

Siuslaw Watershed Council offering summer camps again

The Siuslaw Watershed Council has announced it will again offer summer camps for students entering fourth grade through high school. These camps are the perfect way to get the most out of summer. Come be a part of exploring the Siuslaw watershed's many

rivers, streams and lakes.

- Camp dates are:
- Introductory Camp: June 27-30, for students entering grades 4-6
 - Intermediate Camp: July 11-14, for students entering grades 6-8
 - Advanced Camp: July 18-

22, for students entering grades 8-12 with previous watershed experience

During the camps, attendees travel throughout the Siuslaw watershed learning about plants, animals, water and land.

The camps focus on the restoration work that is being

done to keep the watershed healthy. Campers will get a chance to make a difference by doing hands-on restoration work, as well as canoeing, kayaking, snorkelling, hiking and more.

Introductory and intermediate camps are day camps.

Advanced camp includes one overnight camping trip.

Each camp is \$75 for the whole session and scholarships are available.

Registration packets are available at www.siuslaw.org/camps, call the SWC office at 541-268-3044 to request a

packet or email camp@siuslaw.org.

Siuslaw Watershed Camps are made possible with funding from OWEB, WCLF, in partnership with Siuslaw School District, and through private donations.

Gem Walkers set May jaunts

On Tuesday, May 3, The Coastal Gem Walkers will walk the Gerdemann Gardens YRE in Yachats. The group will meet at the Overleaf Lodge at 9 a.m. to register.

This 10K walk is rated a 1b for mostly flat terrain and some uneven footing. It is not appropriate for wheelchairs or strollers.

Leashed pets are welcome on walks, but bring water and clean up materials for pets. A sturdy 6-foot non-retractable leash is required.

For more information, call Maryann Brown at 541-961-4279.



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Siuslaw senior Taylor Dotson is safe at third base after hitting a 1-RBI triple against Brookings on Saturday. Dotson was 3-for-3 at the plate.

Softball

from 1B

"Not exactly ideal, but it was what it was," said O'Mara. "We just went to work trying to get those runs back."

And that's exactly what the Viks did.

"We didn't let it worry us," said senior shortstop Anna

Petras."

The Vikings answered by going through their entire batting rotation in the bottom of the inning, scoring five runs to cut their deficit to 6-5. After holding the Bruins scoreless in the top of the second inning, Siuslaw took an 8-6 lead after seven straight at bats.

However, Brookings battled

back in the third fourth innings, holding the Viks away from the plate while tagging five runs for an 11-8 lead heading into the bottom of the fourth.

That's when senior Taylor Dotson smacked an RBI triple that ended in a long, headfirst slide into third base that brought the dugout to its feet.

"Taylor's not really known for

her speed, so to see her hustle like that and slide headfirst to beat the tag was something that got everyone fired up," said O'Mara.

In the next inning, senior centerfielder Anna Stonelake sprinted her way to a crucial catch that ended the inning and the Bruins' threat, keeping Siuslaw within one run, 11-10.

Moving into the bottom of the inning, junior first baseman Claire Waggoner doubled to score the tying run, then made her way home for the go-ahead run on a single from junior catcher Nikki Launius.

From there, the Vikings secured the win in the top of the seventh off the glove of Petras, who snagged a hot grounder and relayed it to Waggoner at first base for the final out — and the win, 12-11.

Dotson was 3-for-3, with 3 runs scored and 2 RBIs. Jones, Petras and Waggoner each had a double, with Jones claiming a game-high 3 runs for the Viks; Petras and Waggoner scored 2 runs each against Brookings.

From the pitcher's circle, Jones struck out five and walked three, throwing a total of 307 pitches between Friday's doubleheader loss against Douglas and Saturday's win.

"It was a good win for us," said O'Mara, whose team will be on the road at South Umpqua Friday for a doubleheader against the Lancers. "As long as we beat the teams we should and sneak a win or two on the road, we still have a decent shot at making the playoffs."

Friday's doubleheader at South Umpqua begins at 3 p.m.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Taylor Dotson



The Viking senior went three-for-three at the plate with a triple; picked up two RBI and scored three times in Siuslaw's Far West League victory over the Brookings-Harbor Bruins.

Honorable Mention Michael Mason

slugger Michael Mason smacked a three-run homer in the first inning to pace Siuslaw to an 8-run baseball shutout victory over the Douglas Trojans.

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