

Girls from B1

On Tuesday, the Lions kicked off the season with a non-league trip to Churchill. They'd be forced to take on the Lancers without star post players Matty Ladd and Gracie Arnold, both of whom were scheduled to take part in the state track meet last weekend. Churchill bested the Lions, 49-34.

On Thursday night, the Creswell Bulldogs came to town, and the Lions pounced early. An early 16-10 lead in the first quarter eventually ballooned to a 15-point advantage for Cottage Grove.

The Lions led 27-17 to start the third quarter and 40-28 to start the fourth. Still, Creswell refused to quit. With under three minutes left, the Bulldogs had cut the lead to seven, then four, then two. With just over two minutes remaining, Creswell took its first lead.

And yet, Cottage Grove also refused to go quietly, battling under the rim and drawing fouls that would bring several Lions to the free-throw line. Though far from perfect from the charity stripe, Cottage Grove managed to sink enough freebies to put the game on ice and notch their first win, 48-46.

"It wasn't pretty, but it happened," Royse said after the game, adding that she wasn't surprised at the Creswell comeback.

"They're really well coached, and that's a team he's coached for four years," she said. "They're hard workers. They're not going to give up, and



Halle DeGarlais scores an easy two against Creswell.

for a while their hustle overcame."

Gutsy defense and an offensive spark from Kennedy Sturman-Royse buoyed the Lions against Creswell. Teanna Child also contributed stellar defense, and Emma Hitt made impacts on both sides of the ball despite finishing softball season mere days earlier.

On Saturday, the Lions traveled to Springfield to face off against another non-league opponent. The Lions got a chance to put their entire team on the court for the first time, to try out matchups to see what should work

best going forward. They weren't thrilled with the result, a 36-27 loss to the Millers, but in a six-week season, all experience gained should prove valuable.

"We're ironing out the wrinkles, and we're playing to have fun," Royse said. "This is just a very different year."

This week, the Lions tackled the start of their Sky-Em League season with a trip to Marshfield on Tuesday, a home matchup against the Elmira Falcons and another Saturday away game, this time at Junction City.

North Umpqua River reopens with limited access

Access locations along the North Umpqua River will be open and the river will be accessible to the public beginning May 15, 2021.

The Umpqua National Forest, in coordination with the Bureau of Land Management and the Oregon State Marine Board have been working to reopen prime access spots for boaters as quickly and safely as possible following the Archie Creek Fire.

Visitors should be aware, however, that even if an access site is open, it may have limited or no facilities.

Fallen trees may limit mobility and popular lunch spots on the river may be closed due to unstable banks or hazard trees.

Heavy equipment and work crews are working daily to remove hazard trees and stabilize steep slopes.

If visitors are boating, they should stay out of closed areas and, if possible, move to the far side of the river when heavy equipment is working on or near the bank.

Scouting ahead is important. The river is dynamic and can pose risks.

Online resources are available to help boaters see

what is open. Boaters should visit www.boat.oregon.gov and look for the "Reported Obstructions and Alerts" to see reported closures and obstructions.

Because conditions remain dynamic, boaters should proceed carefully, as if they were navigating a river entirely new to them.

For more information, contact the Umpqua National Forest at 541-957-3200 or the Roseburg Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at 541-579-0648.

Area closures associated with the Archie Creek Fire for both the BLM and Umpqua National Forest remain in effect.

Current closure information for BLM managed lands can be found at: www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/firerestrictions.

Area closures for the Umpqua National Forest can be found at: go.usa.gov/xGJSE.

For further information on fire impacts across Oregon, please visit: wildfire.oregon.gov/Pages/Recreation-Impacts.aspx.



How to handle the summer camp questions in the pandemic era

Children make cherished memories at summer camp, where many youngsters first discover passions and hobbies they will enjoy for the rest of their lives. Summer 2020 was a camp season unlike any other. Some

campers closed their doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while others downsized their offerings in an effort to keep campers safe while still providing them with a much-needed outlet. As the 2021 summer camp season approaches, parents may be a little less hesitant about sending their kids to camp than they were a year ago. The rollout of COVID-19 vaccines has helped millions of people return to some semblance of normalcy, and that rollout has put summer camp back in play for families. Choosing a summer camp is not always so easy, and it might be especially tricky as the world slowly emerges from the pandemic. The following are some tips for parents as they consider if camp is a good idea this summer.

• Consider your comfort level. It's understandable if parents are hesitant about sending their youngsters to camp this summer. In fact, some camps may still be closed while others may only offer limited day

campers this summer. Parents should consider their comfort levels before enrolling kids in camp. Vaccines have proven effective, but COVID-19 hasn't gone away, and some regions have yet to vaccinate teenagers. Vaccines also have yet to be offered to children under 16. Parents can ask themselves how comfortable they are sending kids to camp, and if they're hesitant to do so they can explore their alternatives.

• Ask children if they want to go to camp. Everyone is experiencing some measure of pandemic-related burnout, and that includes kids. Kids may be sick of wearing masks at school all day and, even if they have loved camp in the past, may not be looking forward to wearing masks all day at camp this summer. Others might not be experiencing such burnout and may see camp as a way to quell boredom at a time when boredom has seemingly lingered over every day. Either way, solicit kids' input and let

them know their feelings matter regardless of which side of the fence they're on.

• Inquire about safety protocols. When researching summer camps, ask about the safety protocols each camp will have in place. Will masks be mandatory for both campers and staff? How much direct interaction will campers have with each other? Have staff members been vaccinated? What measures are being taken to keep kids safe? Camps should have detailed protocols and share those protocols with parents upon request.

• Ask about alternatives. If parents and/or children are hesitant about attending camp in person, ask camp officials if there will be any virtual events or programs this summer. Some camps may be organizing activities like craft projects online, and that can help kids overcome the boredom of being stuck at home all summer. Summer camps may not be fully back to normal in 2021. However, families likely won't

have to go without access to summer camps for the second consecutive summer.


FIRE CAMP
FOR YOUNG WOMEN
July 19-23, 2021
FREE day Camp for high-School aged (15-18) young women interested in building leadership, team skills & confidence through hands-on fire-fighting and EMS training.
Contact: firecamp@d.eugene.or.us
541-682-7135
eugene-or.gov/fire



GROVE CHRISTIAN
Camp
Camps start in July and go into August. Camps for kids going into 2nd grade through graduating high school seniors.
Register online: www.grovechristiancamp.org
Call: 541.946.1662



Camp Lutherwood Oregon
lutherwoodoregon.org
Register now for summer 2021



Cub Day Camp Register Today
otcbsa.org



Adventure!
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Summer Camps • Kits • Play Sessions • Community Events
AdventureChildrensMuseum.org • 541-653-9629
490 Valley River Center • Eugene, Oregon

Whole Earth Nature School
Make Forest Friends
NatureCamps.ORG

