

# Straub *Exploratio*Nature Summer Camp 2010

Grades 4-5, July 19 – 23, 2010

Grab your backpack, lunch and your CURIOSITY to experience a week of ecosystem exploration and stewardship of Northwest Oregon!

## Monday, July 19

### **Watershed Education: Geren Island/ Fisherman's Bend, between Mill City and Mehama**



Salem drinking water is rated in the top 10 of the nation. Learn all about where and how our water “works,” and learn how we can protect it on our trip to the Santiam River’s Geren Island. We will also walk Fisherman’s Bend Nature Trail for an introduction to Oregon’s native plant and animal species. The day ends with O.S.U. Extension students leading students in a stewardship project to restore natural habitat.

## Tuesday, July 20

### **Pacific Northwest “Re-constructed” Nature: Minto Brown Park, Salem**



Learn how people walk, bike, run and play while still preserving natural systems. See an osprey family and bald eagles on a discovery hike. Search for native and plant species and learn about their battle to survive in our valley. Get up close and personal with live reptiles and amphibians. Identify birds, nests and eggs. Experience mammal skulls, and pelts, catch and release macroinvertebrates . . . all in one day!

## Wednesday, July 21

### **Temperate Rainforest: Silver Falls State Park, near Silverton**



Wednesday’s adventures include instruction in how to stay safe and Leave No Trace in Oregon’s forests, followed by a guided venture into the rainforest where more than eighty inches of rain falls per year! We will explore the plants and wildlife that thrive in this rich, wet environment. Day campers will also get to work with map & compass and learn to track the forest’s animals. The day ends with a trek back through thousands of years of geology.

## Thursday, July 22

### **Oregon Coast Ecosystems: Hatfield Science Center, Newport**



**We will load promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday** to head for Newport to learn all about the wonders of Oregon’s marine ecosystems. Learn with hands on exhibits, talks and fun videos. As time allows we will walk the Upper Cascade Head Trail where wild cascades pour off cliffs into the ocean. The trails to wildflower meadows here also have views of craggy islands, the Salmon River estuary, and a cove of barking sea lions.

## Friday, July 23

### **Wildlife and People: Turtle Ridge Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, South Salem**



By special arrangement we will be visiting with the wildlife and the devoted volunteers that provide treatment and care of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife and return them to their natural habitat. We will meet raccoons, an American kestrel, a possum, fawns and so much more! We will spend time learning about how we can help prevent wildlife from becoming injured, and launch a service project to take back your school.