

On The Record

U.S. Forest Service offers campfire safety tips for holiday weekend

Forest officials remind visitors to campgrounds around Oregon to be careful with campfires while celebrating the holiday weekend.

All fireworks, sparklers included, are prohibited on all lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service, including the Siuslaw and Willamette national forests. With increasingly dry conditions, visitors are also reminded to be careful with campfires.

"Fireworks pose a serious fire threat," said Ed Hiatt, Fire Staff Officer for Northwest Oregon Inter-agency Fire Management. "People often assume the restrictions apply just to forested areas, but they also include campgrounds and sparsely vegetated ar-

reas you can find along the coast. Under dry conditions, even these places are susceptible."

The penalty for possessing fireworks can be as high as \$5,000, imprisonment for up to six months, or both.

No other fire restrictions are currently in place on the Willamette or Siuslaw national forests, but visitors are asked to be mindful of Oregon's increasingly dry conditions when visiting public lands this summer.

By following these safety tips, visitors can help prevent avoidable wildfires:

1. Keep campfires small and in an area cleared down to mineral soil.

A campfire is less likely to escape control if it

is kept small. A large fire may cast hot embers long distances. Add firewood in small amounts as existing material is consumed.

2. Select the right spot for campfires. Where campfires are allowed, choose a site with an existing ring. Fire pits in established campgrounds are the best spots. If individuals choose to build a campfire, avoid building it near tents, structures, vehicles, shrubs or trees, and be aware of low-hanging branches overhead.

Clear the site down to bare soil, at least five feet on all sides, and circle it with rocks. Store unused firewood a good distance from the fire.

3. Extinguish all campfires before leaving, even

if gone for a short period of time.

Bring a shovel and a bucket of water to extinguish any escaped embers. When ready to leave, drown all embers with water, stir the coals, and drown again. Repeat until the fire is "DEAD" out.

If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave.

4. Attend campfires at all times. A campfire left unattended for even a few minutes can grow into a costly, damaging wildfire.

Stay with campfires from start to finish until it is dead out, as required by law. That ensures any escaped sparks or embers can be extinguished quickly.

Call 911 to report the illegal use of fireworks or

unsafe fire use. Additional campfire and wildfire safety information can be found at www.smokeybear.com.

Visit the Siuslaw and Willamette National Forest's websites to learn of current personal use re-

strictions for fire and find them on social media at Siuslaw National Forest at www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw or @siuslawnf and Willamette National Forest at www.fs.usda.gov/willamette.

The Florence - Siuslaw Lions Club Presents
MIKE GROSHONG MEMORIAL
WINGS & WHEELS


2019
10th Annual Car Show & Fly-In
Saturday July 6
Florence Ore.
10AM-3PM
Florence Municipal Airport
Trophy Presentations at 2:30PM
Suggested Spectator Donation: \$2 per person
Proceeds Benefit Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club Charities & Siuslaw H.S. Wrestling Team
FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • FAMILY FUN ALL DAY!
 WWII Historical Aircraft Aerial Demonstrations:
 Grumman Hellcat, AT6-Fighter/Trainer and Stearman Bi-Plane
 Opportunity Drawings All Day including Win a FREE Flight on the AT6
 Live Entertainment, Food Booths, Military Vehicle Rides, Exhibitors and More!

2019 Community Block Party seeking sponsors

The 2019 Community Block Party is looking for sponsors to help support the community block party.

The block party will be July 19, beginning at 5:30

p.m., and will be held in Old Town.

The City has created four sponsorship levels that can be found on the Sponsorship Opportunities Form.

Sponsorship contributions help cover the costs of the free concert, the interactive community scavenger hunt app, supplies for the fun and games, ice cream,

giveaways for attendees and more. More information is available at www.ci.florence.or.us/community/2019-community-block-party.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
June 25	61	48	0.03
June 26	59	48	0.05
June 27	60	51	0.56
June 28	65	48	0.00
June 29	63	48	0.00
June 30	68	45	0.00
July 1	62	55	0.00

Rainfall Week: 0.64"
Month: 0.95" Year: 37.99"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

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GRAD NOTES

Holly Hicks, Siuslaw High School alumni and resident of Westlake, was among those who earned dean's list recognition at George Fox University for the spring 2019 semester.

Traditional undergraduate students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on 12 or more hours of graded work to earn a spot on the dean's list. Hicks is a senior majoring in global business.

Estill Farms
U-pick Blueberries
2019 Season Prices
 \$0.99 /lb for conventional blueberries at Drain location 6680 State Hwy 38
 \$1.99 /lb for USDA certified organic blueberries at Elkton location 32527 State Hwy 38
 2019 Season hours 8 AM - 2 PM
 Tuesday thru Sunday
 541-836-7612
 Pricing above applies to U-pick berries only
 Call for Pricing and Availability of Pre-Picked Flats

FLORENCE AIR ACADEMY & THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Take to the Skies

August 5th - August 16th • For Teens 12 - 18

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Lane County is partnering with **Aero Legends Biplane Rides August 5-16** for the 3rd Annual Florence Air Academy.

All teens 12-18 are invited to apply. The Florence Air Academy, led by COL (Retired) Terry Tomeny, will be a two week course teaching Boys & Girls Club members the principals of aviation and information on careers in the aviation industry. Classes will include a tour of the Coast Guard Helicopter, flying Remote Controlled planes, piloting drones, and the change to go up in a plane one-on-one with an instructor pilot! The Academy activities will be a combination of classroom study, interspersed with hand on activities and flight operation.

There is no cost to Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County members. All expenses for members are paid by Aero Legends Biplane Rides. Teens not already a CLUB member can join for a \$25 membership fee and \$50 Program fee.

Date & Hours of Operation: The course will be conducted on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for two consecutive weeks, **August 5th - August 16th**. Class time will be 0800 - 1200 and 1300 - 1500. Lunch will be provided by The Boys & Girls Club.

There will be a graduation ceremony and celebration BBQ held on the last day of the Academy at Hangar 26E at noon. All family members are invited to attend. Prior to the graduation ceremony, Academy graduates will take to the skies with a qualified pilot. Families are invited to watch graduates and hear their teen make the radio calls during flight!

Instructors: Terry Tomeny is a former USAF and Lockheed Martin Test Pilot and current Flight Instructor with over 45 years of flying experience in aircraft ranging from Reno Air Racers to F-16 Fighters to C-17 Transports.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
 OF WESTERN LANE COUNTY

Don't Delay!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 17!
ONLY 20 SPOTS AVAILABLE SO SIGN UP NOW!

Applications are available at the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center located at 1501 Airport Road, Florence.

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