BLM Offers Junior Explorer Programs at New River

Coos Bay, Ore. – Join the Coos Bay District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at the New River Nature Center for a summer full of fun activities. The agency will offer a series of Junior Explorer programs starting Saturday, June 6, 2015. The activities are developed for children 5 to 13 years old, but all ages are welcome. Below is a list of the scheduled activities:

Fishing 101
June 6 and July 11 – 11 a.m.
Join a BLM Ranger for a fun day of fishing and learn about the unique New River estuary. A limited number of fishing rods will be available for people to use.

Unearthing Art
June 13 and July 18 – 11 a.m.
Discover new ways to create art after you hike along a trail with the ranger to find inspiration from nature.

Fun, Fit Nature Hike
June 20 and July 25 – 11 a.m.
Join the ranger to hike the East Muddy Lake Trail. Learn about the plants and animals of the area, as well as the unique history of New River.

The World of Habitats
June 27 – 11 a.m.
Explore New River with the ranger to discover the area’s diverse habitats and the animals that call them home.

Each child should bring sunscreen, a hat and water. Each of the events begins at the New River Nature Center, located at the BLM’s New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern south of Bandon, Oregon. Take Highway 101 south 8.5 miles to Croft Road. Coming from the south, Croft Road is 4.5 miles north of Langlois, Oregon. Follow Croft Road 1.5 miles to the west. Take the right fork at the New River sign and follow the gravel road to the parking area and nature center.

For additional information on the Junior Ranger programs, contact Leslie Peters at 541-751-4471.

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