. Transportation can be provided to and from communities in Central Oregon where participants live, and all meals and sleeping quarters will be provided as well.



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