

Summoning the 'fiddle horde'

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Melissa Stolasz loves the fiddle.

She took the instrument up as an adult and has become a kind of Johnny Appleseed of fiddle-playing since, launching programs to teach fiddle to young people and older folks alike. Now she's getting set to launch a fiddle class through Sisters Park & Recreation District — and she's looking for fiddles to help the class get its start.

Anyone who has an unused fiddle that they are willing to lend or donate to help a student get started is welcome to drop Stolasz a line at stolasz@mac.com.

"We need to call the Sisters fiddles out of hiding,"

she said. "They're not fulfilling their fiddle destiny."

That "fiddle destiny" may well be to get a new musician started on a lifelong pursuit. It's not as difficult as it may seem — especially in a group setting, Stolasz asserts.

"You can start eeking out a fiddle tune in a couple of months (as a beginner)," she said. "It's a blast to learn in a group setting."

Stolasz cites no less an authority than legendary Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser in noting that a group of beginners sounds better than the individuals do practicing in their room by themselves. That, Fraser has said, is because only the good notes go out and the bad notes fall at your feet.

The first beginner class is

set to start on November 29, for fifth graders on up in age. It's a 10-week program and adults are welcome, too. The plan is to develop an ongoing program.

"That would be the ideal," Stolasz said. "To always have a beginner class feeding into a ... fiddle horde."

Fiddle music is part of the musical tradition of many peoples and nations, and part of Stolasz's mission is to use music as a kind of travel adventure.

"There's so many parts of the world you can visit and go to," she said.

For more information, contact SPRD at 541-549-20191 or visit www.sistersrecreation.com.



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Film celebrates Wild & Scenic Rivers

In early October, the Deschutes National Forest and Discover Your Forest are hosting a film screening to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The movie, "Upriver," is a watershed film that explores one of the nation's most active river conservation movements just over the Cascade crest on the Willamette River. The event will be held at The Belfry in Sisters on Friday, October 5, starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$5 and are available for purchase at the door.

Before the film, Sisters District Ranger Ian Reid and Sisters Trail Alliance volunteer Gary Guttormsen will discuss restoration efforts on

two local Wild and Scenic rivers, the Metolius River and Whychus Creek, near Sisters.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. This act signed by Congress in 1968 preserves designated rivers that have outstanding natural, cultural and recreation values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Act protects 12,724 miles of 208 rivers, which is less than one quarter of one percent of streams or rivers in the United States.

For more information about events celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act visit <https://centraloregonwildandscenic.org/>.



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OCT 5 FRI **Paulina Springs Books Author Reading with Bob Welch** 6:30 p.m. Welch will share from his book, "The Wizard of Foz," the incredible story of Dick Fosbury, Olympic gold medal winner and inventor of the Fosbury Flop. For more information call 541-549-0866 or go to paulinasprings.com.

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