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Cub reporters hid from the rain in a survival-style shelter they found near the course's first hole.

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Junior reporters explore Hyzer Pines

By The Kid Made Crew

Seven roving reporters from Sisters Country walked into the forest near Coffield Community Center, the headquarters of Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD). They brought paper, pencils, notebooks, and pens.

There they investigated Hyzer Pines Disc Golf Course. Instead of throwing discs, they made observations and took notes. Their assignment was to observe the forest around the first hole, also known as a basket. They also spent time looking at signage and maps.

It was part of Kid Made Camp's "Make Your Own Newspaper" class, produced in cooperation with SPRD and The Nugget's Kids in Print initiative.

All seven reporters and artists were attentive, quiet, and very observant. All are students at Sisters Elementary or Sisters Middle School, ranging from kindergarten through sixth grade.

The junior reporters recorded their observations and questions in the form of writing and illustrations. Here are the results.

Introduction to Hyzer Pines

By Josiah Mensing

With an astonishing 18 holes, this disc golf course is a family fun forest, but is still a very difficult mayhem with all the trees.

The course extends all the way to a lake and past a wood-cutting place. The longest distance in a hole is a mind-boggling 439 feet.

The course reminded me of the huge forests in California. It did have some cut-down trees; the leaning trees make it even more difficult to avoid the trees.

Personal Observations at Hyzer Pines

By Kennedy Davis

As I wander around the disc golf course I start to wonder, What are these plants? Gray with some sort of thorn, covering the course.

I walk up to hole number 1 and notice there are seven bird houses in this particular area. Then I notice two more.

The nature out here is wonderful. In the distance I spot a sign. It reads, "Deschutes National Forest."

Three more bird houses. As I walk the holed course I see all the trees.

Suddenly, I spot a road going through the middle of the course. Right next to it is a speed limit sign that reads, "Speed Limit 50." I try to see if birds are living in these houses, but I can't tell.

Note, Play, & Build

By Gusty Berger-Brown

We note. We play. We build. We're the Roving Reporters, and we're observing on Hyzer Pines Disc Golf Course.

There are 18 holes and 36 tees—two for each hole. It's really fun there and it is located near SPRD and Sisters High School. It is near Highway 242.

The game is played by trying to throw discs into the baskets. When I went out there I found cool wood forts, like wigwams. Reporter Liam called them "little wooden tents." They're fun to build and play in.

I love Hyzer Pines!



First-grader Paxton Seeley wondered why this forested place—"this play's"—has so many birds and deer.



Third-grade student Amaya Wyrick said that she liked to draw in pencil best, though it can be hard to see when reproduced in newsprint.



Liam Berray, a second-grader, focused on the course's trees, towering over a rough survival shelter kids could play in.



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Human-caused forest fire scene as imagined by Samuel Van Paeppeghem, a 2nd-grader at Sisters Elementary School.

Prescribed burns improve habitat

By Jojo Souza

Imagine you are walking through a sea of smoke, choking on your own breath. Squirrels and deer run for their lives as unknown people set fire to your forest. Why are they doing this and killing habitat?

Well, they are doing prescribed burns to help the forest. Prescribed burns open up space and lower the chance of a wildfire coming through and burning the whole forest.

Should we have more prescribed burns? Yes, the prescribed burns are good. They help the habitat improve. They burn hazards and they burn dead and fallen trees.

Also, the bitterbrush lights like a match and it spreads really fast. The fires burn all the grass and shrubs which causes a lot of smoke. Overall the prescribed fires are a big help.



Jojo Souza is a 6th-grader at Black Butte School.

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