

Rhody Weekend is filled with activities for kids and families



Beginning with the opening of Davis Shows Northwest Carnival on Wednesday afternoon at the Port of Siuslaw parking lot in Historic Old Town, Florence transforms into a city full of youth activities during Rhody Days.

Youth are spotlighted during the Rhododendron Court Coronation on Thursday evening and are welcome to participate in the Rhody Run and Walk.

Many of the Rhododendron Festival's activities

are geared toward families — but two are specifically for the festival “juniors,” the Junior Parade and Kiwanis Kids Games starting at noon on Saturday.

Set up begins at 11 a.m. at Miller Park for the annual Junior Parade, sponsored once again by Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue. All entries are welcome for the parade. No pre-registration is necessary.

Expect fun costumes, gymnastics, bicycles, mo-

torized vehicles and at least one fire engine.

The parade begins at noon and runs up Oak Street from 19th to 30th streets.

The Kiwanis Club of Florence will host the Kids Games at the end of the parade route, the Siuslaw High School ball field at Oak and 27th streets. There will be games and activities with prizes and snacks for all young participants, 10 years old and younger. Expect oodles of entertainment as kids run races and play outdoor games.

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