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Spread Your Wings: Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day on the Central Oregon Coast

Salem, Ore. -- On Saturday, May 14, sites throughout Lincoln County will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) by offering free entry and special activities!

Guided nature walks and family-friendly activities, many of which will be offered in both Spanish and English by bilingual volunteers, will have something for everyone. Visitors can pick up an IMBD passport as they "migrate" to different locations around the Newport area. Each location will have passport stamps, fun prizes, and cool information about local and migratory birds.

Guided Bird Walks

- 9:00 a.m. -- Communication Hill Hike Meet at the BLM's Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area Interpretive Center.
- 10:15 a.m -- Guided Estuary Trail Walk- Meet at Hatfield Marine Science Center.
- 11:00 a.m. -- "Birding 101" Walk, Overlook Trail, Meet at Brian Booth State Park Visitor Center.

Family Activities 10:00 a.m.to 4:00 p.m. at the following sites:

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area:

- Make your own Bird Mask, Coloring Extravaganza, Migration Game, & Bird Bingo. Hatfield Marine Science Center
- Coloring Extravaganza, *Winged Migration* Documentary.

Brian Booth State Park:

• Bird Feeder Activity, Jr. Ranger Program, Migration Earth Flights Video, Raffle (2:00 p.m.)

International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) is a celebration of one of the most important events in the life of a migratory bird-its journey between breeding and non-breeding homes. This global event is celebrated throughout the Western Hemisphere and seeks to inspire people of all ages to get outdoors, learn about bird conservation, and take part in the initiative. Environment for the Americas (EFTA) and partnering organizers have made this possibly by providing educators, festival organizers, and birders with information and education materials. To find out more about EFTA and IMBD events, please visit <u>www.birdday.org</u>.

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