

ODFW says fishing could be new family Thanksgiving tradition

Fishing, clamming and crabbing will be free in Oregon Nov. 25-26

/fishing/learn_to_fish.asp for help in getting started.

Stumped for a way to entertain out-of-state visitors? Take them crabbing. The free fishing weekend applies to them, too.

Longing for a brief escape from all of the football? Take yourself fishing — and maybe bring home fresh trout, because those turkey leftovers won't last forever.

"Getting outside fishing and enjoying Oregon's natural areas is a great way to spend quality family time over the holidays," said Rick Hargrave, an ODFW spokesperson.

While the weather can be challenging during the Thanksgiving holiday, fall can be a great time to go trout fishing: many ponds and lakes have been stocked this fall and fish are feeding hungrily for the winter. In

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife encourages Oregonians to start a new family tradition during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday weekend by taking the family fishing.

On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26, fishing, crabbing and clamming in Oregon will be free. That means no licenses, tags or endorsements are needed on those days. (Though all other fishing regulations apply.)

Desperate to get the kids out the house and somewhere outside? Take them fishing — it's easier than you think.

Visit the ODFW website www.dfw.state.or.us/resources



Catching steelhead in the Lower Deschutes River.

addition, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is waiving day use fees at state parks (Friday only), some of which include great fishing opportunities.

"We're hoping anglers have so much fun and success at this free fishing weekend, they'll want to participate in a second free fishing weekend scheduled for Dec. 31 and Jan. 1," Hargrave said.

The additional free fishing weekends were authorized by the 2015 Oregon State Legislature as a way of introducing new anglers to the sport.

For more help deciding on a fishing destination, check out the ODFW Rec Report at www.dfw.state.or.us/RR/index.asp for the latest conditions.

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'Sea of Lights' display to brighten Oregon Coast Aquarium with spirit of season

NEWPORT — SCUBA Santa, sparkling lights and an ocean of holiday cheer will greet visitors every weekend this December at the Oregon Coast Aquarium's Sea of Lights celebration.

Over half a million colorful lights and holiday decorations will surround visitors with the spirit of the season as they explore the aquarium after hours.

Santa will be present every night of Sea of Lights until Christmas to pose for photos and note visitors' Christmas wishes.

This family-friendly event kicks off with a special celebration on Dec. 2 and 3, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Admission to the first weekend of Sea of Lights is \$2 with two cans of nonperishable people or pet food for the local

food bank.

Entry is \$10 per person without donation. Admission is free for aquarium members, but they are encouraged to bring an item to donate.

Sea of Lights will continue to illuminate the aquarium every following Friday and Saturday of December from 5 to 8 p.m., with the exception for Dec. 24.

Admission is \$10, or free

with same day paid admission.

"Sea of Lights is a fun way for the Aquarium to give back to the community. There is no other place to go see a big light display on the central Oregon coast, and you can simultaneously help stock the shelves of our local food bank," said Lance Beck, Director of Marketing at the aquarium.

This year's Sea of Lights is presented by Walmart.

Customers that spend over \$100 at Walmart's Newport location beginning Nov. 21 will receive a voucher for one free admission to Sea of Lights at the aquarium.

Offer valid while supplies last and certain dates are subject to blackout. See store for details.

Attendees using a voucher are encouraged, but not required, to make a food or toy

donation.

Join in the merriment this December at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road, in Newport.

The aquarium is open every day, except Dec. 25, this winter from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information visit www.aquarium.org or call 541-867-3474.

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Christmas tree cutting permits to be available Nov. 21

The Siuslaw National Forest will begin issuing Christmas tree cutting permits Monday, Nov. 21, at its offices in Corvallis, Hebo, Reedsport and Waldport.

Permits cost \$5 a piece or are free with a fourth-grader's Every Kid In A Park pass.

Every Kid passes are free to any student attending the fourth grade this school year.

In addition to a free Christmas tree permit, the Every Kid pass provides students and their families free admittance into national parks and day-use fees with other federal land agencies, such as the U.S. Forest Service.

Before purchasing a Christmas tree permit on the Siuslaw National Forest, staff members advise buyers to have

a specific tree or cutting location in mind.

"Searching for a suitable tree within the temperate rainforests of the Oregon Coast can be challenging," said Courtney Schreiber, a resource specialist with the forest. "Trees on the Siuslaw grow very quickly, so it can be difficult to find one that fits inside a typical home."

Schreiber also noted that the

dominant conifer species on the forest are Douglas-firs and Sitka spruces, which are not as highly prized for Christmas trees as Noble firs.

To purchase a Christmas tree permit for the Siuslaw National Forest, visit the Reedsport office at 855 Highway 101, or call 541-271-6000.

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Roots from 1B

program and decided it was time to come back.

"I thought about it for all of about 30 seconds," said Perry. "I realized how much I missed coaching. And having the chance to coach this group again was something I couldn't pass up.

"They want to prove how good they can be, and I want to help them do it."

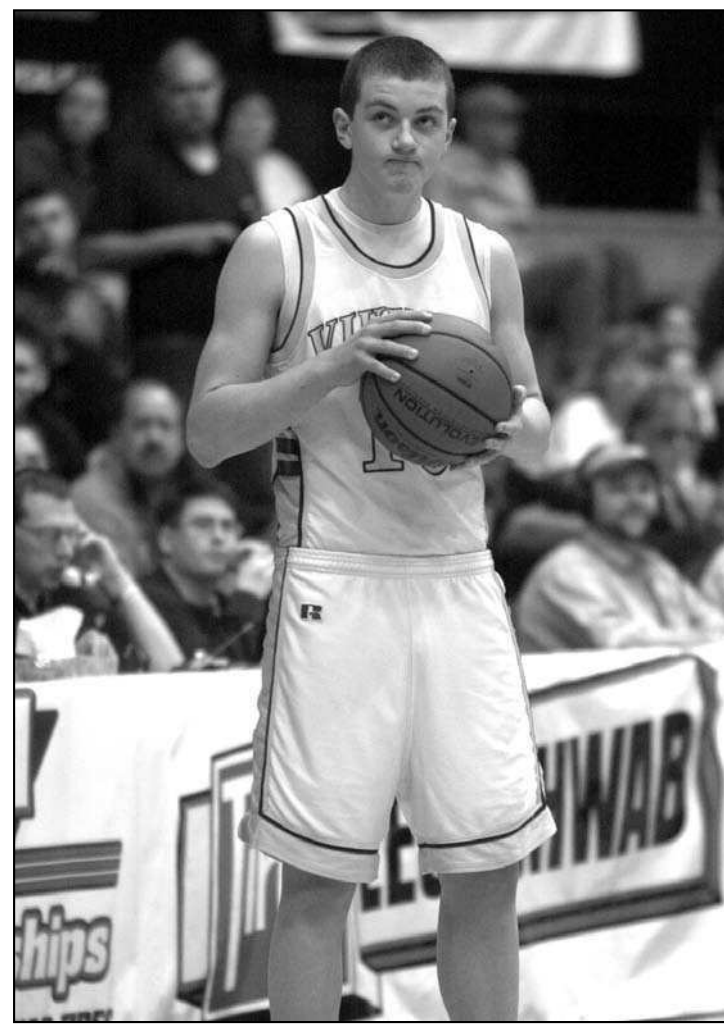
With a total of 25 players in the mix, 11 of which have been slotted for varsity spots, Perry said he was pleased with the turnout for this year's program.

He's also pleased to have something few Siuslaw teams have had in the past.

Height. And lots of it.

With eight players standing 6-foot-2 or taller, including 6-foot-6 junior post Trent Reavis, it's one of the tallest teams Siuslaw has put on the hardwood.

"Rebounding and dominating the glass will separate us from a



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Dylan Perry, in 2003, watches the clock as Siuslaw's delay offense continues for nearly 8 minutes.

lot of teams we'll be facing this year," said Perry. "They understand that will be a big factor for us and are chomping at the bit to make the most of it."

As the Vikings prepare for their first match-up Nov. 30, when they host Creswell in a nonleague game, Perry says he believes last year's experience will benefit them.

"Their record didn't show it in terms of wins and losses, but they were in it for many of their games last season," said Perry. "As sophomores, they were playing against seasoned juniors and seniors. I think that experience is going to pay off for them this year.

"They're ready to get back out there and be successful — and I am going to help them get there."

Siuslaw's game with Creswell will be here at 7:30 p.m., following the girls game at 6 p.m.

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