

# Celebrate responsibly with fireworks, warn Sheriffs

The Fourth of July is quickly approaching, which means fireworks and celebration.

Here are some important tips to remember to ensure a safe holiday celebration.

It is extremely important to know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Illegal items in Oregon include firecrackers, torpedoes, sky-

rockets, Roman candles, bombs, rockets, wheels, colored fires, fountains, mines, serpents or any other article of similar construction or any article containing any explosive or inflammable compound.

Any tablets or other device containing any explosive substances or inflammable compound are also not legal in Oregon without a permit.

Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are not fireworks, they are federally banned explosives. They can cause serious injury or even death.

Stay away from anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use.

All fireworks are prohibited

in all state parks and on ocean beaches.

Possession of illegal fireworks in Oregon is a Class B Misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$10,000 and/or six months in jail.

If you are aware of anyone selling such devices, contact your local law enforcement agency.

Fireworks are not toys.

Never give fireworks to young children. Close, adult supervision of all fireworks activities is mandatory. Even sparklers can be unsafe if used improperly.

Read and follow all warnings and instructions on fireworks.

Be sure that people maintain a safe distance from where fireworks are ignited. Never light and throw any fireworks. Only

light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from buildings, dry leaves, and flammable materials.

Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned. Keep a bucket of water handy in case of a malfunction or fire.

Have a safe Fourth of July.  
— Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

## OREGON MARINE BOARD OFFERS ONLINE BOATER'S EDUCATION CARD

With the Marine Board's new online storefront (open 24/7), boat operators can order a replacement boater education card and print out a temporary permit and go boating right away.

Boaters no longer have to call or visit the Salem office during business hours to verify they have a card, and then wait for snail mail for their replacement — which typically takes two to three weeks.

"At this time every year, boaters get their boats and gear prepped, and sometimes panic when they realize they can't find their card," says MariAnn McKenzie, Boater Education Coordinator for the Marine Board. "It's easy to go to our online registration system to order a replacement."

The cost of a replacement card is \$8 and the storefront accepts most major credit cards.

Go to [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com) and click on the RegLine icon from the homepage.

If boaters have purchased an AIS permit, applied for a boater education card or registered a boat, the Marine Board's online storefront already has the boater's baseline data.

Simply register to create an account.

Once boaters establish a user name and password, they can login, and click on online serv-

ices drop-down, select the Boater Education Card Replacement Application link, then follow the directions.

Once payment is verified, boaters will have the option to print a temporary permit, which is valid for up to 60 days and must be carried onboard the boat.

If you need assistance with the online process, contact the Education Section at the Marine Board at 503-378-8587.

The Mandatory Education law was implemented in 2001 and requires boaters to take an approved boating safety course, apply for a boater education card and carry it with them on the water when operating a powerboat over 10 horsepower.

The program was phased in by age beginning in 2003 and after 2009, all boaters are required to take a boating safety course.

The card costs \$10 and is

good for life. McKenzie adds, "Remember to make sure you have your card with you when you're out on the water. It's a Class D violation and boaters could get a \$110 fine."

To order a replacement boater education card or to set up an account with the Marine Board's online storefront for other permits or licenses, visit [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com).

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## SWIM LESSONS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE AT LOCAL POOL

Kids can splash, kick or glide their way into summer with swim lesson sessions offered at Coastal Fitness.

Swimmers of all ages and abilities will find friendly knowledgeable instructors that make learning fun, with plenty of flexibility for parents' schedules. More than four session dates offered.

Sessions are two weeks long, Monday through Thursday, and run either in mornings or

evenings.

For the intermediate or advanced swimmer, the Coastal Fitness "Fins Club" takes a swimmer to the next levels. Instructors offer training on different strokes and swimming technique.

This class is offered every Tuesday at 11 a.m.

"Our swim program has received great reviews from parents," said Deena Mitchell, Children's Program Director.

Coastal Fitness has been offering swim lessons to both children and adults since the opening of its pools four years ago.

"We have great instructors and our student-to-teacher ratio is very low," said Mitchell. Because of it, kids really excel.

"Not only that, but they are having a lot of fun learning."

Children are taught in two different pools. The warmer,

more shallow pool is conducive to young swimmers and the lap pool is perfect for the more advanced student.

Swim sessions continue through July.

Parents can register by stopping Coastal Fitness on Highway 101, or by calling 541-997-8086.

Payment must be received at time of registration.

Personal and adult lessons are also offered.

## ODFW video offers beginning anglers fishing tips, techniques

SALEM — Just in time for summer vacations and family fishing, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has introduced a new

video series titled "How to Fish for Trout in Oregon" to help newcomers learn how to fish.

The 14-part series, sponsored by ODFW and starring professional guide Cody Herman of Day One Outdoors, takes the beginning angler from picking out the proper gear at the local sporting goods store, to cleaning and cooking their catch.

In between, anglers will learn easy, proven techniques for attaching tackle and bait, casting and what to do when a

fish bites.

"It's true that catching trout can be easy, but it can also be intimidating when you're first starting out and you don't know what you need, how to do it, or where to go," said Chris Willard, ODFW Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. "These videos are designed to make it easier for beginning and novice anglers to take advantage of Oregon's most popular fishery."

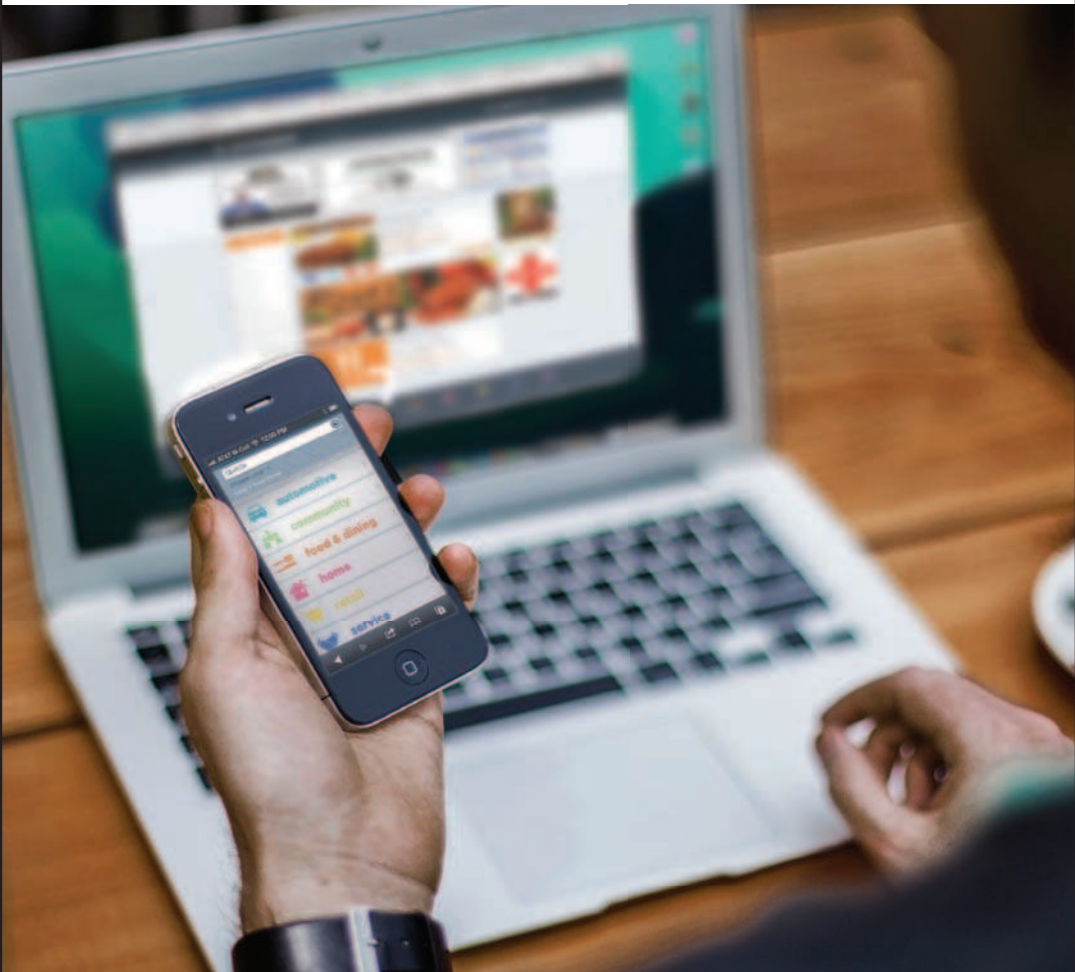
The videos are being released just as Oregonians are

making their outdoor travel plans.

"Summer vacation and fishing just naturally go together," Willard said. Whether you're planning a week-long getaway to a remote location, or a one-day staycation close to home, there will be an opportunity to add fishing to the agenda, he said.

Links to videos are online at [www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/learn\\_to\\_fish.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/learn_to_fish.asp).

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