

# Summer camp offers adventures

From mountains to meadows, meandering creeks to the mysteries of lava caves, adventure awaits July 16-20 for the kids who enroll in the first annual Jim Anderson Camp for Science and Nature.

This new day camp will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for students entering fourth, fifth or sixth grade, featuring field trips, scientific research and a challenging educational curriculum developed and taught by education professionals from the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council and Discover Your Forest.

Two Sisters teachers, Kristy Rawls and Kirk Albertson, are camp coordinators; Karen Gentry of Discover Your Forest and Alyssa Grove of the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council are leading the activities. Jim Anderson will make a guest appearance, and the Sisters Astronomy Club will participate as well.

The camp was developed by the Friends of the Sisters Library and is supported by the Jim Anderson Chair endowment from Bob and

Gayle Baker. The camp is administered by SPRD.

"This is a great opportunity for kids to do real science with inspiring teachers and have a lot of fun along the way," said Kathy Campbell, a member of the FOSL board.

Campers will bring their own lunches and will meet at SPRD each day; all transportation for field trips will be provided by SPRD.

With a maximum enrollment of 15, the camp will provide individual attention and assistance for each child.

The week kicks off with a visit from Jim Anderson, followed by a "Bio Blitz" along the Metolius River. Midweek, campers will map glacial activity at Three Creek Lake, sample water at Whychus Creek, and talk with trees at Cold Springs. On Friday, the group will cap their adventures by heading underground at the Lava River Caves.

Biologist Alyssa Grove is an environmental educator with the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council. She will coordinate activities in the middle of the week.

"This camp is a great way to utilize community members and resources to create a unique camp experience that really focuses on the science behind our amazing local ecosystems," said Groves. "The experience will be a great tool to help deepen a student's connection with the natural world, develop a stronger sense of place, and, we hope, a feeling of stewardship for their home."

Campers should enroll through SPRD; the registration fee is \$125. Full and partial scholarships are available.

The Friends of the Sisters Library board is hopeful the camp will become an annual summer activity, inspiring girls and boys to pursue science and excel in their science classes at school.

Gayle Baker says she is delighted that FOSL has launched this very special camp in Sisters.

"The Jim Anderson Camp," Baker said, "just may be the inspiration for the next Einstein, Salk or Jim Anderson himself!"

# Prosecutor: Man justified in shooting in Bend

BEND (AP) — A heavy equipment operator was legally justified when he shot and wounded a knife-wielding man last month outside an Oregon hotel, a prosecutor said Monday.

However, Robert Garris was foolish to appoint himself "sheriff of the Days Inn" and initiate a confrontation with the man he considered shady, Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel said in a statement.

"Robert Garris was legally justified in shooting Christopher Nolan, which is why I did not charge him with a crime," Hummel said. "But his actions on the day of this shooting, and in the months prior, were foolish, dangerous, and mean-spirited."

Garris, 39, of Medford was staying at the Days Inn in Bend while working on a construction project. He sometimes complained to hotel staff about people on the property who looked homeless.

Rather than head back to his room or call police, Garris would go outside and confront them, authorities said.

On May 14, Garris complained to hotel staff and then found Nolan outside a restaurant next to the hotel.

When the men came face to face, Nolan pulled out a switchblade and extended the knife, authorities said.

They say Garris stepped back, yelled at Nolan to drop the knife and then fired seven shots, four of which hit Nolan, who survived.

Oregon's self-defense law does not require people to

retreat before using deadly force against someone threatening them with deadly force. For that reason, Garris — a lawful gun owner — was authorized to shoot, Hummel said.

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