

Activities For Children

HIGHLIGHTS

✂ Events in Spanish

★ Scarecrow Contest

★ Halloween Events

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 4, Friday, 1p

Storytime in the Farmer's Market (all ages), Springfield Farmer's Market, Main Street between Fifth and Sixth Sts. Stories, songs, and treats. *Call 541-726-3766 for more information.*

September 4, Friday, 5:30-8p

First Friday Family Fun Nights at Pete Barn, 870 Berntzen Rd., Eugene. Enjoy a **FREE!** evening of fun including dinner (served until 7p) and games or crafts. Meet your neighbors and friends for a fun-filled evening. *Call 541-682-5521 for more information.*

September 5, Saturday, 9:30a

Eugene Celebration Parade (all ages), Downtown Eugene. Watch the best of Eugene in all its diversity!

September 5, Saturday, 1p

Saturday Songs and Stories with Pat-tibuff: "Alligators and Crocodiles!" (all ages), Springfield Public Library, 225 5th St. Come for stories, songs, and a craft. Preschoolers should come with an adult. *Call 541-726-3766 for more information.*

September 6, Sunday, 11:30a

Eugene Celebration Pet Parade (all ages), Corner of 8th Ave. / Oak St. Paws for Celebration! Costumes optional. Leashes required. All proceeds go to support The Berean Foundation, a non-profit organization, and its efforts to save the lives of local pets. \$5 minimum entry fee.

September 7, Monday, 4-7p

FREE! Summer Concert: Valley Boys (family), River Road Park, 1400 Lake Dr., Eugene. Grab a blanket to sit on the lawn and join us in the park for some great early evening entertainment. Bar-B-Que chicken and refreshments will be on sale to benefit River Road Park's Gymnastics NorthWest. *Call 541-688-4052 for more information.*

September 8, Tuesday, 9-10a

Wetland Wander - Willow Creek Natural Area. Join The Willamette Resources & Educational Network (WREN) for this easy-paced guided nature walk. Binoculars provided. *Call Holly McRae, 541-683-6494 for more information.*

September 8, Tuesday, 7p

Storyteller Esther Stutzman (all ages), Springfield Public Library, 225 5th St. Esther Stutzman is a Native American storyteller, a role passed down through the generations of her family. Her heritage is Yoncalla/Kalapuya and Coos and she is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. Shannin Stutzman, her daughter, will accompany her on drum. *Call 541-726-3766 for more information.*

September 9-11 & 14, Wednesday-Friday & Monday, 9a-noon

Tiny Tots Playground Open House (ages birth-5 yrs.), at both sites:

- Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 2200 Coburg Rd. Eugene.
- Eugene Evangelical Church, 834 Monroe St., Eugene (opening in September).

Yearly membership fee of \$96. Members have unlimited access to playground 6 days/wk., 7 hrs./day.

See listing in Indoor/Outdoor Play on page 9 for more details. Call 541-343-1413 for more information or visit www.tinytotscoop.org.

September 12, Saturday, 9a-2p

Family Exploration Day at Bertelsen Nature Park: Stewart Park. Discover Stewart Pond with your family! WREN staff and volunteers will supply bug nets, field guides, and binoculars to promote exploration. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy independent discovery. Stewart Pond is a 150-acre natural area located east of the intersection of Bertelsen Road and Stewart Road, north of West 11th Ave. **FREE!** *Call Carrie Karl, 541-683-6483, for more information or e-mail carrie@wewetlands.org.*

September 12, Friday, 1-3p

End of Summer Block Party, Campbell Community Center, 155 High St., Eugene. Did you hear the scoop? There's a Dreyer's Slow Churned Neighborhood Salute Block Party and you're invited! Rumor is, there will be tons of delicious ice cream, food, games, and more! This is a party you don't want to miss! **FREE!** *Call 541-682-5318 for more information.*

September 13, Sunday, 3-5p

Human Rights Harvest (family), 10th/G Sts., Springfield. Live music, soup and bread for everyone, children's activities, information tables, produce giveaway. **FREE!** *Call 541-736-4544 for more information.*

Activities for Children at www.birthto3.org/parenting_resources.html.

UPDATED SEPTEMBER 1ST WITH NEW EVENTS!

September 15, Tuesday, 7p

Jammie Storytime (all ages), Springfield Public Library, 225 5th St. Come in your jammies for a special evening storytime. Call 541-726-3766 for more information.

September 18, Friday, 7-9p

Family Movie & Game Night, Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard, Eugene. Bring the family for a movie or meet friends at the new rec room at Amazon Center. The main hall will be opened for the movie, *Indiana Jones*, or hang out in the nearby rec room for ping pong, pool, and board games. Games, popcorn, and movies provided. Call 541-682-5373 for more information.

September 18, Friday, 6p, dinner; 7p, swim & movie

Family Fun Nights at Sheldon Center & Pool, 2443 Willakenzie Rd., Eugene. Come in and help celebrate the re-opening of Sheldon Pool after a three-month closure for safety and environmental improvements. How about a movie? Or a swim? What about some cool activities and dinner? No worries! Enjoy dinner, activities, watching *Monster House*, and swimming for **FREE!** Stop by and enjoy the fun! Call 541-682-5312 for more information.

September 18, Friday, 5-11:30p & September 19, Saturday, noon-11:30p

Fiesta Latina 2009 (family), Island Park, 200 West B St., Springfield. A celebration of Latin music, food, and dance. This is a nonalcoholic event. Bienvenidos! \$5/adults or \$4 with a canned food donation; free/children age 10 and under. Call 541-736-4544 for more information.

September 23, Wednesday, 10a-4p

New Exhibit Opens: "Your Healer Within," The Science Factory Children's Museum & Planetarium, 2300 Leo Harris Prkwy., Eugene (behind Autzen Stadium): This exhibition contains a whopping 39 interactive exhibits geared toward visitors of all ages. Its central theme is the prevention of disease through healthy lifestyle choices, taught with a high touch/high tech approach. See page 12 for museum listing for more details. Call 541-682-7888 for more information or visit www.science-factory.org.

September 26, Saturday, 10a-4p

Native American Wetland Cultural Day (family), 751 S. Danebo Ave., Eugene. Parking on Isabelle St. to the north of the site. Spend the day with Kalapuya Elder Esther Stutzman participating in activities she has organized for all ages: storytelling, basket making demonstrations, drumming, dancing, camas oven demonstration, children's activities, a display and discussion of the building of the traditional Kalapuya canoe and more. Bring a picnic lunch, blanket to sit on, and stay for the day. Event will occur rain or shine. \$5/WREN members; \$7/non-members. Call 541-683-6494 for more information.

OCTOBER EVENTS**October 1-31, Monday-Saturday 10a-5p; Sunday, noon-5p**

Colonial Harvest Days (family), Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm, 36777 Wheeler Rd., Pleasant Hill. Each weekend, live music and face painting, pony rides, and a food venue. Pie eating contest at 2p. Learn about sailing on the Mayflower on our life-size "Hayflower;" watch pumpkin launching with our Trebuchet; ride to the pumpkin patch with Pilgrim Bob; visit the Spider's Web, Owl's Nest, and Bat's Roost; take home a small complimentary pumpkin. Admission fees: \$5/person or \$20/family; free/children 5 and under.

October 18, Saturday: first Chili Cook-off. Categories: hottest, vegetarian, and meatiest.

There will also be a Children's Division for the best **Chili Dog** for ages 14 and under.

Great prizes for the winners and runners-up. Entry fee is \$5 in advance and \$7 day of event. Call Dawn or Lynn, 746-5161 for more information or visit www.NorthernLightsChristmasTreeFarm.com for more information.

October 2, Friday, time TBA

The Starting Block (ages 1-13 yrs.), Springfield County Club, 90333 Sunderman Rd. Family fun continues at The Starting Block during the cross country season. Support the University of Oregon Ducks and celebrate the legacy of Track Town USA. Test your running knowledge, make buttons of your favorite athletes, play carnival games, and cheer on the team. **FREE!** Stop by and enjoy the fun! Call Kim, 541-682-5312 for more information.

October 3, Saturday, 9-11a

First Saturday Park Walks. Meet at Spencer Butte main parking lot & trailhead. Explore and learn about the ecology and management of Eugene's Ridgeline Parks. Staff from Eugene Parks and Open Space, along with naturalists from the Outdoor Program, will lead this interpretive walk. Call 541-682-5329 for more information and directions.

October 4, Friday, 5:30-8p

First Friday Family Fun Nights at Pete Barn, 870 Berntzen Rd., Eugene. Enjoy a *FREE!* evening of fun including dinner (served until 7p) and games or crafts. Meet your neighbors and friends for a fun-filled evening. *Call 541-682-5521 for more information.*

October 4, Saturday, 10a-2p

Fire Safety Saturday (family). Join Jerry's for "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned." Take this opportunity to learn important fire safety information that will help prevent fires and save lives. *Call 689-1911 for more information.*

- **Jerry's Eugene, 2600 Hwy. 99N.** Children can meet Sparky Fire Pup, Smokey Bear, and watch fire safety puppet shows. Lane Rural Fire/Rescue personnel will be on hand, providing they have not been called out on an emergency, with their equipment and rescue units for fire safety and fire fighting demos. Children's ID information; McGruff the Crime Dog and staff from the American Red Cross and Oregon Department of Forestry will also be present to discuss safety issues.

- **Jerry's Springfield, 225 Olympic St.** Children can meet Sparky Fire Pup and Smokey Bear. Springfield Fire & Life Safety personnel will be on hand, providing they have not been called out on an emergency, with their equipment and rescue units for fire safety and fire fighting demos. Children's ID information; McGruff the Crime Dog and staff from the American Red Cross and Oregon Department of Forestry will also be present to discuss safety issues.

October 10, Saturday, 8a-1p

The 22nd Great Rotary Duck Race (family), Alton Baker Park, Day Island Rd. off Club Rd., Eugene. Program details TBA.

October 11, Sunday, 10a-noon

Family Walk: Animals and Plants are Preparing for Winter, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, Eugene. Come join nature guide Tom Bettman for this family friendly walk. See how the animals and plants that live in the Arboretum are bustling with activity to prepare for the upcoming cold winter months. Rain or shine. Meet at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Visitors Center. \$5 (MPA members/donation) *Call 541-747-1504 or e-mail mtpisgjp@efn.org to register or for more information.*

October 11, Saturday, 4p

The New Shanghai Circus (family), Hult Center For the Performing Arts, Soreng Theater, 7th & Willamette, Eugene. Astonishing athletes defy gravity and execute breathtaking feats as they stretch the limits of human ability in this spellbinding show. Fearless performers with boundless energy bring you more than 2000 years of Chinese circus traditions. \$27, \$22, \$18/adults; \$14.50/youth. *Call 541-682-5000 for more information.*

October 13, Tuesday, 9-10a

Wetland Wander - Golden Gardens. Join The Willamette Resources & Educational Network (WREN) for this easy-paced guided nature walk. Binoculars provided. *Call Holly McRae, 541-683-6494 for more information.*

October 16, Friday, 7-9p

Family Movie & Game Night, Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard, Eugene. Bring the family for a movie or meet friends at the new rec room at Amazon Center. The main hall will be opened for the movie, *Bolt*, or hang out in the nearby rec room for ping pong, pool, and board games. Games, popcorn, and movies provided. *Call 541-682-5373 for more information.*

October 18, Sunday, 1-3p

Scarecrow Building and Pumpkin Carving, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, Eugene. Get ready for the Mushroom Festival's Scarecrow Contest at this fun, family-oriented event. The Arboretum staff provides inspiration and know-how for creative pumpkin carving while you design your own unique scarecrow to enter in the contest or display on your lawn. Scarecrows made at the workshop can be entered in the contest for free! Bring decorations for scarecrows, and knives and spoons for pumpkins. Pants, shirts, straw, and pumpkins provided. \$5/pumpkin or scarecrow. *Call 541-747-1504 or e-mail mtpisgjp@efn.org to register or for more information. Registration appreciated but not required.*

October 21, Wednesday, 7-8p

Spider Talk. How well do you know your eight-legged neighbors? Join John Parrott, OSU Master Gardener and spider expert to find out how spiders live and what the major types are that live locally. Meet at the West Eugene Wetlands yurt, 751 S. Danebo, Eugene. \$5/WREN members; \$7/non-members. *Call 551-683-6494 for more information.*

October 22, Thursday, 5:30-7p

Lights on Afterschool, Maple Elementary School, 2109 J St., Springfield. Join us in celebrating after-school activities. Tour the new school and have fun at the kids carnival while enjoying a hot dog dinner. Enter to win a Wii! *FREE!* Special thanks to Twin Rivers Rotary Club for its support! *Call Maple Elementary School, 541-744-6395, for more information.*

October 23, Friday, 1:30-4p

Skinner's Butte Bald Eagles Talk & Walk (all ages), Campbell Community Center, 155 High St., Eugene. Come join Philip Bayles and learn about the pair of bald eagles that nest on Skinner's Butte. Watch a DVD presentation of the eagles' 2007 nesting season and then walk to Lamb Cottage in Skinner's Butte Park to see the nest and hopefully spot the eagles and their young. \$13. *Call 541-682-5318 for more information.*

October 23, Friday, 7p & October 24, Saturday, 2p & 7p

Captain Louie (family), Wildish Community Theatre, Springfield. Rose Children's Theatre's Musical In a Month for Fall 2009 is based on *The Trip* by Ezra Jack Keats. Young Louie feels lonely and without friends in his new neighborhood. Looking for something to cheer himself up on Halloween night, Louie returns to his old neighborhood friends in an imaginary journey on the wings of his favorite toy, his little red plane. The story is full of tricks and treats, and the incomparable music and lyrics of Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked* and *Godspell*). Most of all, Captain Louie is about friendships—the ability to make new friends and the importance of old ones. \$6/children 12 and under; \$10/adults. Tickets available at Euphoria Chocolate Company stores and at the door one hour before showtime. Call 431-0444 for more information.

October 24, Saturday, 10a & 11:15a

Eugene Symphony: Tots to Ten Family Concert—The Musical Moods of Mozart (family), Hult Center For the Performing Arts, Soreng Theater, 7th & Willamette, Eugene. This fun family concert will feature the Eugene Symphony in an all-Mozart program that is sure to excite children and parents alike! \$8/adults; \$5/children. Call 682-5000 for more information.

October 24, Saturday

Scarecrow Contest at the Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, Eugene. Set up scarecrow entry in the Arboretum's Scarecrow Alley. \$10/contest entry fee. Call 747-1504 or e-mail mtpisgjp@efn.org to register or for more information.

October 24, Friday, 5:30-9p

Nearby Nature's Haunted Hike (family), Alton Baker Park, Day Island Rd. off Club Rd., Eugene. Celebrate night critters! Enjoy a pumpkin-lit hike in the park and meet an entertaining costumed owl, frog, bat, spider, and more. Check out live owls and vultures from the Cascade Raptor Center! Crafts, snacks, and a raffle as well. Rain or moonshine! **Pre-registration REQUIRED.** Non-members, \$5/person; free/members. Call 687-9699 to pre-register and for more information.

October 25, Sunday, 10a-5p

Mushroom Festival and Plant Sale, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, Eugene. Annual fall celebration of mushrooms and the harvest season! One of the largest mushroom displays on the West Coast. Check out list of Nature Walks that will be held all day and will be posted at the site and on website mountpisgaharboretum.org. There will also be a huge plant sale, live music, a scarecrow contest, children's activities, hayrides, craft vendors, incredible mushroom-inspired food, fresh cider, wine, and much more. Suggested donation: \$5/person; children under age 12, free. Call 541-747-1504 or e-mail mtpisgjp@efn.org to register or for more information.

October 25, Sunday, 3p

Scarecrow Contest Judging at the Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, Eugene. Festival visitors vote for the funniest, most original, most likely to scare a crow, most beautiful, best youth entry, and best overall. \$10/contest entry fee. Call 541-747-1504 or e-mail mtpisgjp@efn.org to register or for more information.

October 26 & 27, Monday & Tuesday, 6-9:30p

Haunted Hayride (all ages), Dorris Ranch, South 2nd & Dorris Sts., Springfield. Ride through the "haunted" trails of Dorris Ranch, where ghosts and goblins emerge from the shadows of filbert orchards. Warm up afterward with some hot apple cider, games, and crafts. **Reservations required; reservations start October 1; space is limited; rides sell out every year.** \$7.50/person; \$5/with district discount. Call 541-736-4544 to reserve a space and/or for more information, or register at the Community Recreation Center, 250 S. 32nd St., Springfield.

October 30, Friday, 6-8p

Howl-o-ween Haunt, River Road Park, 1400 Lake Dr., Eugene. Come join us for our spook-tacular night of frightful events. We'll have everything from a costume contest to various spooky games to creepy cuisine! So come howl with us in your cute and crazy costumes for a thrilling night of fun! Game and activity tickets sold for \$.25. Food booths and refreshments provided by the River Road water polo team. Call 541-688-4052 for more information.

October 31, Saturday, 1p

Willamalane at the Movies: Great Halloween Party (all ages), Wildish Community Theater, 630 Main St., Springfield. Willamalane presents a free showing of *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* and *Pooh's Heffalump* on the big screen. Prizes for best costume! Afterward, downtown businesses will be open for trick-or-treating. **FREE! Registration required by October 28. On line registration available. Limited to 281 registered participants.** Call 541-736-4544 to reserve a space and/or for more information, or register at the Community Recreation Center, 250 S. 32nd St., Springfield.

October 4, Friday, 5:30-8p

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October 30, Friday, 5:30-8p

BOOOO Barn (ages 1-11 yrs.), Peterson Barn Community Center, 870 Berntzen Rd., Eugene. Celebrate the fall season with carnival games, fall crafts, and much more. Join friends and neighbors at a fun-filled evening for the whole family. **FREE!** Call 541-682-5521 for more information.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 6, Friday, 5:30-8p

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November 7, Saturday, 9-11a

First Saturday Park Walks. Meet at the end of Bailey View Dr. Explore and learn about the ecology and management of Eugene's Ridgeline Parks. Staff from Eugene Parks and Open Space, along with naturalists from the Outdoor Program, will lead this interpretive walk. Call 541-682-5329 for more information and directions.

November 7, Saturday, 10a-3p

Play in the Rain, White Oak Pavilion at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, Eugene. A *FREE!* family event for all ages. Join the fun with local outdoor recreation and education organizations and clubs. Family activities include nature crafts, hikes, horseback rides, scavenger hunts, knot tying, and more. Sponsored by the Youth in Nature Partnership, www.youthinnature.org. Event parking is *FREE!* Call 541-747-1504 or e-mail mtpisgjp@efn.org for more information.

November 10, Tuesday, 9-10a

Wetland Wander - Meadowlark Prairie. Join The Willamette Resources & Educational Network (WREN) for this easy-paced guided nature walk. Binoculars provided. Call Holly McRae, 541-683-6494 for more information.

November 14, Saturday, time TBA

The Starting Block (ages 1-13 yrs.), Springfield County Club, 90333 Sunderman Rd. Family fun continues at The Starting Block during the cross country season. Support the University of Oregon Ducks and celebrate the legacy of Track Town USA. Test your running knowledge, make buttons of your favorite athletes, play carnival games, and cheer on the team. *FREE!* Stop by and enjoy the fun! Call Kim, 541-682-5312 for more information.

November 20, Friday, 7-9p

Family Movie & Game Night, Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard, Eugene. Bring the family for a movie or meet friends at the new rec room at Amazon Center. The main hall will be opened for the movie, *The Incredibles*, or hang out in the nearby rec room for ping pong, pool, and board games. Games, popcorn, and movies provided. Call 541-682-5373 for more information.

November 20, Friday, 7:30p

Dive-In Movie Nights, 1655 Echo Hollow Rd., Eugene. Enjoy this great family event! Swim or watch *Monster House* on our huge screen. \$3/ person; passes not accepted. Call 541-682-5525 for more information.

November 28, Saturday, 10a-3p

Parents' Shopping Day Out (ages 3-10), Willamalane Community Recreation Center, 250 S. 32nd St., Springfield. Go holiday shopping and drop your children off to have their own fun creating crafts, playing games, snacking on treats, or meet friends. *Children staying during the lunch hour need to bring a lunch. Register by November 21 for discount; drop-in care is available.* \$7/ child; \$5 with district discount. Call 541-736-4544 for more information.

DECEMBER EVENTS

December 4, Friday, 5:30-8p

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December 4, Friday, 6p, dinner; 7p movie & swim

Family Fun Nights at Sheldon Center & Pool, 2443 Willakenzie Rd., Eugene. How about a movie? Or a swim? What about some cool activities and dinner? No worries! Enjoy dinner, activities, watching classic holiday cartoons, and swimming for *FREE!* Stop by and enjoy the fun! Call 541-682-5312 for more information.

December 5, Saturday, 9-11a

First Saturday Park Walks. Meet at the south end of Spring Blvd. where it crosses 30th Ave. at the overpass. Explore and learn about the ecology and management of Eugene's Ridgeline Parks. Staff from Eugene Parks and Open Space, along with naturalists from the Outdoor Program, will lead this interpretive walk. Call 541-682-5329 for more information and directions.

December 5, Saturday, 9a-noon

Edible Gifts & Recipes, River Road Park Annex, 1055 River Rd., Eugene. Create a gingerbread masterpiece, make peppermint patties, pretzel almond bark, and holiday cookies. Please wear clothes to get "messy" in and a Tupperware container or two to bring home "the goods." \$10/in district; \$12/out of district. Call 541-688-4052 for more information.

December 5, Saturday, 10a-3p

Parents' Shopping Day Out (ages 3-10), Willamalane Community Recreation Center, 250 S. 32nd St., Springfield. Go holiday shopping and drop your children off to have their own fun creating crafts, playing games, snacking on treats, or meet friends. *Children staying during the lunch hour need to bring a lunch. Register by November 21 for discount; drop-in care is available.* \$7/ child; \$5 with district discount. Call 541-736-4544 for more information.

December 5, Saturday, noon-3p

Holiday Family & Open House, The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, 1430 Johnson Ln., University of Oregon campus. This *FREE!* family day celebrates the art of the superhero. Enjoy holiday performances, gallery tours, and art activities for the whole family. Design your own superhero cape, watch demonstrations by Disney artists Janet and Michael Gilbert and work alongside them to invent your own superheroes and heroines, create your own comic, and more! Call 541-346-3027 for more information. See page 12 for museum listing.

December 8, Tuesday, 9-10a**Wetland Wander - Tsanchiifin Walk.**

Join The Willamette Resources & Educational Network (WREN) for this easy-paced guided nature walk. Binoculars provided. Call Holly McRae, 541-683-6494 for more information.

December 11, Friday, 1-4p**Cookie Mix in a Jar,** River Road Park,

1400 Lake Dr., Eugene. Make apple-sauce-cinnamon ornaments, a cookie jar gift, and homemade fudge along with other treats to share with family and friends. Recipes for treats will be provided to take home. \$10/in district; \$12/out of district. Call 541-688-4052 for more information.

December 12, Friday, 9:30-11:30a

Breakfast with Santa (ages 2 yrs. and up), Peterson Barn Community Center, 870 Berntzen Rd., Eugene. Ho, ho, ho! Santa has marked his calendar to fly in and visit at this festive holiday breakfast. Join the fun and don't forget your camera! *Pre-registration required; register early, event fills quickly.* \$5. Call 541-682-5521 for more information.

December 12, Saturday, 7:30p &**December 13, Sunday, 2:30p**

Chambers Family Foundation Yuletide Celebration (family), Hult Center For the Performing Arts, Soreng Theater, 7th & Willamette, Eugene. Jodi Benson, voice of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* joins the Eugene Symphony for this holiday spectacular. Don't miss the return of the tap-dancing Santas, your favorite holiday songs, and all new acts. From "Jingle Bells" to "Sleigh Ride," there's something for everyone in your family to love. \$48, \$38, \$27, \$15. Call 541-682-5000 for more information.

December 18, Friday, 6:30-8:30p**An Old Fashioned Family Holiday,**

River Road Park, 1400 Lake Dr., Eugene. Come join us for a family fun evening of crafts, storytelling, and holiday cheer. String popcorn, make gingerbread cookies, relive *The Night Before Christmas*, take home a handmade ornament, have your picture taken with Santa, and join in singing your favorite holiday songs. Refreshments will include cookies and hot apple cider. *Sign up early—space is limited!* \$10/family of 4 in district; \$5/each additional family member. Call 541-688-4052 for more information.

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December 19, Saturday & December 20, Sunday, 2p

Eugene Ballet Company: The Nutcracker (family), Hult Center For the Performing Arts, Soreng Theater, 7th & Willamette, Eugene. Add magic to the holidays with the classic ballet of all times. World-class dancers, magical sets, and gorgeous costumes set to Tchaikovsky's memorable music. The Eugene Ballet Company is joined on stage by Oregon Festival Choirs and ballet students from around the region. \$48, \$42, \$32, \$22; student and youth discounts available. Call 541-682-5000 for more information.

ONGOING**Storytimes/Music Times**

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3 yrs. and their caregivers), Tu, 10:15a & 11a, Eugene Downtown Library, 100 West 10th Ave. Interactive stories, rhymes, songs, movement, and playtime create a fun-filled language rich program. Call 541-682-8316 for more information.

Storytimes for children (by ages), Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 1163 Valley River Dr., Eugene: W, 10a (toddlers only); Whimsical Wednesdays, 6:30p (ages 4-8 yrs.); 1st F/mo., 7p, Pajamarama (children ages 4-8 yrs. come in their jammies for storytime). Last Sa/mo., 11a (occasionally—call for dates and special guest(s); ages 4-8 yrs.). Call 541-687-0356 to confirm events or for more information.

Tiny Tots Storytime (ages 1-2 yrs. and their caregivers), Tu, 10:15a & 11a, Eugene Downtown Library, 100 West 10th Ave. Book sharing, movement, rhymes, songs, and playtime are included to create a fun, active, literature based group experience. Call 541-682-8316 for more information.

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6 yrs. and their caregivers), W, 10:15a & 11a (repeat program), Eugene Downtown Library, 100 West 10th Ave. Longer picture books supplemented by a variety of age-appropriate activities create an environment that aids development of concentration and encourages dialogue. Call 541-682-8316 for more information.

Weekly Wednesday Lapsit Storytime (ages infant-3 yrs.), 10a, Springfield Public Library, 225 5th St. Simple stories, fingerplays, songs, a craft, and other age-appropriate activities for infants and toddlers held in the Children's Window Corner. *Child must be accompanied by adult. No individual groups larger than 5 without prior arrangement.* Call 726-3766 for more information.

Weekly Wednesday Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6 yrs.), 10a, Springfield Public Library, 225 5th St. Fun stories, songs, a craft, and other early literacy activities for preschoolers held in the Children's Story Corner. *No individual groups larger than 5 without prior arrangement.* Call 541-726-3766 for more information.

Storytimes/Music Times, continued

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6 yrs. and their caregivers), Th, 11a, Sheldon Branch Library, 1566 Coburg Rd., Eugene. Longer picture books supplemented by a variety of age-appropriate activities create an environment that aids development of concentration and encourages dialogue. *Call 541-682-5778 for more information.*

Baby Storytime (ages infant-1 yr. and their caregivers), F, 10:15a & 11:15a, Eugene Downtown Library, 100 West 10th Ave. Books, songs, fingerplays, and rhymes designed for infants delivered in an encouraging environment and promote language development, an important pre-literacy skill. *Call 541-682-8316 for more information.*

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6 yrs. and their caregivers), F, 10:15a, Bethel Branch Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd., Eugene. Longer picture books supplemented by a variety of age-appropriate activities create an environment that aids development of concentration and encourages dialogue. *Call 541-682-5766 for more information.*

Family Music Time (all ages), Sa, 10:15a, Eugene Downtown Library, Bascom-Tykeson Conference Rm., 100 West 10th Ave. Active learners' program is full of stories, pictures, rhymes, music, and movement. Features community musicians. *Call 541-682-8316 for more information.*

Children's Weekly Saturday Story-hour (all ages), 11a, Borders Books and Music, 5 Oakway Center, Eugene. *Call 541-345-6072 for more information.*

Child Care

Ducklings Child Care (ages 2½-5 yrs.), M-F, 7:30a-6p, Sheldon Community Center, 2445 Willakenzie Rd., Eugene. A nurturing, safe, and fun environment. Crafts, discovery, imaginative play, gym time, and snacks enhance your child's day. Flexible registration plan each month; pick and choose your days each week based on the following time slots: 7:30-9a, 9a-noon, noon-2p, 2-4p, and 4-6p. *Call 541-682-5312 to register and for more information.*

Child Care, continued

Child care (infants and toddlers), River Road Park, 1400 Lake Dr., Eugene. Available to public, Tu, Th & F, 8:30-11a; space may be reserved with 24 hours notice. \$3/hr./child. **Closed Aug. 29-Sept. 13 for maintenance.** Coupon books available at front desk; 10 coupons/\$27. **State of Oregon Health Department requires current immunization records for each child before first day of attendance; pick up official form when registering. Not offered when adult aerobics and slimnastics classes are between sessions.** *Call 541-688-4052 for more information.*

Family Resource Centers

☞ **Bethel Village Family Center**, W & Th, 1:30-4:30p, Malabon Elementary School, 1380 Taney St., Eugene. Targeted tutoring; preschool storytime; resources and referrals; Strengthening Families; *Make Parenting A Pleasure*; Incredible Years; arts and crafts during drop-in times. *Services available in Spanish. Follows school calendar; does not open on school holidays.* *For more information, call 541-461-6424, x3061.*

☞ **Chavez Elementary Family Resource Center**, W during school hrs., 1510 West 14th Ave., Eugene. Latino Leadership Group; involved with parent groups; English and Spanish classes for children and parents; translation of all printed materials; clothing closet; child care for volunteers; computer access for parents; Parenting for Success; craft nights; School and Home Behavior Management series; parenting classes with UO; computer classes. *Services available in Spanish. Follows school calendar; does not open on school holidays.* *For more information, call 541-687-4276.*

Family Resource Centers, continued

☞ **Cottage Grove/Creswell Family Resource Center: A Primary Connection**, Tu & Th, 8:30a-4:30p, Bohemia Elementary School, 721 South R St., Rms. 1 & 2, Cottage Grove. *Second Step Family Guide* (mostly in Spanish); one-on-one parenting/"independent study"; dinner and homework help for children during ESL classes; homework help with kindergarten; arts and crafts, book giveaways, special events; hosts and translates a monthly **FREE** clinic; lending library. *Services available in Spanish. For more information, call 541-942-4967.*

☞ **Howard Elementary Family Resource Center**, M & F during school hrs., 700 Howard Ave., Eugene. Latino Leadership Group; involved with parent groups; English and Spanish classes for children and parents; translation of all printed materials; clothing closet; child care for volunteers; computer access for parents; Parenting for Success; craft nights; School and Home Behavior Management series; parenting classes with UO; computer classes. *Services available in Spanish. Follows school calendar; does not open on school holidays.* *For more information, call 541-687-3365.*

Junction City Family Resource Center, 1401 Laurel St., Junction City, M & W, 1-4p; Tu-F, 1-6p. After school programs; *Make Parenting A Pleasure*; Strengthening Families; Family Friday Fun Nights; Summer Program (4 wks.); giveaways; helps coordinate Spring Fling and Walk/Bike to School Week. **Follows school calendar; does not open on school holidays.** *For more information, call 541-998-2386, x497.*

Marcola Family Resource Center, M & Tu during school hrs., Marcola Elementary School, 92550 School House Rd., Marcola. Toddler group (meets once a wk.); Family Nights; Positive Parenting workshop; drop-in hrs. during school; give aways (foodboxes, gifts during holidays, etc.); after school program available. **Follows school calendar; does not open on school holidays.** *For more information, call 541-933-2411, x1216.*

Family Resource Centers, continued

McKenzie Family Resource Center, M-Th, 9a-5p depending on other activities, 51187 Blue River Dr., Finn Rock. After school programs; drop-in hrs.; weekly toddler group; *Make Parenting A Pleasure* offered once/yr.; PAWS; Pre-school Program; Strengthening Families offered once/yr.; Youth Transition grant activities; Prevention Coalition; meeting space for community groups; referrals to social services; one-on-one home visits; Partners in Print (4-10/yr.); Mother Goose Reading Program; member of CARE Team. **Follows school calendar; does not open on school holidays.** For more information, call 541-822-1110.

Oakridge-Westfir Playgroup (ages birth-5 yrs.), 1st & 3rd W/mo., 10-11:30a. Oakridge Family Resource Center, 76499 Rose St. For children and their parents/guardians. Crafts, singing, socializing, resources and referrals, snacks. **Family Resource Center** open M-W, noon-6p. **Follows school calendar; does not open on school holidays.** Call Shelley, 541-782-3281, for more information.

Pleasant Hill Family Connections, M & Th during school hrs., Trent Primary School, Room 4, 37981 Wheeler Rd., Dexter. Weekly preschool group; *Make Parenting A Pleasure*; Strengthening Families (ages 10-14); collaborates with school on book fairs, book exchanges, fitness challenges, Annual Safety Fair; collaborates with PTA on monthly activities. **Follows school calendar; does not open on school holidays.** For more information, call 541-747-9232 ext. 20.

River Road Elementary Family Resource Center, Tu & Th during school hrs., 700 Howard Ave., Eugene. Latino Leadership Group; involved with parent groups; English and Spanish classes for children and parents; translation of all printed materials; clothing closet; child care for volunteers; computer access for parents; Parenting for Success; craft nights; School and Home Behavior Management series; parenting classes with UO; computer classes. *Services available in Spanish.* **Follows school calendar; does not open on school holidays.** For more information, call 541-687-3307.

Family Resource Centers, continued

Springfield Brattain House Family Resource Center - Main Center, M-F, 9a-5p and some evenings, 1030 G St., Springfield. Toddler group; clothing exchange; drop-in hrs. (computer, fax, copier, peer support access); referrals; Friday bread giveaway; parenting classes (*Make Parenting a Pleasure*, Strengthening Families); free books; facilitates community sponsorship of families during holidays; 3-wk. summer youth multicultural camp (ages 9-12; evening child care when language classes offered next door; summer UO clothing drive; PTA vouchers for shoes, socks, underwear; backpacks and school supplies giveaways; program for homeless operates out of building. Call 541-744-6769 for more information.

Indoor/Outdoor Play

Nearby Nature Learnscapes. At the site of the Alton Baker Park Host Residence, 622 Day Island Rd., Eugene featuring a huge organic vegetable garden, fruit orchard, outdoor classroom/play area, complete with a giant turtle sandbox and loose natural material construction zone, worm bins and composting equipment, sunflower clock, outdoor paintings depicting the natural history of our area, a tree frog sculpture, and more! Call 687-9699 for more information or visit www.nearbynature.org/learnscapes.

Indoor Park at Camp Harlow (ages 0-5 yrs. accompanied by adult), 3850 Country Farm Rd. (off Coburg Rd.), Eugene. Open Th, 10a-noon from October through the end of May; follows 4J School District schedule for holidays. Tricycles, cars, teeter-totter, roller coaster, dolls & strollers, grocery carts, mini-trampoline, and more! Call Alisa, 541-521-8236 for more information or visit campharlowindoorpark@hotmail.com.

Lane County Historical Museum, 740 West 13th Ave., Eugene. Open Tu-Sa, 10a-4p. **NEW** Children's area (all ages) provides a fun place to touch, pretend, explore, and learn. See *Lane County Historical Museum listing on page 12*.

Indoor/Outdoor Play, continued

Springfield Terrific Toddler Play Group (ages 18 mos.-4 yrs.), Tu & Th, 10-11:30a, Springfield/Marcola Family Resource Centers, Brattain House, 1030 G St., Springfield. Join other toddlers and their parents for creative playtime, activities, reading, music and song. Wonderful opportunity to build your child's social and problem-solving skills in a comfortable and safe setting. Visit website for monthly calendar of activities: www.sps.lane.edu/parent/family_centers/index.html. Call Gloria, 541-744-6769, for more information.

Bounce Gymnastics Open Gym. Bounce Gymnastics, 329 West 3rd St. (between Lincoln St. & Lawrence St.), Eugene. Call 541-343-4222 for more information.

- **Tot Open Gym** (ages walking-6 yrs.), Tu, F & Sa, 11a-12:15p. \$4/child. **Parent supervision is required for all ages.**

- **Regular Homeschool & Preschool Open Gym** (all ages), M, 2-3:15p; W, 1-2:15p \$4/child. **Parent supervision is required for all ages.**

- **Regular All Age Open Gym** (ages 1-18), F, 6-8p; Sa, 7-9p. \$6/participant. **Parent supervision is required for ages 6 yrs. and under.**

- **Friday Parents Night Out!**, (ages 4-12 yrs.), 6-10p. Gymnastics, games, trampolines, movies, arts, and tons of fun! \$18/child; \$12/additional sibling. **Pre-registration is required.**

- **School's Out Open Gym** (all ages), 1-3p. Available any time 4J school is out. \$6/participant; **parent supervision required ages 6 yrs. and under.** Call 541-343-4222 for more information.

Birth To Three's Playtime for Birth To Three and Healthy Start Parents and Children (ages birth-4 yrs.), 86 Centennial Loop, Eugene. **Mondays, 10a-noon.** Parent-supervised, drop-in playtime in the Children's Room and Playground at Birth To Three. Come meet other Birth To Three/Healthy Start at Birth To Three families while you play with your children. \$15/5-visit punch card for Birth To Three families (scholarships available); \$25/5-visit punch card for community families. **Buy 2 cards, get one free!** Punch cards available at front desk. **First visit FREE.** Call 541-484-5316 for more information.

Indoor/Outdoor Play, continued

Fantastic Fridays (ages walking-5 yrs.), 10a-noon, Gymnastics Northwest, a River Road District facility, 30043 Leghorn Rd., Eugene. Children will have fun with some great tumbling equipment and start building a strong foundation in basic movement and locomotor skills, as well as a beginning of flexibility and coordination. \$4/child; up to 2 children/adult. **Adult must stay with child.** Call 541-688-8955 for more information.

Drop-in Saturday Play (ages birth-5 yrs.), 10a-noon, Willamalane Community Recreation Center, 250 South 32nd St., Springfield. An active morning of activities and games offered the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. Light snack provided at 11a. *Parents are required to stay with their child(ren).* **Does not meet during the summer.** \$3/child. Call 541-736-4544 for more information.

Action Nights (ages 6-12 yrs.), 3rd Sa/mo., 5-9p, Gymnastics Northwest, a River Road District facility, 30043 Leghorn Rd., Eugene. A fun way to spend time with friends or make new ones while practicing skills on the Tumbler Trak, spring floor, in-ground trampoline, reflex beam, bars, rings, vault, and mini-tramps. \$14/person; includes dinner. Call 541-688-8955 for more information.

Moms Club of Eugene. At-home mothers support group for Moms. Weekly play dates/activities. \$25/yr. membership fee. May attend two meetings before joining; e.g., meeting and a playgroup. *Please see our website for more information and how to reach us: www.freewebs.com/mcofeugene.*

Westside Indoor Playground Co-op (ages 0-5 yrs.), Bethesda Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 4445 Royal, Eugene. M-F, 9-11:30a. First couple visits free; \$55/year membership pro-rated through the year; \$40/family during April Open House; payment plans and scholarships also available. **Follows Bethel School calendar.** Call Tracy, membership chairperson, 541-548-6448, for more information or visit www.westsideindoorplayground.com.

Indoor/Outdoor Play, continued

TINY TOTS (ages 0-5 yrs.), Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 2200 Coburg Rd. and Eugene Evangelical Church, 834 Monroe St., Eugene. Families pay an annual membership fee. In return, members get unlimited access to the playground six days/wk., fun activities, and the support and friendship of other parents. Children enjoy riding toys, climbing structures, play kitchens, a special baby zone, and more under their parents' supervision. Call Mia, 541-343-1413, or visit www.tinytotsco-op.org for more information.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

* **Springfield Faith Center**, 600 Hayden Bridge Way, meets 2nd & 4th Th/mo. **during school yr.**, 9:30-11:30a; ages infant-KG. Call 726-8449 before attending for fees and to confirm they are meeting at the scheduled time and have adequate supplies and child care available.

* **Life Bible Church**, 21211 Coburg Rd., Harrisburg, meets 2nd & 4th W/mo. **during school yr.**, 9-11:30a; ages infant-KG. Call 995-8288 before attending for fees and to confirm they are meeting at the scheduled time and have adequate supplies and child care available.

* **First Baptist Church**, 301 South 6th St., Cottage Grove, meets 2nd & 4th Th/mo. **during school yr.**, 9-11:30a; ages infant-KG. Call 541-942-8242 before attending for fees and to confirm they are meeting at the scheduled time and have adequate supplies and child care available.

RiverPlay Discovery Village Playground (family), 210 Cheshire Ave., Eugene. Brings the Northwest's unique history and culture alive through creative play and state-of-the-art design features. Children can spend the day scaling a 25-ft. replica of Skinner Butte; uncovering fossils at an ancient history sand dig; playing with sand and water along a miniature Willamette River; splashing underneath a 9-ft. rain circle; play on, under, and around a climbing structure modeled after a Kalapuya summer dwelling; and more! Call 541-682-4907 for more information.

Indoor/Outdoor Play, continued

Rainbow Park and Playground (ages 2+ yrs. and under), 90496 Hwy. 99N, #2, Eugene, north of Airport Rd. T-Sa, 10a-5p; Su, noon-5p. \$5/visit; free/under 2 yrs. Call 541-689-1702 before attending indoor playground—birthday parties have priority.

Swimming

AMAZON POOL, 2600 Hilyard St., Eugene. Full summer programs begin June 22. Call 541-682-5314 for more information.

• **Recreation Swims** (all ages), Sept. 8-20. **Children under 48 in. tall MUST be accompanied by adult age 18 or older (one adult/child) or pass swim test.**

• Sa-Su, 2-5p

• **Modified Schedules:** Sept. 7, holiday schedule; Oct. 31, last day of the season.

ECHO HOLLOW POOL, 1655 Echo Hollow Rd., Eugene. Call 541-682-5525 for fees and information.

• **Recreation Swims** (all ages). Oct. 12-Dec. 20: M-F, 7-8p; Su, 1:15-3p. **Children under 48 in. tall MUST be accompanied by adult age 18 or older (one adult/child) or pass swim test.**

• **No School Day Swims:** Oct. 9; Nov. 6 & 20, Dec. 18, 1:30-3p.

• **Modified Schedules:** Dec. 21-Jan. 3, holiday schedule; Dec. 24 & 31, closed at 5p.

• **Closures:** Sept. 14-Oct. 11; Nov. 26-27; Dec. 25; Jan. 1.

Swimming, continued

NEW **SHELDON POOL**, 2443 Willakenzie, Eugene. Call 541-682-5314 for fees and information.

Sheldon Pool and Fitness Center will be closed June 15- September 13 for seismic improvements and will reopen September 14 for regular fall programs. Many Sheldon programs will be offered at Echo Hollow or Amazon Pools during the closure.

- **Recreation Swim** (all ages), through Sept. 14-Dec. 19, M-Th, 7:35-8:30p; F, 7:30-8:30p; Sa, noon-2p. **Children under 48 in. tall MUST be accompanied by adult age 18 or older (one adult/child) or pass swim test.**

- **Open Swim Time** (all ages), Sept. 21-Dec. 19, M, W & F, 10:15-11:15a. One child admitted free with paying adult. No lap lanes available. Subject to cancellation for special events; check pool calendar for changes or call.

- **No School Day Swims:** Oct. 9 & 16; Nov. 11, 1:40-3:40p.

- **Modified Schedules:** Dec. 21-Jan. 3, holiday schedule; Dec. 24 & 31, closed at 5p.

- **Closures:** Nov. 26-27; Dec. 11-13; Dec. 25; Jan. 1.

EUGENE FAMILY YMCA, 2055 Patterson. Family Recreation Swims in two-to-three-foot-deep warm-water pool. Various classes for youth (ages 3 mos.-18 yrs.), adults, and special populations available. Life guard present. Call 541-686-9622 for information for schedule, programs, and fees.

Swimming, continued

NEW **TAMARACK WELLNESS CENTER POOL** (formerly Stewart Aquatic Center), 3575 Donald, Eugene. Call 541-954-2559 or 541-686-9290 for information on schedules, programs, and fees.

- **Baby Swim Time**, M-Th, 10-11a; Th, 5:30-6:30p; Su, 9-10a. Enjoy 92-degree water with your baby. \$8/parent & child; \$12/family up to 5 persons; \$3/each additional person.

- **Family Swim Time**, M & W, 6:30-8p; F, 6-8p; Sa & Su, noon-1:30p. Enjoy 92-degree water with your family (babies welcome). \$8/parent & child; \$12/family up to 5 persons; \$3/each additional person.

- **Swimming lessons**, M & W, 2-5:30p; Tu & Th, 3-5:30p, for babies with parents, pre-schoolers, and school-aged children; beginning adult swim and exercise classes for clients with physician referral.

NEW **RIVER ROAD PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT POOL**, 1400 Lake Dr., Eugene. Call 541-461-7777 for in district/out of district individual and family fees and to confirm schedule.

- **Recreation Swims** (all ages): M-Su, 1:30-3p; M, W & F, 7:30-8:30p. **Children less than 43 in. tall MUST be accompanied into pool by adult at least 18 yrs. old.**

- **Family Swim:** F, 6:30-7:30p. Families may stay through Recreation Swim (7:30-8:30p) on M, W & F. **No Family Swim on holidays. Children 18 yrs. and younger MUST be accompanied by adult into pool. Please limit 4 children/adult.**

- **Wading Pool** open to all children under 48 in. tall during summer only. Call 541-461-7777 for opening date. Children must be accompanied by responsible adult 16 yrs. of age or older who remains within the fenced area at all times. **FREE!** Open, weather permitting 70 degrees and sunny. Please limit 4 children/adult. Call 541-461-7777 to confirm pool availability, especially when weather is doubtful.

- **Facility Closures:** Aug. 29-Sept. 13.

Swimming, continued

NEW **SPLASH! LIVELY PARK SWIM CENTER**, 6100 Thurston Rd., Springfield. Call 747-9283 or 736-4244 for schedule confirmation and fees, including bonus discount swims, and more information.

- **Wave & Slide Play Swims:** M & W, 6:30-8p; F, 3:30-5p & 6:30-9p; Sa, 1-5p & 6:30-9p; Su, 1-5p.

- **Kiddie Pool Play Swims, through Sept. 8:** M, W & F, 8:30a-12:30p; Tu & Th, 8:30a-12:30p, 5:15-8p. Kiddie Pool reserved for parents and children (ages 6 yrs. and under). Features 92 degree water and depth ranges from 8-12 inches. Perfect for playing, exploring water's delights, and practicing skills.

- **Kiddie Pool Play Swims, beginning Sept. 9:** M & W, 8:30a-6p; Tu & Th, 8:30a-8p; F, 8:30a-3:30p. Kiddie Pool reserved for parents and children (ages 6 yrs. and under). Features 92 degree water and depth ranges from 8-12 inches. Perfect for playing, exploring water's delights, and practicing skills.

- **Special Play Swims:**

- Sept. 7 & 8: 1-5p.
- Oct. 30; Nov. 6 & 27; Dec. 4: 1-5p & 6:30-9p.

- Nov. 11: 1-5p & 6:30-8p.

- **Winter Break Play Swims:**

- Dec. 21, 23, 28, 30: 1-5p & 6:30-8p
- Dec. 26; Jan. 2: 1-5p & 6:30-9p

- **Facility Closures:** Sept. 21-Oct. 11; Nov. 26; Dec. 25.

NEW **WILLAMALANE PARK SWIM CENTER**, 1276 G St., Springfield. Call 541-988-3483 or 541-736-4080 for schedule confirmation and fees.

- **Adult & Child Swim:** M & W, 11a-3:45p; Tu & Th, 8:30a-5:30p; F, 11a-7p. A special discount time for adults to come with children during the weekday and enjoy playing together in our warm-water pool. You will be sharing the pool with adults exercising on their own.

- **Slide & Dive Play Swims:** Sa, 1-3p.

- **Special Play Swims:** Nov. 11 & 27, 1-3p.

- **Winter Break Play Swims:** Dec. 21-23, 26, 28-30; Jan. 2: 1-3p.

- **Facility Closures:** Aug. 29-Sept. 20; Oct. 17; Nov. 26; Dec. 24 & 25, Dec. 31 (closes at noon); Jan. 1.

Art, Music, Dance, and Theater Programs

NEW **Adventures in Art: Parent/Child Art Class** (ages 3-6 yrs. with an adult), Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, 1430 Johnson Lane on the University of Oregon campus.

Eight Tuesdays: September 29; October 6-27; Nov. 3-17, 10-11:30a

Experience the entrancing world of art through your child's excited eyes and growing skills! Designed to present fundamentals of art, a variety of media, and the tools an artist uses in a series of hands-on, engaging art projects. Lessons this term will be inspired by the art of the superhero and the museum's current exhibition, *Faster Than a Speeding Bullet*, and will include the exploration of line, color, words, and images. Instructor: Sisy Anderson. \$75/child, non-member; accompanying adult free. \$67.50/child, JSMA member, UO faculty, staff, or student; accompanying adult free. Call 346-3027 for more information. See *Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art* listing on page 11.

Art Classes for Youth (ages 3-14 yrs.), Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St., Springfield. Six different 8-wk. art classes. Experienced art educators will introduce children to the elements and principles of art while helping children develop their creative skills with a variety of art materials. Registration and scholarship information available at the Center or visit www.emeraldartcenter.org. Call 726-8595 for more information.

NEW **Musikgarten** (ages birth-5 yrs.), Tamarack Wellness Center, 3575 Donald St., Eugene. Fall semester runs from Sept. 21-Jan. 23. If you do not see a time that works for you, call to schedule any class/time providing there are at least 5 interested families. *Children ages 4-5 who are new to Musikgarten should enroll in Cycle of Seasons.*

- **Babies Music Class** (1-18 mos.)
- **Toddlers** (17 mos.-3½ yrs.)
- **Cycle of Seasons** (3½ -5 yrs.)
- **Music Makers at Home** (4½ - 6 yrs.)

Call 541-554-3101 or visit info@littletimbre.com for more information.

Art, Music, Dance, and Theater Programs, continued

NEW **Earlyears**, Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St., Eugene. A joyful musical experience for children. Offering weekly music classes; **FREE** trial class. Fall session starts Sept. 2nd.

- MusiKids classes: W & Th, 9:30a, 10:20a, 11a: (birth to 4 yrs.)
- Piano, Voice and Violin classes (ages 4-8 yrs.): W, 2:30p & Th, 4p:

Call *Anahid*, 541-221-3407 or visit www.early-ears.com for more information and fees.

The John G. Shedd Institute of the Arts Music School offers private and group lessons, classes, and camps for all ages, including preschool, school age, and adults. Begin private lessons any time in various styles in violin and fiddle, piano and keyboards, guitar and ukelele, bass, electric guitar and bass, drums and percussion, trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, flute, harp, voice, and other instruments. The Shedd, 868 High St., (corner of High & Broadway). Call 541-687-6526 for more information.

Kindermusik® offers music and movement programs for children (ages birth-7 yrs.) and their caregivers. Weekly age-appropriate classes at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1385 Oakway (corner of Oakway & Cal Young), Eugene. Call *Carol Mosman*, 541-510-1878, for free demonstration class and class schedule.

Instrumental Classes (ages 3+ yrs.) offered by the University of Oregon, School of Music, Community Music Institute, 961 East 18th, Eugene. Call 541-346-5660 for more information.

Music Lab (ages in-utero-3 yrs.) offered by the University of Oregon, School of Music and Dance, Room 207, 961 East 18th, Eugene. Four fabulously fun classes at the UO School of Music; limited to the first 10 qualified participants. Call 541-346-5579 for more information.

Art, Music, Dance, and Theater Programs, continued

NEW **Sparkplug Dance**, Washington Park Center, 2025 Washington St., Eugene. Classes open to all. Nannies and day-care providers always welcome.

- **Baby Class** (0-12 mos. + caregiver)
- **Toddler** (12-24 mos. + caregiver)
- **Dance and Art** (18 mos.-36 mos. + caregiver)
- **Creative Dance** (ages 24 mos.-3½ yrs. + caregiver)
- **Creative Tap** (ages 3-5 yrs.)
- **Creative Ballet** (ages 3-5 yrs.)

Call 541-689-3233 for more information or e-mail admin@sparkplugdance.org (for general or class information); to register, visit sparkplugdance.org/classes/registration.

OFAM's Magical MOOMBAH. A musical vaudeville for kids (ages 5-12 yrs.) in the Concert Hall of The Shedd, 868 High St., Eugene (corner of Broadway/High). Skits, live music, sing-along contests, magic, slapstick, fun historic film clips! \$5/person. Call 541-687-6526 for more information. No MOOMBAH during the summer.

- MOOMBAH showtimes: 10-11a; 1-2p.
- MOOMBAH playshop, 11:15a-12:15p. Children learn about one instrument during Playshop. Available to all ticket holders.

Skating Programs

The Ice Center, 796 West 13th Ave. at Fairgrounds, Eugene. Beginning Ice Figure Skating (ages 3 and older). Participants receive free skate rental during classes, 8 complimentary public sessions, and 10 percent off in the Pro Shop while enrolled. *Skating opportunities for preschoolers, teachers, and parents is offered September through May only.* Call 541-682-3615 for session dates and more information.

Museums

Lane County Historical Museum, 740

West 13th Ave., Eugene. Open Tu-Sa, 10a-4p. **NEW** Children's area (all ages) provides a fun place to touch, pretend, explore, and learn. Puppet theatre (supervised children over age 3) has several backdrop themes and over 20 puppets, each representing a specific period of time from Lane County's past. Make-believe is the theme of the dress-up area (supervised children over age 3) featuring clothes and accessories from the past, sized to fit easily over children's clothes. Settle around the crackling "camp fire," and cook up dinner before catching a few winks in a canvas tent. Enjoy music and radio shows featured on a 1930's radio. Older children will enjoy the museum's CSI where they search for clues and discover answers to a series of challenging questions and win a museum souvenir if all questions are answered completely and correctly. \$.75/ages 15-17; \$3/adults; \$2/seniors; free/ages 14 and younger. Call 541-682-4239 for recorded information or visit www.lanecountyhistoricalsociety.org.

The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, 1430 Johnson Ln., University of Oregon campus. Open Tu, 11a-5p; W, 11a-8p, and Th-Su, 11a-5p; closed M and major holidays. **The Interactive Discovery Gallery** (IDG) gives children and parents an opportunity to discover the world of art together. \$5/adults; \$3/seniors (62 and older) and students (high school and non-UO college with ID); free/youth ages 13 and under; \$8/family (2 adults and maximum of 4 youth). Free/museum members, university faculty, staff, and students with ID. Free general admission first F/mo. Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art and Museum of Natural and Cultural History have teamed up to offer visitors reduced admission rates. Bring receipt from one of the museums to the other within 48 hours of first visit and receive \$1 off admission. Call 541-346-3027 for more information

Museums, continued

The University of Oregon Museum

of Natural and Cultural History, 1680 East 15th, Eugene. Open Tu-Su, 11a-5p except major holidays. \$3/adults; \$2/seniors and youth ages 18 and under; \$8/family (2 adults and maximum of 4 youth); free/museum members, university faculty, staff, and students. Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art and Museum of Natural and Cultural History have teamed up to offer visitors reduced admission rates. Bring receipt from one of the museums to the other within 48 hours of your first visit and receive \$1 off the price of admission. Call 541-346-3024 for more information.

The Science Factory Children's Museum & Planetarium, 2300 Leo Harris Prkwy., Eugene (behind Autzen Stadium). **Closed September 12-22 for exhibit change and for all home Duck football games.** Exhibits & Planetarium,

\$7/person, \$6/seniors. Exhibits only, \$4/person, \$3/seniors. Planetarium only, \$4/person, \$3/seniors; free/Science Factory members and children 2 yrs. and under. Call 541-682-7888 for more information or visit www.sciencefactory.org.

 **Exhibit Hall:** new exhibit opens September 23.


• W-Su, 10a-4p., "Your Healer Within." This exhibition contains a whopping 39 interactive exhibits geared toward visitors of all ages. Its central theme is the prevention of disease through healthy lifestyle choices, taught with a high touch/high tech approach.

Museums, continued

The Science Factory Children's Museum & Planetarium, continued

Planetarium: closed September 7-26.

• **Sa & Su, 2p,** "40 Years from the Moon." The moon has had a powerful influence on our planet Earth and its inhabitants. Its gravitational pull on Earth causes the tides. The phases of the moon have given us a way to measure time by dividing our days into weeks and months. Our ancestors even thought of the Moon as a goddess or a god whose influence on our lives could be for good or ill. **Ends September 6.**

 • **Sa & Su, 2p,** "Dangerous Voyage" opens October 10.

• **Sa & Su, 1p,** "Up in the Sky," a show geared for children (ages 8 yrs. and younger) on the basics on constellations, the night sky. Hear stories and myths from various cultures about the constellations and some amazing stars. A live show allows questions from audience during the 30- to 40-minute program.

Museum: Over 50 interactive hands-on exhibits and state-of-the-art planetarium. Factologists provide hands-on thematic activity and fun explanations of the ever-changing exhibit hall. Come see Green Iguanas; marvel at the Gravitrax, the physics in motion machine which takes balls through a wild journey; or try your hand at the reaction machine, master brain teasing puzzles, or piano strobe. Cozy areas for puppetry and reading, a full computer laboratory, and a Toddler Room.

The A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village, 116 Marion St., NE, Salem. Largest hands-on children's museum in Pacific Northwest. Fun, challenging exhibits and programs in sciences, arts, and humanities. M-Sa, 10a-5p; Su, noon-5p. Closed: New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. \$5.75/general admission (ages 3-59 yrs.); \$4.25/seniors; \$2.75/toddlers (ages 1-2 yrs.) and anyone receiving public assistance; free/members and children under 1; 10% off admission/AAA discount. Call 503-371-3631, e-mail info@acgilbert.org, or visit www.acgilbert.org for group fees and more information.

Birthday Parties

Birthday Parties for Kids (ages 4-10 yrs.), Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St., Eugene. Choose a fun project from a menu of options; just bring the cake! Date/time to be determined by party planners and room availability. \$135/up to 15 children; \$5/each additional child; \$10 additional for face painting. *For information visit www.uoyouth.org; to book the party, call 541-682-5306.*

Birthday Parties at Echo Hollow Pool, 1655 Echo Hollow Rd., Eugene. Package includes admission and party favors for 20 people, use of a birthday-decorated room for presents and treats, and a recreation swim. \$115. *For information, call 682-6342.*


Birthday Parties at Bounce Gymnastics, Bounce Gymnastics, 329 West 3rd St. (between Lincoln St. & Lawrence St.), Eugene. Birthday activities include: obstacle course; 30-ft. Tumble Trak trampoline; bungee bouncer for birthday child; parachute; spring floor with tumbling mat; super dual swing; triple tornado swing; balance beam, bars, rings; much, much more! Held on Saturdays, Sundays, and select weekday afternoons. Party package includes: 2-hr. party including set-up and clean-up time, 1 1/2 hrs. of activities with personal attendant; 1/2 hr. in party room; t-shirt for birthday child; invitations. \$100/10 children plus birthday child; \$5 each additional guest. *Call 541-343-4222 for more information*

Gymnastics Birthday Parties, Gymnastics Northwest, a River Road District facility, 30043 Leghorn Rd., Eugene. Parties (Saturday or Sunday only) include: 1 hr. supervised instruction on the spring floor, bars, mini-trampoline, and more, and 30 min. for refreshments provided by parents and opening presents. \$75 (up to 10 children); \$3/each additional child. *Call Kennedy, 541-688-8955, for more information and to reserve time.*

Birthday Parties, continued-

Lane County Ice, 796 West 13th Ave. at Fairgrounds, Eugene. Celebrate your birthday at the Ice Center! Includes 2 pizzas, sodas, goodie bags, table settings, and 20-minute lesson. \$125/up to 10 skaters; \$12.50 for each additional skater. \$20/lesson fee. *Call 541-682-3615 for more information.*

Science Factory Birthday Parties, 2300 Leo Harris Parkway, Eugene. Parties include party invitations; admission to over 50 hands-on exhibits; private party room; birthday gift for birthday child; and choice of one hands-on science activity led by a Factory Factologist. Choices include: Extreme Experiments, Robots Rule!, StarStruck!, Blast Off!, or Tot Explorers. Party times: Sa & Su, 10:30a-12:30p, 11a-1p, 2-4p, and 3-5p. Weekday evening parties available; please call for more information. Party package includes up to 12 children (except "Robot Rules theme"); adult chaperones free; \$5/each additional child. Maximum of 25 guests. \$95 (non-members); \$80 (members). *Call 541-682-7888 for more information and to schedule.*

 **Rainbow Park and Playground** (ages 9 yrs. and under), 90496 Hwy. 99N, #2, Eugene, north of Airport Rd., next to BowTech Archery. Celebrate in a private party room and play in showroom full of exciting and challenging Rainbow play systems. Scale rock walls, have secret meetings in supersized forts, test our amazing slide, investigate the inflatable Bounce House, or just enjoy a book at a picnic table. Two-hr. slots available, Tu-Su, Jan.-Dec. Maximum of 15 children. \$115; full payment required at time of reservation. *For more information or to reserve time, call 541-689-1702, or visit 123playground.com.*