

## Join Coast Fork Birders for annual Bald Eagle count

All levels of bird enthusiasts are welcome to meet at the Koffee Kup restaurant at 9 a.m. this Saturday, Jan. 12, to check in for the Dorena Reservoir count.

Arrive earlier if you would like to have breakfast beforehand. Participants will depart the Koffee Kup shortly after 9 a.m. in order to be birding in the field by 9:30 a.m.

The Cottage Grove Reservoir count will take place in the afternoon. Meet at 2 p.m. at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (US-

ACE) Lakeside Park on London Road to check in.

Bring birding gear, weather appropriate clothing and your own snacks and water.

This count will contribute citizen science data on juvenile and adult bald eagles (and other birds that winter in the area) around Dorena Reservoir and Cottage Grove Reservoir to the Oregon Eagle Foundation's statewide midwinter eagle count.

This will be the 26th annual count.

## South Lane Wheels makes changes to local services

To provide quicker, more efficient service, LTD in conjunction with South Lane Wheels, is launching the LTD Connector. This new pilot program will go live on Monday, Jan. 14, and will replace the Route Around Town with a more streamlined, RideShare service.

For more information on this innovative, new program, visit [www.ltd.org/system-map/route\\_MOD/](http://www.ltd.org/system-map/route_MOD/)

All other South Lane Wheels services will remain in full operation such as:

- Local Door-To-Door — This is South Lane Wheel's reservation-based service which operates from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every weekday. Schedule

this service by calling SLW dispatch at 541-942-0456 ext. 1 to schedule any trip within a 10-mile distance.

Fares for Local Demand range from \$3 to \$10 one-way, based on trip distance.

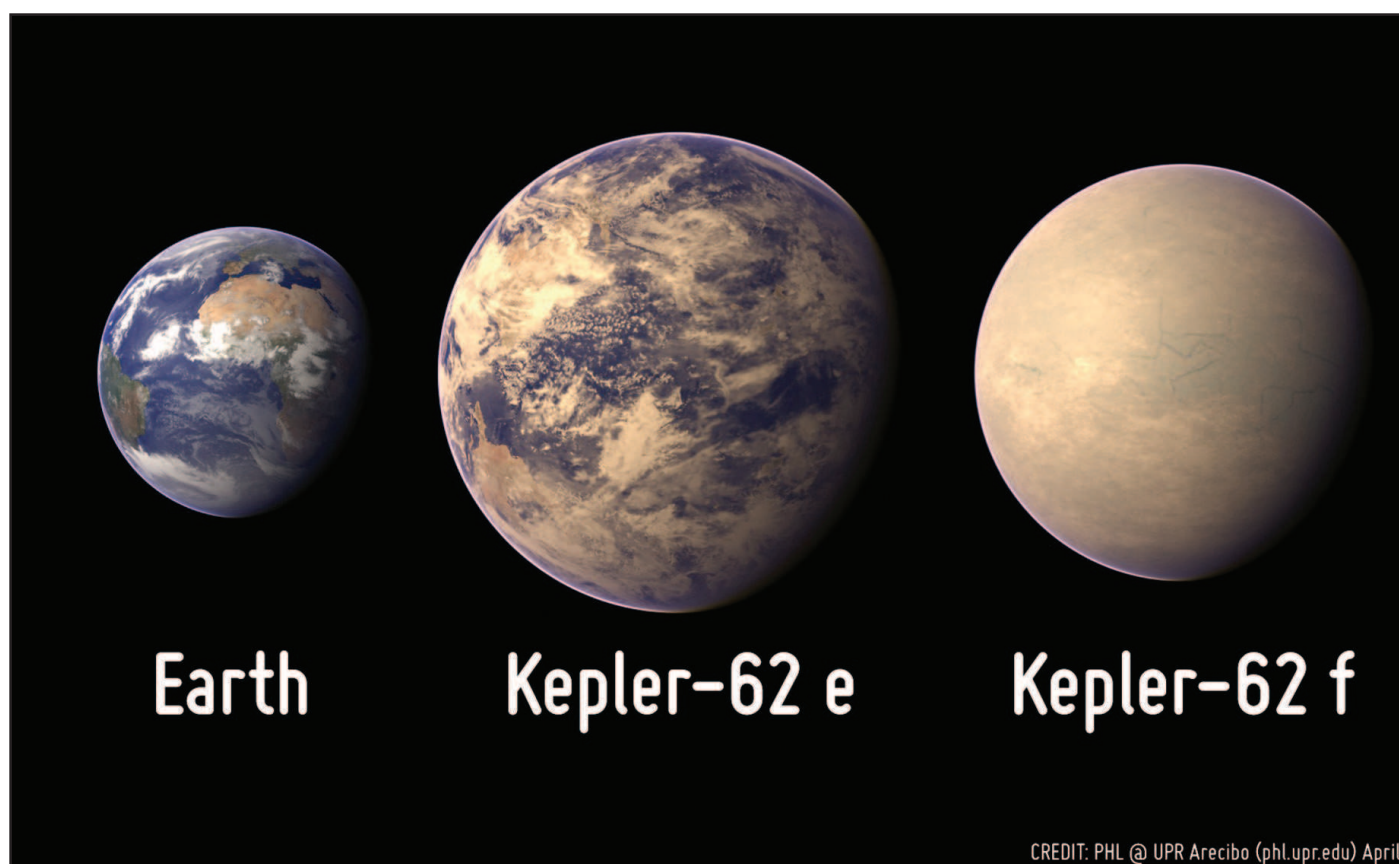
- Metro Shuttle — This is South Lane Wheel's reservation-based service which also operates between 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

For Cottage Grove residents, service is \$15 one way or \$30 for a round trip.

For Creswell residents traveling to Cottage Grove or going to Eugene/Springfield; service is \$10 one-way, or \$20 for a round trip.

SLW is a provider of public transportation, all services are open to the everyone.

## Library pairs with science center for alien research



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Two versions of the Discover Exoplanets will be on display at the Cottage Grove Public Library beginning Jan. 30.

Discover Exoplanets: The Search for Alien Worlds is a national traveling exhibition exploring the fascinating world of space and astronomy. Discover Exoplanets covers topics such as the search for habitable worlds beyond our Solar System, how NASA scientists are searching for these worlds, and how they may be like our own.

Two different versions of the exhibit will be on display at the Cottage Grove Public Library and the Eugene Science Center from Jan. 30 to April 20.

Getting people interested in science can be a challenge, but Discover Exoplanets strives to make it fun with hands-on, multimedia activities where visitors can build their own solar systems, see the most recent NASA discoveries, and learn about whether popular TV and movies feature "Science Fact or Science Fiction."

A unique aspect of this program is that the Cottage Grove Public Library and the Eugene Science Center are working in collaboration and partnership to bring this amazing exhibit to our communities, and different versions of the exhibit will be on display at each venue during the same time period.

Both venues will offer a diverse suite of public events and programs to bring STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) programming to children, teens and adults.

"We are proud that the Cottage Grove Public Library and the Eugene Science Center were selected to be one of seven sites nationwide to host the Discover Exoplanets exhibit," said Pete Barrell, City of Cottage Grove Library Services Director. "We have partnered with the Eugene Science Center to help bring this important exhibition to our communities. We think people of all

ages and backgrounds will find that the exhibition explores the universe, and our place in it, in a way that is understandable, inspirational, and relevant."

The Cottage Grove Public Library is located at 700 Gibbs Avenue, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

The Eugene Science Center is located at 2300 Leo Harris Parkway, Eugene, Oregon

The exhibition will be accompanied by a series of programs and events, including the Grand Opening/STAR PARTY at the Cottage Grove Public Library on Saturday Feb. 2, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Visit each venues website for program and event details and schedules.

Cottage Grove Public Library: [cottagegrove.org/library](http://cottagegrove.org/library)

Eugene Science Center: [eugencesciencecenter.org](http://eugencesciencecenter.org)

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