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## RAP CAMP APPLICATION DUE DATE EXTENDED TO MAY 31, 2013

**Klamath Falls, Oregon** –Resources and People (RAP) Camp will be extending the due date for student applications until **May 31, 2013**, or until all vacancies are filled. Applications are now being accepted from students between the ages of 13 to 18 from both rural and urban areas.

The 22nd annual Resources and People (RAP) Camp is being held the week of June 16-22, 2013, at Camp Esther Applegate located at Lake of the Woods, Oregon.

Contact Cheyne Rossbach at (541) 464-3245 for further information.

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, archeology, 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 31, 2013** and can be downloaded from the Internet at: [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/rapcamp](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/rapcamp)

For additional information about RAP Camp and the application process, please contact Cheyne Rossbach at (541) 464-3245, [crossbac@blm.gov](mailto:crossbac@blm.gov) or Akimi King at (541) 885-2515, [akimi\\_king@fws.gov](mailto:akimi_king@fws.gov). Information is also available on our “RAP Camp” Facebook page and Web site listed above.

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