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Photo by Andre Kanieri

Hal Willard, education program manager for the Dorris Ranch, uses an outdoor approach in teaching history to elementary students.

History farm teaches students, kids

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Oregon's only living history farm launches another season of its outdoor elementary history education program this month, offering a unique experience for University students and grade school children alike.

Dorris Ranch, located three-quarters of a mile from downtown Springfield at the corner of South Second and Doris streets, plays host to educational programs focusing on the settling and agriculture of the Willamette Valley. Students also examine the effects different groups of people, including fur traders, farmers and Native Americans have had on the land.

"They learn a little bit about Oregon history, and they learn it in an outdoor rather than classroom setting," said Casey Bemis, volunteer coordinator at

Dorris Ranch. "They get to experience history, and they have fun, so maybe they will remember it longer. Most people have a great time."

The ranch, purchased in 1891 by George Dorris, boasted the first commercial filbert orchard in the United States 12 years later. The Willamalane Park and Recreation District purchased the property in 1971 with grants and donations from the Dorris family.

In 1986 the farm was designated as a living history farm because of the property's historic value.

Having moved from growing filberts to history lessons, the ranch offers innovative educational programs that have met with tremendous success, Bemis said.

"The demand from the schools is much greater than we had expected," Bemis said. "We need all the help we can get from volunteers and practi-

cum students. The elementary schools just love it."

Two educational programs are offered at the ranch, one aimed at second graders and the other at third, fourth and fifth graders.

A "detective program" asks third through fifth graders to solve the "Case of the Changing Property." Students examine nine "mystery facts" that they use as clues to discover how people have altered the 250-acre ranch.

Armed with clipboards and magnifying glasses, the children are led by a costumed leader on a tour of the farm.

"As they tour the farm they find the answers," Bemis said. "At the end they get to decide which group was the most influential and had the greatest impact on the property."

"During the game they learn about Kalapuya Indians, traders

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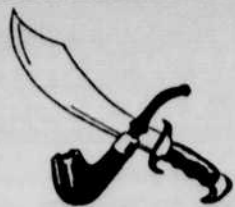
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