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Victorian Holiday Celebration at Yaquina Head *Saturday, Dec. 8*

Newport, Ore. – Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area will host a Victorian Holiday Celebration Dec. 8. The event encourages visitors to step back in time in order to relive the 19th century holiday traditions celebrated by the families of Yaquina Head Lighthouse keepers. Admission to the park is free and a 15% discount will be given at the Yaquina Head Interpretive Center Store.

The celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Interpretive Center, and will continue all day until 4 p.m. According to Salem District Manager Kim Titus, “The idea is to create a family friendly atmosphere where visitors can enjoy traditional crafts, a cup of hot chocolate, and sing traditional carols.”

Throughout the day, families can participate in making Victorian crafts and decorating the tree. In addition, local guest musicians will join in the celebration to lead and perform holiday favorites. The entertainment will start at 10:30 a.m. with an open sing-along, followed by the Newport Recorder Society at 11:15 a.m. The Trinity Methodist Singers will lead singing at 12:15 p.m., and “Spindrift,” a local ensemble of viola, hammer dulcimer and guitar will make a special appearance at 1 p.m. Members of the Newport Drum Circle will lead songs at 1:45 p.m., and Mary Beth Nickel will mesmerize everyone at 2:30 p.m. with her angelic voice and harp; a performance not to be missed. The day will have a powerful finish with songs from the Coastalaires Barbershop Chorus and a lighthouse serenade at closing.

For more information please call (541) 574-3100, or visit Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area at <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/yaquina>

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Photo Caption:

BLM park rangers dressed in 19th century attire celebrate a Victorian Lighthouse Holiday at Yaquina Head.



Photo Caption:

Visitors create crafts with historical lighthouse keepers family members.

Photo Caption: Musicians and Visitors enjoy a festive song.



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