“RAP” CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 16, 2014

Klamath Falls, Ore. – It’s that time of year for students to sign up for the 23rd annual Resources and People (RAP) Camp held the week of June 15 at Camp Esther Applegate, located at Lake of the Woods, Oregon. Applications are now being accepted from students between the ages of 13 to18 from both rural and urban areas.

RAP Camp is designed to educate students about natural resource management by providing them an opportunity to take part in hands-on natural resource sessions, outdoor recreation activities and educational field trips. The camp allows kids to learn more about resources like fire ecology, wildlife, forestry, fisheries, archaeology, wetlands and botany and possible careers in those fields. It also engages students in many outdoor activities like hiking, birding, swimming and canoeing.

“Students attending the camp will have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and make new friends, while participating in hands-on natural resource activities,” said Cheyne Rossbach, RAP Camp Coordinator. “Cowboy poetry, a field trip to Crater Lake National Park, tour of a fish hatchery, astronomy talk and tribal storytelling while sitting around the campfire are all part of the week’s experience!”

Thanks to contributions from federal, state, county and private organizations the registration fee is only $225. Financial aid is available. Applications are due May 16, 2014, and can be downloaded from the Internet at: http://www.blm.gov/or/rapcamp/

For additional information about RAP Camp and the application process, please contact Cheyne Rossbach at (541) 579-0648, crossbac@blm.gov or Akimi King at (541) 885-2515, akimi_king@fws.gov.

Information is also available on our “RAP Camp” Facebook page and website listed above.

RAP Camp is part of the Take It Outside! program that looks to connect youth with the outdoors. To learn more about Take It Outside! please visit:


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