

Local firefighters help douse 10-acre blaze

Fire burned 10 acres of one- and two-year-old logging slash four miles south of Sandy on Thursday, Aug. 14.

Firefighters from three local rural fire districts joined the state Department of Forestry in battling the blaze. It was contained late Thursday. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The land is owned by the Deep Creek Timber Association.

No homes were damaged by the fire, although there were several in the area. The closest to the fire was about one-quarter mile to the south. Individuals were notified of the fire, and some individuals voluntarily evacuated their homes.

Friday, 30 people, three engines, a water tender and a bulldozer were being used to mop-up after the fire. An industry forester with Times Mirror Land and Timber Company, Jim Carr, was placed in charge of the effort. Fires in Eastern Oregon have drained much of State Forestry's

local resources, according to Mike Barsotti, service forester for State Forestry.

Boring, Sandy and Estacada fire districts dispatched seven engines and 25 people to make initial attack on the Deep Creek fire.

"Their help was tremendous," said Ken Humbert, a state forester with the Clackamas-Marion District.

"They provided most of the water and half of the people," Humbert added. "Most of our people are east of the mountains."

All forest and range lands in Oregon are being closed to camp and cooking fires because of the problems in Eastern Oregon and the continued hot and dry weather, Barsotti said. Fires will be allowed only in designated campgrounds.

Other potential causes of wildfire, chainsaws and motorcycles, aren't restricted, but caution is advised.



Beth Carlson of Amboy, Wash., and Nathan Patrick of Corbett work on their wish boats.

Photo by Scott Newton

Camp aids kids with cancer

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Ferns.
Pine cones.
Leaves.
Old man's beard (moss).
Bark.
Elmer's glue.
Names in felt pen on masking tape.

White votive candles.
That is what 48 children at Camp Ukandu made wish boats out of. They glued ferns, pine cones, leaves and old man's beard to bark, secured the white votive candles and stuck on masking tape with their names written in felt pen.

At a campfire gathering last Thursday, the last night of a week-long camp held at the Mount Hood Kiwanis Camp site near Rhododendron, the children will place 48 wish boats into a pond.

What were they wishing for? They could be wishing for anything; wish-boat wishes like birthday wishes are void when told. But there is one wish in common because the children at this camp either have cancer themselves or have siblings with cancer. Most of them are in remission. All of them

want to grow up like other children.

Camp chairman Ken Raddle of Portland, whose 13-year-old daughter has leukemia, said that when many children are diagnosed with cancer they undergo induction, which wipes out white blood cells. White blood cells are built up again during remission.

"The earlier the remission the better the percentages are," he said.

Last year Raddle took his daughter to a camp near Seattle for children with cancer, Camp Goodtimes.

"They couldn't guarantee room for Oregon kids next year," he said. So Raddle went to the American Cancer Society in Portland to talk about setting up a camp similar to Camp Goodtimes in Oregon. Fred Meyer donated \$45,000 to fund the camp for the next three years.

In less than a year from the time Raddle first went to the American Cancer Society, Camp Ukandu was taking applications for its week-long session.

This year 48 children ages 8 to 16 fished, canoed, rode horseback, hiked and sung around the campfire at the camp. Each child could

bring a sibling. The camp is free. The only restriction is that children could not have been off therapy for more than three years.

At campfire on the first night, the children had to tell something they had done that day for the first time, Raddle said. Some had caught their first fish, rode their first horse or just been to camp for the first time in their life, he said.

Thirteen-year-old Shannon Flory of Gresham, who was gluing his wish boat together, said horseback riding was his favorite activity.

Cleaning fish and swimming were highlights of the camp, said Mackenzie Patrick of Corbett.

Her 11-year-old brother Nathan, who went to Camp Goodtimes last year, said Camp Ukandu is similar to it, but at this camp everyone has to keep a journal. Nathan was casting his line into a pond, hoping to catch the big, elusive trout campers have nicknamed "Walter."

The camp is staffed with "a doctor for the day" and a volunteer nurse. The doctors for each day are pediatric oncologists who volunteer to come to the camp for a day.

"A kid's whole relation with their

doctor is in a hospital. At the camp they see each other in a different light," Raddle said.

Students in the Special Education program at Portland State University work at Camp Ukandu as part of their course work. Counselors aren't told which children have cancer and which are siblings.

All people who come into the camp are screened because children at the camp who are in remission have "no defense system to combat illness," Raddle said. When some parents find their children have cancer they go in the house, lock the door and only come out for treatment, Raddle said.

The camp provides respite for parents, he said.

One girl at the camp had never been away from her parents since she was diagnosed with cancer, he said.

Children are dependent on doctors and parents all the time, Raddle said. The camp provides some independence for the patient, Raddle said. The older ones, who have a tremendous dependency in conflict with the independence they feel as they grow older, especially need these types of outlets, he said.

Jordan named to VFW committee

John S. Staum of Minneapolis, Minn., the commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, has appointed Leslie E. Jordan of Sandy, VFW Post 4273, as a member of the 1986 convention committee on national security and foreign affairs.

The committee meets this week during the 87th annual National Convention of the VFW in Minneapolis.

Jordan has been active in veterans affairs for many years and has held a variety of offices in positions of leadership within the nation's oldest major veterans association.

"People who have helped preserve their country through military service in time of war best understand the importance of maintaining the freedom and liberty we all enjoy and sometimes take for granted," Staum

said.

The committee will study resolutions dealing with national defense, military policy, foreign affairs and civil defense and present its recommendations to convention delegates either for or against adoption.

Jordan and his colleagues also will hear the views of numerous national leaders who will be participating in the convention.



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A special candlelight induction ceremony for new Pathfinders will be featured at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Sandy Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Pathfinder Club is similar to scouting.

The Pathfinder Club is open to young people ages 10 through 16. The group has many outings, Christian faith-building activities, games and crafts. This fall's program includes woodcarving, the study of marine invertebrates, and baking for craft honor badges.

On Sept. 6, Pathfinder Sabbath, Pathfinder members and former members will be encouraged to wear their scarf and/or Master Guide pin. For more information, contact Elaine Wallace, leader, at 663-3987.

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