

Be sure to satisfy the Bird Count

FORT CLATSOP — Visitors to Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop, can join in the 21st annual Great Backyard Bird Count from Friday, Feb. 16, through Monday, Feb. 19. Participants will record bird observations in the park and count birds in their own backyards. Binoculars will be available for loan within the park.

To participate in this citizen science opportunity, anyone in the world can count birds for at least 15 minutes at any location on one or more days of the count and enter their sightings at gbbc.birdcount.org. The information gath-



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A pair of mallards paddling around

ered by tens of thousands of individuals helps track changes in bird populations on a massive scale. The bird count is a joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society with partner

Bird Studies Canada.

Bird events

Along with the bird counting activities, the park has planned four days of bird-related opportunities. A “great pink heron scavenger hunt” will be ongoing using the Netul Trail along the Lewis and Clark River. A “Birds of Fort Clatsop” display is in the visitor center.

• On Saturday, Feb. 17, Mike Patterson will lead a birding walk starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center lobby. Although leashed dogs are welcome at most of the park’s outdoor programs, dogs are not allowed at this morning walk. Be sure to dress for the weather. The walk is wheelchair accessible, though non-motorized users might need assistance

for about 200 yards.

• On Sunday, Feb. 18, Travis Koons, a curator at the Oregon Zoo, will talk about plans to return wild California condors to their historic range along the Columbia River and north of it. This program is part of the monthly In Their Footsteps guest speaker series and takes place at 1 p.m. in the Netul River Room of the visitor center.

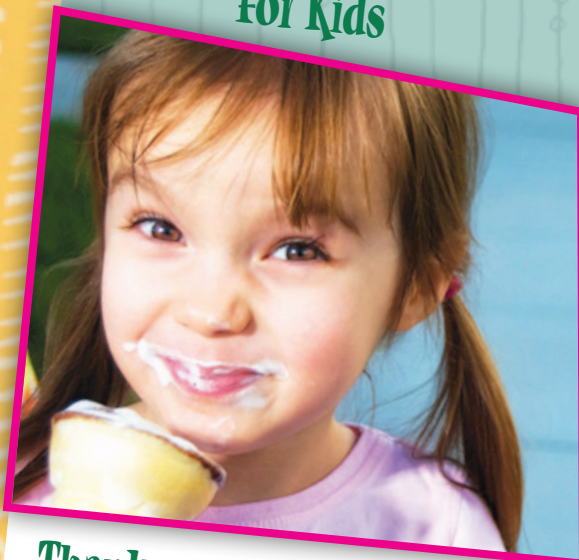
• On Monday, Feb. 19 (Presidents’ Day), the park will offer a birding walk in Spanish at 10 a.m. starting in the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center lobby. The same rules and conditions apply as the Feb. 17 birding walk.

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471 or check out nps.gov/lewi or Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook.



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A doggone good time with 4-H

ASTORIA — The Clatsop County 4-H program is offering 4-H youth a dog seminar featuring showmanship and rally obedience 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds (92937 Walluski Loop). Registration is at 8 a.m. More than one 4-H dog is permitted.

The guest will be Cati Foss, owner of Arnicaia Dog Training, who will speak about emotional well-being and how it correlates to training your animal. In addition, there will be a drawing for great prizes!

The fee is \$10 per 4-H

member. Lunch will not be available for sale. Bring many tiny, soft dog treats or a training toy. The seminar is indoors, but dress in layers. Wear appropriate footwear for running in the dirt. Bring a 6-foot leash, show lead and water bowl. Kennels are required (call if you need assistance).

The public is invited to listen and learn, though only 4-H youth may participate.

For more information, contact Lorna Brandt (503-440-0573) or Sandra Carlson at the Oregon State University 4-H and Extension Office (503-325-8573).