

Forest Service waives fees in honor of Veterans Day

The U.S. Forest Service will waive fees at day-use recreation sites in Oregon and Washington on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

“We honor our veterans each Nov. 11 and every other day of the year,” said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. “We hope that this time will serve as a way for our veterans and other visitors to find our national forests and grasslands as a year-round respite, a place where they can take time out for themselves.”

This fee waiver includes many picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads, and visitor centers. Concession operations will continue to charge fees unless the permit holder wishes to participate.

Fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions, or other permits still apply.

No fees are charged at any time on 98 percent of national forests and grasslands, and approximately two-thirds of developed recreation sites in national forests and grasslands can be used for free.

Check with your local forest or grassland or www.recreation.gov to see if your destination charges a fee.

The Pacific Northwest Region consists of 16 National Forests, 59 District Offices, a National Scenic Area, and a National Grassland comprising 24.7 million acres in Oregon and Washington and employing approximately 3,550 people.

To learn more, visit www.fs.usda.gov/r6.

Cape Perpetua Visitors Center to highlights mushrooms Nov. 14

YACHATS — Summer might have ended, but discovery never ends on the Oregon coast.

Autumn rains have ushered in a bounty of mushrooms. Learn about them and more during the season’s first installment of the Winter Discovery Series at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center, 2400 Highway 101, three miles south of Yachats.

Mushroom forager and photographer Anna Moore will discuss local mushroom species and share knowledge gained from 30 years of foraging.

Moore is a member of mushroom clubs in Eugene, Lincoln City and Northern California.

She’s given beginner mushroom presentations at schools, parks and organizations along the Oregon coast and Willamette Valley.

The Cape Perpetua Winter Discovery Series is an opportunity to explore topics and resources relevant to the Oregon coast during the off-season months between November and March.

All presentations and guided walks are free, but a Northwest Forest Pass, Oregon Coast Pass or \$5 day-use fee is required within to the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area.

For more information, contact the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center at 541-547-3289.

Siuslaw Volleyball Club to host next round of tryouts Nov. 23

Siuslaw Volleyball Club has set its next date for tryouts, which will be Monday, Nov. 23, for girls ages 15 to 18.

Tryouts will take place at Siuslaw Middle School from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The club, entering its 13th season, is open to all girls who are looking to learn and improve their volleyball skills as part of a team.

Practices are two to three times per week from mid November through April.

Through the generosity of Siuslaw School District, the club uses the Siuslaw Middle School gym for practices.

Teams play in one to two tournaments each month, competing against teams from Oregon and southern Washington.

These tournaments are usually one-day tournaments on a weekend that start at 8 am and continue into the early evening. Each team plays an average of five matches each day.

This year, the entire club fee has been reduced to \$125 per player. Fee covers all the tournaments, insurance for practices and tournaments, team sweatpants and jacket, backpack and T-shirt.

“We keep our fees extremely low because we have some great fundraisers, like the Viking Cup golf Tournament,” said club director Mike Rose.

“We also receive donations from great service organizations, like the Soroptimists, plus all of our coaches are volunteers.

“Many clubs charge \$500 to a few thousand dollars.”

All athletes must preregister online with www.cevaregion.org and pay a \$10 tryout/deposit fee.

These fees are due at time of online registration; only players making team pay fees to club.

Bring a copy of registration or \$10 and the membership form to tryouts.

DONATIONS TO IAN FOSTER FUND, HELP NEEDY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS

During the school year, approximately 190 Siuslaw School District high school student athletes and 90 middle school student athletes participate in one or more sports programs. These students not only excel on the field, trail, track or court, but also in the classroom.

Siuslaw student athletics out-perform their counterparts, often receiving better marks and higher graduation rates.

According to the latest data, Siuslaw High School student athletes’ average GPA was 2.94 while non-athletes’ GPA was 2.29, with athletes taking .5 more credits than their non-athlete counterparts.

To date, approximately 58 percent of the Siuslaw School District’s students are receiving free or reduced lunch though a government program which assists families living at or below the poverty line. This is one of the indicators for student athletes who are applying for an athletic scholarship through the Ian Foster Scholarship Program.

The Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club donates annually to the Ian Foster Scholarship Fund.

In the past, student athletes could use the fund for every sport they wish to participate, but of recent years, the fund has dwindled to a point where each student athlete can use the fund only once per year.

Donations will assist low income student athletes pay for participation fees associated with playing sports at both the middle school and high school in Florence..

Make a donation by mail at Ian Foster Fund, P.O. Box 1972, Florence, OR 97439.

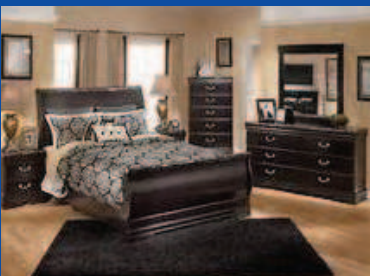
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