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Family Nature Discovery Day

Come celebrate Birds, Eggs, and Spring with us this coming Sunday, May 31st, for our first Family Nature Discovery Day of 2015.

Come learn where birds nest, who builds nests and who doesn't. Kids and their families can build their own bird nest and decorate eggs to place in the nest! Participants will learn that it is not as easy as it looks to build a nest! They will also learn that many birds don't build nests at all. While visiting the Raptor Center, families can view over 50 permanent resident birds.



Activities are recommended for children between the ages of 4-11 and children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost of activities are general admission (\$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students) \$5 for children 2-12; Raptor Center members receive free admission) and a \$2 activity charge for participants. If you ride your bike or hike the Ridgeline Trail your activity fee will be waived! This event is sponsored by **KVAL** and **Wild Birds Unlimited**.

First Friday Artwalk Shows Raptors!

The Lane Arts Council first Friday Artwalk in June (June 5th) will end on a high note: **Raven Frameworks** (324 W 4th in Eugene), at 7:30 pm, presents a photographic essay featuring the birds of the Cascades Raptor Center by Jon Christopher Meyers. Jon has donated his skills as a commercial photographer to us for several years. Many of the photographs that he will be showing have also been used in Raptor Center newsletters and other outreach materials to bring attention to our rescue and educational efforts. His goal with these images is to give the viewer a rare feeling of intimacy with these elusive and notoriously private creatures.



In his own words: "This work has been special for me. It is unlike any other work I've done as a professional photographer. I have been fortunate enough to be able to bring nature into my studio, which means being able to control the environment and look of the photograph. This is not to diminish the subject but rather to enhance the beauty in its details. Getting to showcase their incredible expressiveness means getting to cast these fearsome predators in a different light. It is one thing to hear and see a Peregrine Falcon from 100 yards on a rocky cliff top. It is quite another to be just a few feet away from one, looking eye to eye with each other." - Jon Christopher Meyers

Prints will be available for sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Raptor Center. This guided tour stop will also include a special visit from a feathery resident of the Center!

Check out this behind-the-scenes video on the taking of some of these photographs: <https://vimeo.com/41843043>

Thanks, Jon, for all your talent and love of the birds!

>> [For information on all the galleries on the walk, click here!](#)

Baby Shower 6/13! Save the Date!

Come join us on Saturday, June 13th, from 12 noon-6pm to learn more about the babies of the raptor world! Although we cannot display the orphans being raised in the hospital, we have lots of photos and videos to show off their cuteness - including some with faces that only their mothers (and rehabilitators!) could love.

Become a member and receive a gift, or donate and help send our orphans through Mouse University and receive a gift! Already a member? Bring a friend! We'd love to expand the Raptor Center family.

Refreshments will be served. Click the link below for our baby shower wish list.

>> [Click here to find our Baby Registry!](#)

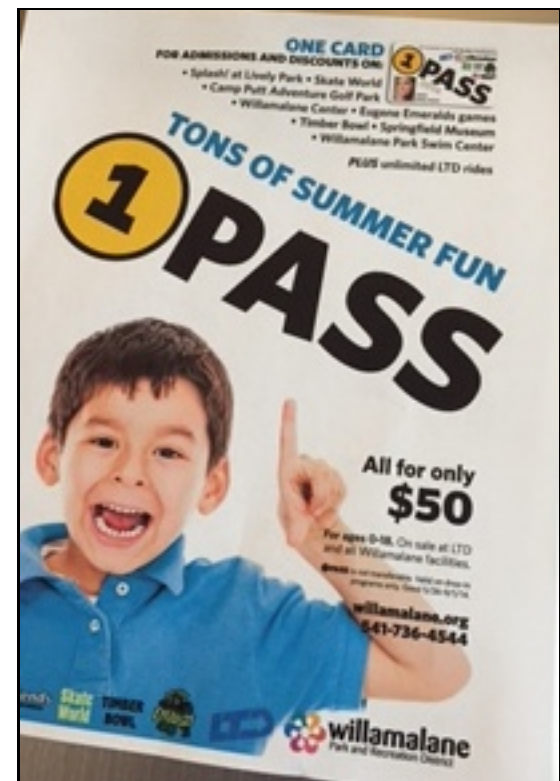


1Pass

Come hang with the birds this summer! Use your 1Pass to ride the bus AND visit the birds for free! A program of Willamalane and Lane Transit District, 1Pass is for youth up to age 18. For \$50, a passholder can ride the bus free anywhere, any time, from Memorial Day (May 27th) through Labor Day (September 7th) and get free or special deals on admission to a number of venues, including Cascades Raptor Center, pools, museums, and more!

Check out <http://willamalane.org/1pass/> for full information and the list of activities/places to which the 1Pass gives free or discounted admission. Have a GREAT summer!

>> [For information on which buses get you closest to the Raptor Center - click here!](#)



Greeters Welcome!

Cascades Raptor Center is looking to grow our volunteer greeter program! Do you enjoy working with the public? Sharing your knowledge about the Raptor Center and our birds? If so, then our volunteer greeter program may be the perfect fit for you! Basic duties include assisting with the Visitor Center and its operation, introducing visitors to the site and our mission, and other Visitor Center related tasks. Shifts run Tuesdays through Sundays (10 am -2 pm or 2 pm - 6 pm during our summer hours). Please contact Amanda, our Visitor Services Manager, if you would like more information about the program: (amanda@eraptors.org).

Thanks for Your Help!

On May 1st, over 20 participants in the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society conference in Eugene came out to assist us in tearing down six (very old!) aviaries and build panels for new ones. We got so much accomplished that day! New enclosures are going up even as this is written. Some 40 other conference participants came for the handler talk and a tour. The Raptor Center is also very grateful to the Society for a very generous \$1000 contribution. We loved sharing our world with this group of wildlife biologists! Thank you all so much.



Ready for Summer Camp?

Send your kids to summer camp at the Raptor Center! They will have fun, learn about raptors, and explore the Ridgeline Trail. July 13-17, 9am-4pm. Register through Nearby Nature for this joint camp at 541-687-9699.

Raptors and the Ridgeline



An outdoor science camp for kids 8-11 years old — hosted by Nearby Nature and the Cascades Raptor Center.



When: July 13-17, 9-4 pm

Where: Cascades Raptor Center,
32275 Fox Hollow Road

What: Enjoy close-up encounters with owls, hawks, and vultures hosted by the Cascades Raptor Center in the morning. Create raptor art, share raptor tales, and dissect owl pellets. Discover where raptors roam in real life on fun afternoon adventures with Nearby Nature, hiking and exploring the Ridgeline Trail.



Cost: \$235/members or \$275/non-members. Scholarships available.

To register or for more info about this camp or others for ages 3-13:

541-687-9699

info@nearbynature.org

www.nearbynature.org



Free t-shirt with each camp!



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>> [For more information on Nearby Nature camps, click here.](#)

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