

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

Statewide campfire ban lifted; local restrictions may remain

SALEM — A statewide ban on open fires in state park campgrounds was lifted Aug. 22. However, local and regional fire restrictions are still in effect in many state parks, and restrictions from other authorities often apply to state parks as well.

Visitors planning a trip to a state park or the ocean shore during the rest of the fire season should check www.oregonstateparks.org and public fire restrictions at bit.ly/oregonfire restrictions for updates before traveling.

The now-expired statewide state park restriction affected all open flames — campfires, candles, charcoal

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briquettes, tiki-style torches — at every park. Even if a state park allows campfires and other open flames, every park patron should exercise extraordinary care with fire:

- Campfires are allowed in designated fire rings only. All fires must be attended, and fully extinguished afterward.

- Keep water and a shovel, or a fire extinguisher, within reach of any campfire at all times.

- Watch children and pets during and after a campfire. Metal fire rings retain heat long after the fire is out.

- In state parks, smoking is allowed in designated campsites only, and butts must be fully extinguished and put in the trash.

- Fires on the Oregon ocean shore must be made of natural materials only (no pallets or other assembled wood),

kept 3-foot-by-3-foot or smaller, and placed more than 25 feet away and downwind from driftwood and grass.

A full set of beach fire rules is online at bit.ly/oregonbeach firerules.

- Remember fireworks are prohibited year-round in Oregon state parks and on beaches. Information is posted at oregonstateparks.org, and available through the state parks information line at 800-551-6949, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Oregon Department of Forestry Public Restrictions Map at bit.ly/oregonfirerestrictions has local restrictions and bans available by location.

Other recreational fire safety tips are online at www.keeporegongreen.org.

Time Out

BY LLOYD LITTLE
Retired teacher, coach and game official

(With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, official, parent and spectator, I've gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. In this weekly column, I share what I've learned about sports from these multiple points of view.)

Coaches have a responsibility to teach and demonstrate sportsmanship to their players. Fans have a responsibility to be respectful to opposing players and their supporters.

Players, coaches and fans all have the responsibility to show respect for officials as they enforce the rules of the game. There is a 35 percent decline in officials in the last 10 years. The primary reasons for leaving the profession are the words and actions of spectators.

Spectators watch.

Players, coaches and officials are participants.

Cheering for good plays, by either team, exhibits sportsmanship on behalf of the fans.

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SPORTS Calendar

• AUG. 26

SALMON RUN
AT MAPLETON HS
8:30 A.M.

• AUG. 31

SHS VOLLEYBALL
AT J. CITY
4 P.M.

• SEPT. 1

SHS FOOTBALL
HOSTS ELMIRA
7 P.M.



FILE PHOTO

Higher standards in sportsmanship will be required from athletes, coaches and spectators beginning this year.

Sportsmanship in the spotlight

BY NED HICKSON
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In two weeks, the distinctive sound of whistles will be blowing on football fields and inside gyms across the state as Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) certified officials begin the fall sports season.

But this year, there will be nearly 20 percent fewer of them available.

In the past 10 years, that overall number was a troubling 35 percent.

“Without officials, it’s just recess,” says Oregon Athletic Officials

Association (OAOA) Executive Director Clark Sanders, who suggests while there are a number of factors in the steady decline of available officials since 2012, one of the main reasons is a parallel decline in sportsmanship from the stands.

Last year, a survey of departing officials taken by the OSAA showed that “family” and “job demands” were among the top reasons many officials were either hanging up their whistles or deciding to not grab a whistle at all.

But the number one reason?

A growing lack of respect and

sportsmanship by spectators, coaches and players — in that order.

“The other two areas of concern we can’t really impact,” said OSAA Assistant Executive Director Brad Garrett. “But the lack of sportsmanship and respect are definitely things we can — and should — do something about.”

Jack Folliard, executive director of the OSAA, agrees.

“I think generally, the lack of respect for authority in our society runs in many directions of society, and that

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OPRD SEEKS COMMENTS ON CAMPING RATES

SALEM — The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is proposing amendments to agency rules related to overnight camping rates for state parks.

A \$2 per site increase in the base rate for overnight rental fees on select types of campsites was approved by the Oregon Legislature as part of the 2017-19 OPRD budget. The deadline for public comment on the amendments has been extended to Saturday, Sept. 15.

The proposed rule will increase the base rate for yurts, cabins, full hook up, partial hook up, hiker-biker, equestrian and group sites. Tent site rates will not

increase, which maintains a lower cost option for park visitors.

The proposed rule is aligned with the views expressed in park surveys that show visitors prefer smaller rate increases on a more frequent basis than a large fee increase in the future.

Day-use parking pass prices will not increase.

The full text of the amendment to Oregon Administrative Rule 736-015-0020 and 736-015-0040 is available online at bit.ly/OregonStateParkRule making.

Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Sept. 15, and can be made online at bit.ly/OregonStatePark

Rulemaking.

Send written comments to:

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, attn.: Katie Gauthier, 725 Summer St NE, Suite C, Salem OR 97301; or email comments to publiccomment@oregon.gov.

After reviewing public comments, agency staff plan to present a final recommended rule for consideration by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission at its Wednesday, Sept. 20 business meeting.

If approved by the Commission, new rates would be effective on new reservations made after Oct. 1, 2018.

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
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Aug. 23		
1:23am / 7.7	7:57am / -1.0	
2:15pm / 7.1	8:14pm / 0.8	

Aug. 24		
2:09am / 7.3	8:36am / -0.4	
2:53pm / 7.1	9:00pm / 0.8	

Aug. 25		
2:56am / 6.7	9:14am / 0.3	
3:30pm / 7.0	9:47pm / 0.9	

Aug. 26		
3:44am / 6.1	9:53am / 1.0	
4:08pm / 6.8	10:37m / 1.0	

Aug. 27		
4:36am / 5.7	10:33am / -1.3	
4:49pm / 6.6	11:31pm / 1.2	

Aug. 28		
5:36am / 5.1	11:19am / 2.3	
5:35pm / 6.3		

Aug. 29		
6:46am / 4.8	12:32am / 1.2	
6:27pm / 6.01	12:14pm / 2.8	

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A WEEKLY
FISHING REPORT FOR
THE LOCAL REGION

www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

MID COAST LAKES

Olalla Reservoir has been stocked with over 50 surplus summer steelhead from the Siletz Falls trap, so far this season. These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience.

Once in the lake they are considered “trout” and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20 inches may be retained, and these fish will almost all be in that size range.

Mid Coast lakes been stocked with trout throughout the spring. Trout stocking is over until the fall but there still should be fish around to catch. Water temps are great and fish should be hungry, so go catch them.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Trout

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