



## Summer music education in motion

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It's been a summer unlike any seen before.

Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19 many typical activities and summer recreation opportunities have all but disappeared in order to ensure community safety. Children in particular have had little chance to safely recreate and engage with their peers, leading to a season of relative inactivity and isolation.

On Monday, Aug. 3, Lane County musicians Jason Wood and Sheena Moore began trying to change that as their "Music in Motion" online summer camp kicked off its inaugural year.

"Music in Motion" is a camp geared towards children age 5-8,

running from Aug. 3-27, that provides campers with a weekly instructional video every Monday, followed by an online group session every Thursday where Wood and Moore can interact with the children, see what they've learned and give them a forum to interact with one another. The focus of the camp is on the relationship between music and the body, performance, and a basic understanding of things like beat, rhythm, pitch and general musical literacy.

"We do hope that they walk away with base knowledge of concepts like pulse and how to tell a story with their body," Moore said, "but we also hope that they walk away with this sparked interest in learning more. Music is a rabbit hole and it's a really wonderful rabbit hole."



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHEENA MOORE

Lane County musicians and educators Jason Wood and Sheena Moore as seen via webcam during lesson one of their online summer music and performance camp "Music in Motion".

Based out of Florence, Ore., Wood and Moore both have extensive backgrounds in both music and music education. Wood moved to Florence around 10 years ago from Southern

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## ODF issues fire danger warning

Most of Western Oregon now declared to be in high fire danger

As of today, due to extreme heat and drier conditions, all Oregon Department of Forestry districts in western Oregon and the Douglas Forest Protective Association have raised the fire danger level to high (yellow) except for the coastal counties of Clatsop, Coos, Curry and Tillamook, which remain at moderate fire danger. Counties experiencing high fire danger in western Oregon include Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington and Yamhill.

"Fighting fires in hot and dry conditions is extremely taxing on those who are trained to protect our lands from fire," said Unit Forester Chet Behling with ODF's Western Lane District. "We are asking that our public remain mindful of this as they conduct activities throughout the coming days."

Various potential fire-starting activities are more closely restricted during periods of declared high fire danger. Specific restrictions may vary, so check with your local ODF district office or the online state map at <https://gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/firerestrictions/PFR.html>.



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A firefighter tends to the Rice Creek Road fire which burned 15 acres near Winston, Ore. two weeks ago.

## Plan ahead to avoid the crowds



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The parking lot at Wilson Creek Park was overflowing with visitors last Sunday. With coronavirus cases still mounting nationally, safe recreation is still a primary concern for the Army Corps of Engineers and other local land management organizations.

Summer heat has arrived over the past few weeks and quarantine cabin fever has crowds of people out and about at local recreation sites

Recreation managers with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are reminding visitors to use extra caution when visiting public lands as COVID-19 has added another layer of hazards to the recreation experience.

"Campgrounds and day use areas are at capacity with many places seeing overcrowding," says

Amber Tilton, a USACE park ranger. "With more people visiting, the number of accidents, fatalities and search and rescues are trending higher than normal this year. Then there is the COVID-19 factor and the unseen potential for spread."

Tilton said visitors should socially distance and wear a mask.

Parking lots may be full and locations crowded, so Tilton suggests having a back-up plan or visiting during off-peak hours.

use areas have limited parking, and the lots have been filling to capacity on weekends and even weekdays when the weather is hot. Once the lots are full, many visitors end up parking illegally along park roads or on roads managed by other agencies, creating crowding issues and safety concerns.

"If a parking lot is full, then the park is full," said Park Manager Tami Schroeder. "When people park outside the park and walk in, the parks get over-crowded and this puts a strain on the services we are trying to provide our visitors."

and other law enforcement officers have been managing illegally and/or unsafely parked vehicles — some have received citations.

"A little research goes a long way in preparing your trip as many areas have limited amenities," said Tilton.

Tilton suggests visitors bring their own personal protective supplies including face mask, hand sanitizer, soap, water and disinfectant wipes.

Rangers also ask people to always wear a life jacket. Approximately nine out of 10 drowning

Many Corps day-

In recent weeks, park rangers

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