

# B&G Club seeks players, coaches for expanding softball program

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County is expanding its girls fastpitch softball program.

Until this season, the program has only fielded a U14 team made up of sixth- through eighth-grade girls.

After speaking with a few of the softball leagues on the coast, the B&G Club has decided to expand with the goal of having enough players for three teams: a U10, U12 and U14 team.

The program is looking for girls grades 3 through 8 who are interested in playing softball. Must be age 9 by April 1, 2016 to participate.

Practices will start in April, with games starting in May. The B&G Club will be hosting and traveling to play teams from Waldport, Coos Bay, North Bend, Reedsport, Bandon and Coquille.

Uniforms have been designed and are waiting to be ordered.

The program is also looking for coaches, umpires and any local businesses that are interested in sponsoring a team.

The cost to play is \$100 per player, and includes the cost of the uniform.

Participants must be a current Boys and Girls Club member (a \$25 annual fee).

The B&G Club has income-based scholarships available.

# ODFW to issue single South Coast clam dive permit during April

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will award one South Coast bay clam dive permit April 15, at ODFW headquarters in Salem.

“The commercial bay clam dive fishery in Oregon is limited to 15 permits — 10 coast-wide permits and five south coast permits,” said DeAnna Erickson, license services manager for ODFW. “If the number of permits falls below 15, we hold a lottery to bring the number back up to 15.

“Currently there is one South Coast permit available.”

South Coast permits are only valid in Oregon estuaries south of Heceta Head.

Bay clams are harvested by licensed inter-tidal commercial harvesters and also by permitted sub-tidal divers.

Harvest focuses on cockles, gapers and butter clams.

“Historical landings patterns and species targeted vary depending on market demand, environmental conditions and population abundances,” said Mitch Vance, shellfish project leader for ODFW’s Marine Resources Program. “Some restrictions also exist for conservation purposes.

“For instance, the season for gapers is closed from January to June when they are spawning.”

Only one application per vessel or individual will be accepted.

Applications must be received in the Salem office or postmarked no later than March 31.

To renew a permit for the next year, the holder must meet minimum landing requirements of five landings of at least 100 pounds each or an annual total of 2,500 pounds with dive gear.

If there are no landings, the permit reverts to the state.

For more information, visit ODFW’s licensing services, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. in Salem or call 503-947-6101.

# Shamrock Run to raise funds for middle school track, cross country teams

The Siuslaw Middle School (SMS) cross country and track and field programs will host the seventh annual Shamrock Run 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, March 12.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Bridgeport Market parking lot in Old Town Florence, next to the Port of Siuslaw boat ramp.

Proceeds from the fundraiser provide the two SMS programs with their largest source of funding.

The course is terrific for beginners and experienced runners alike.

The course route can be previewed online at [www.goo.gl/r6WUYx](http://www.goo.gl/r6WUYx).

There are free races for younger children and a Fun Dash (100m) for ages 5 years old and younger beginning at 8:45 a.m.

The 5K and 2K walk or jog begins at 9 a.m.

Come out and wear your green.

Race forms are available at Coastal Fitness and both the Siuslaw Middle and High School offices, or download on online at [www.goo.gl/CxeeCI](http://www.goo.gl/CxeeCI).

Sponsors for the race are PeaceHealth Hospital, Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club, Florence Eye Clinic, Potter’s Tire and Automotive, Central Coast Disposal, Community Baptist Church, Card Heating and Air, Florence Dental Clinic, Glo Tanning, The Shippin’ Shack, Red Artworks and Florence Kiwanis.

Each sponsor has provided either seed money or logistical support for the event.

Participation fees are:

- Ages 5 and under 100M Fun Dash: Free
- Ages 6 through 10 for the 2K or 5K: Preregistered \$5 (with T-shirt, \$17)
- Ages 11 and older for the 5K or 2K: Preregister \$10 (with T-shirt \$22)
- Ages 6 through 10 for the 2K or 5K on day of race:\$10 (no T-shirt)
- Ages 11 and older for 5K or 2K on day of race \$15 (no T-shirt)

T-shirts can be ordered on the day of race for \$15.

T-shirts ordered with pre-registration by Saturday, March 5, will be available at the race; T-shirts ordered after then will be available 1 to 2 weeks after the day of the race.

All proceeds will benefit the Siuslaw Middle School cross country and track and field programs.

The focus of these programs is on attaining better fitness, learning perseverance and realizing personal improvement.

The middle school program prepares athletes for the high school cross country program, which has earned great respect across the state for its success at state competitions.

For more information, call Eric Tanikawa at 541-997-3518 or email to [rachellemcampbell@gmail.com](mailto:rachellemcampbell@gmail.com).

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