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## Free fishing fun set for Cleawox Lake June 7

Fishing fun and other activities for families will take place Saturday, June 7, at the annual Free Fishing Day celebration at Cleawox Lake in Honeyman State Park.

The event will be held in the day use parking area on the east side of Cleawox, near the campground entrance.

Activities begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue through 2 p.m. In addition to fishing, there will be fish print T-shirt making stations, a free hot dog lunch and prizes passed out at the end of

The accessible fishing dock is open and extends out into Cleawox more than 30 feet, making it easier to fish and avoid the weeds. The dock was constructed last year with grant monies from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program (R&E) and help from Oregon State Parks and the Florence Salmon Trout Enhancement Program members.

STEP volunteers will be on-

hand to register fishing participants, hand out rods and reels and help with fishing techniques and casting from the

"We have over 200 rods and reels ready to go," said Mike Frankhouser of STEP. "We'll have Power Bait available and backup tackle to fix any problems that come up."

STEP will also have a fish cleaning station, so anglers can bring their fish to the station and have it cleaned and bagged.

There will also be a fish print T-shirt station for kids to choose a marine animal to print on a T-shirt, as well as a practice casting area.

Children who register when they arrive will receive a drawing ticket and could win prizes that have been donated by local merchants.

The free fishing day event is sponsored by ODFW, the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon State Parks and STEP.

### Results announced for annual Pitch, Hit and Run

Results have announced for this year's Major League Baseball's Pitch Hit and Run skills eventheld May 9 at Miller Park.

Winners will advance to sectionals this Saturday, May 30, at Salem-Keizer' Volcanoes Stadium.

Girls:

• 7 and 8 years old: champion-All-around

Maddy Eivers

**Joseph Dotson** 

The senior athlete won the State

Championship in

300-meter hurdles in a Siuslaw

record time of 39.24 seconds. He

also finished third in the 800

meters with a time of 50.86

seconds; and he ran a leg in the

eighth place boys 4x400 relay

**Honorable Mention** 

Mikaela Siegel

The Viking junior captured the 4A

crown in the 100-meter hurdles,

breaking her own previous school

record with a time of 15.5

seconds. Siegel also finished 7th

in the long jump with a leap of 15'

10 1/4". Siegel also learned last

week that she had won the Far

West League Triple Jump with a mark of 34'10" following a protest

at the District Meet in Brookings.

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• 9 and 10 years old: All-around champion— **Bailey Overton** 

• 11 and 12 years old: All-around champion—Brea Wilson Blankenship

Boys:

• 7 and 8 years old:

All-around champion-Holden Klueh

Pitch champions—Holden Klueh, Jordan Pitcher, Jordan Stricklan

Hit champions-Michael Felkins, Holden Klueh, Billie Massey

Run Champion—Matthias Kramer, Dalton Stinger

• 9 and 10 years old: All-around champion-

Andrew Jensen-Norman Pitch champions—Victor Ayala, Andrew Jensen-Norman Hit champion—Ian Sissel

Run champion—Ian Sissel • 11 and 12 years old:

All-around champion-Elijah Blankenship

Pitch champions-Clay

Hit champion-Dalton Stinger

Run champion-Elijah Blankenship

• 13 and 14 years old:

All-around champion-Zachary Stinger

## Take extra precations with camp fires

one of the special times we all enjoy, but campfires are also a major cause of wildfires. May is Wildfire Awareness Month, and Keep Oregon Green, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, and the Oregon Department of Forestry urge Oregonians to follow these basic outdoor safety tips:

• Know before you go -Call your local forestry or fire district to learn if there are any current campfire restrictions at your recreation destination. An interactive map of Oregon's fire restrictions is available at www.keeporegongreen.org.

• Kick the campfire habit this summer — Portable camp stoves are a safer option to campfires at any time of year. Areas that prohibit campfires outside maintained campgrounds with established fire pits will often allow the use of camp stoves.

• Select the right spot — Where campfires are allowed,

Sitting around a campfire is avoid building the fire near your tent, structures, vehicles, shrubs and trees, and be aware of low-hanging branches over-

> Clear the site down to mineral soil, at least five feet on all sides, and circle your campfire site with rocks. Store your unused firewood a good distance from the fire.

• Keep your campfire small A campfire is less likely to escape control if it is kept small. A large fire may cast hot embers long distances. Add firewood in small amounts as existing material is consumed.

• Attend your campfire at all times — A campfire left unattended for only a few minutes can grow into a costly, damaging wildfire. Staying with your campfire from start to finish until dead out is required by state law, to ensure that any escaped sparks or embers can be extinguished quickly.

• Never use gasoline or other accelerants (flammable or

combustible liquids) to start or increase your campfire. Once the fire is ignited, wait until the match is cold and then discard it in the fire.

• Always have water and fire tools on site - Have a shovel and a bucket of water nearby to extinguish any escaped embers. When you are ready to leave, drown all embers with water, stir the coals, and drown again. Repeat until the fire is dead out. If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave.

• Burn only wood — State regulations prohibit the open burning of any material that creates dense, toxic smoke or noxious odors.

• Escaped campfires are costly The Oregon Department of Forestry spent more than \$3.3 million in 2014 to suppress unattended and escaped campfires. State law requires the proper clearing, building, attending and extinguishing of open fires any time of year.

A first-time citation carries a \$110 fine. If your campfire spreads out of control, you are responsible for the cost of fire suppression. This can range from a few hundred to thousands of dollars.

During Wildfire Awareness Month visit the Keep Oregon Green website, www.keeporegongreen.org, for other wildfire prevention tips.

#### Tee up for kids at Golf Classic

Join the excitement as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Lane County host its 18th annual Fore Kids Golf Classic on Saturday, June 6, at the Sandpines Golf Links.

The event will help provide continued support for Western Lane County youth being served by the Boys and Girls Club.

The four-person scramble tournament will kick-off with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. and will feature numerous contests, including putting, closest-to-the-pin, longest drive and a hole-in-one contest.

It will be followed by posttournament awards barbecue, live auctions and raffles. The popular Golf Ball Drop Raffle will be held around 4 p.m. First-prize is a sevennight stay at Poipu Beach Kauai.

The cost for the scramble is \$109 per golfer and includes green fees, cart, range balls, barbecue, raffles, wine, beer and more.

Register early by email at jeria@sandpines.com or call 541-530-4852.



