

## Lightstation hosts party for Fresnel Lens B-Day

Heceta Head Lightstation is celebrating 123 years of the first fresnel lens shining its light on the Oregon Coast on March 30, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Party sponsors, Travel Lane County, will be providing warm drinks and cupcakes. Taylor Sausages will be serving hot dogs, and Destination Events has donated a popcorn machine.

Local musicians Marty Adams, Sea Strings, and High Tide will perform at the historic Keeper's House. State Park and USFS interpretive docents will be giving tours of the lighthouse and light keeper's house, and informative talks about the Oregon coast line.

Bring your camera to have your photo taken on the front porch with the lighthouse in the background to commemorate this community supported family event.

The gift shop will also be open and newly stocked with souvenirs and informative books and videos.

Bring your lighthouse passports to be stamped.

Entry to the Keeper's House is free but donations are gladly accepted.

Parking is available at the Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic View Point, just below the Keeper's House, and NW Adventures Quest will shuttle visitors from the park right to the front door.

Or enjoy the beautiful spring walk up from the beach to the festivities.

Parking at the viewpoint is \$5 per vehicle.

You can support the restoration of the Lightstation and the birthday party events by entering a raffle. Entrants can win a free night's stay at the Bed and Breakfast, as well as great prizes from local artists and businesses.

Help celebrate 123 years of Heceta Head Lightstation. For more information, contact the Heceta Lighthouse B&B at 866-547-3696 or visit [www.hecetalighthouse.com](http://www.hecetalighthouse.com).

## OPRD offers overnight for novice campers

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) welcomes beginning campers to join in an overnight guided camping experience this summer at an Oregon state park.

Registrations are now being accepted for the "Let's Go

Camping Program."

Events will be held at nine different parks. For \$30 per family, OPRD provides tents, sleeping bags and other gear. Volunteers will help campers set up tents, build campfires, prepare meals in the campsite and more. Activities could

include ranger-led hikes, owl prowls, bat chats and plenty of s'mores.

Register for one of the following events by calling 800-551-6949. Most events are limited to 35 people and spots are filling quickly:

- June 16-18: L.L.Stub

Stewart Park.

- June 30-July 2: Deschutes River.
- July 7-9: Cascadia.
- July 14-16: Willamette Mission.
- July 21-23: Silver Falls
- July 21-23: Prineville Reservoir.

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having an enjoyable experience and so will their passengers," said MariAnn McKenzie, Boating Education Coordinator for the Marine Board. "There are no lanes to follow on the water, so it is important to know what to do if a boat is

coming at you head on or what sound signals are required to indicate your intentions."

McKenzie said that changing environmental conditions and crowded areas, knowing how to safely interact with other boaters or water users is also key to having a good time out there.

"You never know what

might happen, be prepared," she said.

Forty-nine states require some form of mandatory education courses for operators of some powered boats.

For more information about the Oregon State Marine Board's available courses, visit [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com).

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