

Free presentations begin today at Cape Perpetua Visitor Center

Waldport — Celebrate fall on the Oregon Coast with free educational presentations and events at Cape Perpetua.

In addition to the hiking, tidepooling and exploring always available, visitors can enjoy a variety of speakers and topics every Saturday from Oct. 28 through Dec. 16 at the Cape Perpetua Speaker Series as well as other special events.

All events are free and held at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

• Saturday, Oct. 28:

Enhancing Habitat for Native Bees and Butterflies, 11 a.m. Learn why our pollinators are in decline and what you can do to help. Native bee conservationist and former OSU Master Gardener Laren Leland will cover topics such as plant selection, providing safe water, and getting involved on a larger scale, including the Highway 101 Pollinator Corridor project.

• Saturday, Nov. 4:

Forest Homestead Act and Current use of Tenmile Creek, 11 a.m. Hans Radtke is a freelance economist specializing in the relationship between resource-based industries of the Pacific Northwest and regional, state and national economies. The Radtke family purchased land in the Tenmile

Valley in 1972, built a home, and have lived there since 1982.

Hans has interviewed longtime residents and original homesteaders and will present on the Forest Homestead Act of 1906, early homesteading, and current land use of the Tenmile Creek Valley.

• Saturday, Nov. 11:

Mushrooms and Lichens Presentation with BioBlitz Mushroom Hike, 1 p.m. Anna Moore is an amateur mycologist and photographer who will share her knowledge from over 30 years of foraging.

Moore's presentation will include a slide show of the fantastic habitat of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area and she will emphasize the diversity of fungi found in the dunes and forests from Reedsport to Cape Perpetua.

This presentation will be followed by a BioBlitz walk through the forest where visitors can help locate, identify, and record different species of fungus using the iNaturalist app.

• Thursday, Nov. 16:

5th Annual Cape Perpetua Land-Sea Symposium, 5 to 8 p.m. at Yachats Commons Building, in Yachats. The Cape Perpetua Land-Sea Symposium is a community

event aimed at promoting local stewardship efforts and raising awareness about current research being conducted within Cape Perpetua nearshore and adjacent watersheds.

This year's event will feature keynote speaker William Percy, of Oregon State University, sharing his research and the significance of Heceta Bank, the largest and farthest offshore underwater bank along the west coast of North American and a "hot spot" for seabirds and whales.

For more information and to RSVP to this free event visit www.tinyurl.com/perpetua 2017.

• Saturday, Nov. 18:

Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Research Findings, 1 p.m. The rocky intertidal habitats in the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve are a hotspot of biodiversity. Scientists have been monitoring the dynamics and intertidal species here for decades. In addition, scientists have been conducting oceanography, hypoxia and ocean acidification studies in this area since the early 2000s.

Steven Rumrill, Shellfish Program Lead and Daniel Sund, Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Researcher with the Oregon Department of Fish

and Wildlife Marine Reserves Program will present research related to ocean acidification along the Pacific Coast and its potential impact on coastal ecosystems.

• Saturday, Dec. 2:

Sea Star Wasting Disease: The Consequences of an Epidemic and a Possible Recovery, 11 a.m. Sarah Graven, postdoctoral researcher at Oregon State University, presents research on the viral disease that killed 60 to 95 percent of sea stars along the entire U.S. and Canadian West Coast and is still present at low levels.

She explores the ecological consequences of the demise of these "keystone predators" and how it affects the abundance and diversity of other ocean creatures such as mussels, barnacles, algae, sea anemones, and snails.

• Saturday, Dec. 9:

North Pacific Gray Whale Populations: The Eastern/Western Paradox, 1 p.m. Dr. Jim Sumich, OSU Fisheries and Wildlife Faculty, has conducted research on gray whales from Baja California to British Columbia and has just published a new book, *E. robustus: The Biology and Human History of Gray*

Whales.

Gray whales are legally protected under several statutes as two separate populations; a large eastern population of about 20,000 whales and a critically endangered western population of less than 150.

Sumich will describe some exciting research that is helping to clarify the evolving status and related management issues of these populations.

• Saturday, Dec. 16:

Living with Wildlife: Mountain Lions, 1 p.m. David Thompson, a lifelong educator and retired Interpretive Specialist for the Siuslaw National Forest, will recount his multiple encounters with a mountain lion while living and working in the Redwoods as a National Park Service Ranger.

Learn about living with large predators through

David's masterful storytelling that has drawn crowds at various venues throughout Oregon.

These events are free, but a Northwest Forest Pass, Oregon Coast Passport, federal recreation pass or \$5 day-use fee is required within the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area and at some trailheads and day use sites.

For more information contact the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center at 541-547-3289.

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USCG Auxiliary offering Boating Safety Course today

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is presenting an Oregon State Marine Board approved class to obtain a mandatory boater education card. The class will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Main Station, 2625 Highway 101.

In the State of Oregon, a boater education card is required for all persons operating any type of watercraft over 10 horsepower and youth 12 to 15 years old operating any type powerboat.

The cost for the class is \$15. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

To register, contact Rick Parsons, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, 541-463-1797.



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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 52 works with boaters on the Siuslaw River to improve safety on the waterways. It is holding a mandatory boater education course today.

Little from 1B

was a push for a more humanistic approach to physical education.

The object was to provide activities for participation and fun only. My basketball lesson plans included fundamental skill building.

When the basketball basics were completed the classes were given two options. Students could sign-up for a three-on-three tournament or for a free shooting period.

All but four students elected to play in the tournament.

Twenty minutes into the period, all four asked to be included in the bracket. Just shooting was not so fun after all.

My wife and children could tell you that I usually know the score at any given time for any game we are watching or play-

ing. I know the scores because that is what I have done since the playgrounds of Sunset Grade School in Hermiston, Oregon.

The term "winners stay" was used even in the late 1950s. When you win at tetherball you get to keep playing. When you play more you get better so you win more. This is a good cycle to improve your skills.

When you won at marbles, you got to keep your opponent's marbles.

The best team was able to play all recess. You do not get

better when you sit out by losing. My brother and I practiced many different sports at home, after school and on weekends so we had a better chance to win at school.

When my high school JV basketball team went undefeated in 1966-67, the crowds grew as we kept winning. Some people left after our game because our varsity was not winning.

It has been referred as "getting on the bandwagon." People like to live with the association to a winner. I have been a Dallas Cowboys fan

since 1974. Win or lose, I watch them on TV. Some people drop their teams if they lose too often.

Unfortunately, this seems to be the case with the Siuslaw Vikings football team.

Where were all those fans that used to fill the stands on Friday nights?

Maybe some are becoming Mapleton Sailor fans as Mapleton is in the hunt for a state play-off spot.

The Vikings and Sailors, win or lose, need your support in all sports this year.

Racing from 1B

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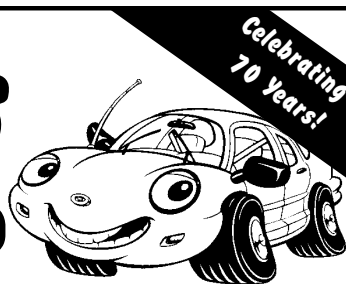


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