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## BLM Offers Junior Explorer Programs at New River

**Coos Bay, Ore.** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is offering Junior Explorer children's programs this summer at the New River Nature Center. The programs run from 1 to 2 p.m. every Saturday from June 18, 2016 to August 20, 2016.

BLM park rangers will offer programs that incorporate fun and free activities for kids in nature. The activities are developed for children 5 to 13 years old, but all ages are welcome. Programs throughout the summer will include:

**Fishing 101** – Enjoy 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** – Hike one of the trails with a park ranger to discover new ways to create art from nature.

**Fun, Fit Nature Hike** – Go on a short hike to the East Muddy Lake Trail and learn about the plants and animals of the area, as well as the unique history of New River.

**The World of Habitats** - Explore the area's diverse habitats and the animals that call New River home.

Children participating in the programs 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 a park ranger at (541) 347-9330. A more detailed schedule will be available at <http://on.doi.gov/1XYH7ha>

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