

North Mountain Park Nature Center

PROGRAM CALENDAR Summer 2009

All programs will take place at **North Mountain Park Nature Center** unless otherwise indicated
Classes may be canceled due to insufficient enrollment or other reasons. If this occurs, a full refund will be issued in two to three weeks

Pre-registration is required for all programs 7 days in advance, unless otherwise indicated.

*7th Annual Ashland Community Garden Open House

Sat, May 16, 10am—12:30pm | Hersey Street garden between Helman and Oak Streets

Introduction to Local Medicinal Plants

Sun, May 17, 10am—noon | Ages 12 & up | \$22 | Jon Carlson

Intermediate Nature Sketching Shading & Texture

Sat & Sun, May 23 & 24, 9am—2:30pm | Ages 12 & up | The Grove | \$80 | Irene Brady

What Is an Old Growth Forest?

Sat, May 23, 9am—4:30pm | Ages 16 & up | The Grove | \$22 | Dr. Thomas Atzet

Guided Bird Walk in Oredson-Todd Woods

Sun, May 24, 7:30—9:30am | Ages 10 & up | Oredson-Todd Woods Trailhead
\$5 | Jim Janousek

Harvest the Rain

Tue, May 26, 5:30—7:30pm | Ages 10 & up | \$20 | Angie Boudro

Summer Outdoor Service Days in the Parks

Sat, May 30, 9—11:30am | Ashland Parks office—Scotch Broom
Tue, Jun 9, 7—8:30pm | Wightman St. and railroad tracks—Puncturevine
Sat, Jun 20, 9—11:30am | North Mountain Park—Mixed
Tue, Jul 7, 7—8:30pm | Lithia Park reservoir—Himalayan Blackberries
Wed, Aug 5, 7—8:30pm | Wightman St. and Railroad tracks—Puncturevine
Sat, Aug 15, 9—11:30pm | Glenwood Park—Himalayan Blackberries

Sustainable Building

Sat, May 30, 9am—5pm | Ages 17 & up | \$45 | Shelley Lotz

Bio-Intensive Composting

Sat, May 30, 10am—2pm | Ages 12 & up | Ashland Community Garden on Hersey St | \$20 | Louisa Lenz-Porter

Feng Shui Your Garden

Tue, Jun 2, 6:30—8:30pm | Ages 17 & up | \$18 | Bonnie Bayard

Water of the Rogue Valley for Homeschoolers

Thu, Jun 4, 9:15—11:30am or 12:15—2:30pm | Ages 5 to 8 | \$5 | N MT Park Staff

Water of the Rogue Valley for Homeschoolers

Fri, Jun 5, 9am—1pm | Ages 9 to 12 | \$5 | N MT Park Staff

Fire Starting with Friction

Sat, Jun 6, 10am—2pm | Ages 13 & up | \$35 | Myron Cretney

Preschool Puppet Theatre (New Summer Schedule!)

2nd & 4th Fri each month, Jun—Aug, 10:30—11:45am | Ages 3 to 5 | \$5/child

Summer Saturday Morning Bird Walks

2nd Sat of the month, Jun—Aug, 8—9am | Free | Volunteers from Rogue Valley Audubon Society, Klamath Bird Observatory & others

Demonstration Garden Tours

2nd Wed & 4th Sat, Jun—Aug, 9:30—10:30am | Ages 10 & up | Free | Volunteer docents Susan Lander & Gary Foll

Crafting Bark Containers

Sat, Jun 13, 10am—4pm | Ages 9 & up | \$45 | Myron Cretney

Birds in the Hand

Sun, Jun 14, 9—10:30am | Ages 8 & up | \$5 | Ashley Dayer

Earth Kamp for Kids

Mon—Thu, Jun 15—18, 9am—noon | Ages 8 to 12 | \$40 | N MT Park Staff

Introduction to Permaculture

Tue, Jun 16, 7—9pm | Ages 12 & up | \$7 | Cynthia Care

Rogue Valley Geology in the Earth's History

Wed, Jun 17, 7—8:30pm | Ages 12 & up | Briscoe Geology Park | \$5 | Len Eisenberg

Rising from the Flames

Sat, Jun 20, 9am—noon | Ages 7 & up | Meet at the Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink, 95 Winburn Way in Lithia Park | Free | Ashland Forest Lands Commission & City Staff

Summer Composting Classes

Sat; Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15, Sep 19; 10am—noon | Ashland Recycling Center on Water St | Free | Denny Morelli

Exploring Nature Day Camp East

Mon—Fri, Jun 22—26, call for times | Ages 7 to 12 | \$140 | Cece Bowerman
To register call Siskiyou Field Institute at 541-597-8530 or visit www.thesfi.org

Permaculture Tactics & Techniques

Tue, Jun 23, 7—9pm | Ages 12 & up | \$7 | Cynthia Care

*Volunteer Celebration at N MT Park

Wed, Jun 24, 6pm

Geology of the Rogue Valley Field Trip

Sat, Jun 27, 9am—2pm | Ages 10 & up | Meet at N MT Park | \$15 | Jim Janousek

The Nature of Writing

Mon—Fri, Jul 6—10, 9am—noon | Students going into grades 4—8 | \$50
Ashland teachers Debi Blair & Max Schmeling | To register call 541-482-4669 or email deblair@ashland.k12.or.us

Summer Floral Arrangements

Wed, Jul 8, 9—11am | Ages 14 & up | \$10 | Ashland Garden Club members Gena Goddard & Darlene Fenwick

Beginning Nature & Landscape Drawing

Sat & Sun, Jul 11 & 12, 9am—2:30pm | Ages 12 & up | The Grove | \$80 | Irene Brady

Herbs are Food—Food is Medicine

Sat, Jul 11, 10:30am—12:30pm | \$30 | Karin Tassinari

Cattail Weaving

Sun, Jul 12, 10am—4pm | Ages 9 & up | \$45 | Myron Cretney

Sustainable Water Management

Wed, Jul 15, 7—9pm | Ages 17 & up | \$10 | Zack Williams

Bats of Oregon

Fri, Jul 17, 7:30—10pm | \$10 | Tony Kerwin

Evening Nature Walk

Tue, Jul 21, 7:30—8:30pm | Ages 8 & up | \$5 | N MT Park Staff

Smoke on the Horizon

Sat, Jul 25, 8am—12:30pm | Ages 10 & up | Meet at the Swimming Reservoir in Lithia Park | Free | Jim Janousek

Nature Sketch Journaling

Sat & Sun, Jul 25 & 26, 9am—2:30pm | Ages 12 & up | The Grove | \$80 | Irene Brady

Proper Veggie-Harvesting Techniques & Preparing for a Winter Garden

Wed, Jul 29, 7—8:30pm | Ages 12 & up | Ashland Community Garden on Hersey St | \$9 | Jennifer Ewing

Nature Sketching with Watercolor Pencils

Sat & Sun, Aug 1 & 2, 9am—2:30pm | Ages 12 & up | The Grove | \$80 | Irene Brady

Blackberry Wine-Making

Thu, Aug 13, 6—8pm | Ages 21 & up | \$21 | Carla David

Collecting Native Seed for Your Garden

Sat, Aug 15, 9am—noon | Ages 12 & up | Meet at N MT Park and be prepared to drive 20 to 25 miles | \$10 | Jim Duncan

Making Medicinal Body Creams & Salves

Sun, Aug 16, 10:30am—12:30pm | Ages 12 & up | Pioneer Hall | \$30 | Karen Tassinari

Ashland Parks & Recreation Refund Policy and Program Descriptions

* No pre-registration required

For a complete description of the Ashland Parks & Recreation Refund Policy and program descriptions, visit www.ashlandparksandrec.org, view the Ashland Parks & Recreation Guide or call 541.488.6606



Volunteer Profile

Friend & Volunteer of the Nature Center

LEN EISENBERG

Len appreciates, "...participating (at N MT Park) in a community of folks enthusiastic about learning from and helping the planet."

Len Eisenberg has worked as a volunteer with the N MT Park Nature Center since its inception ten years ago. He has helped out with everything from restoration work parties, to geology community education programs and classroom visits, to tours for N MT Park school programs.

Len has been instrumental in the planning, building, and interpreting of the new Briscoe Geology Park in Ashland. He has dedicated hundreds of hours to every aspect of the park; including artfully designed tiles, informative signs, and a visitor booklet. He continues to give his time to the upkeep of the park and to the teaching of geology, both at the Briscoe Geology Park and in the classroom.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities...

- Gardeners for light gardening projects in the Demonstration Gardens. Tools, guidance, and refreshments provided
- Equipment Aide to help organize and manage a variety of program equipment
- Discovery Kit Aide to help update and maintain a variety of check-out kits
- Plant Preparation Assistant to help harvest and dry plant materials that will be used during the fall school programs



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Valley View Nursery

Fund Raising Effort

Beginning in the fall 2009, the Ashland School District will no longer be able to provide funding to Ashland Parks & Recreation staff for field trips to N MT Park. What this means is that teachers will now have to ask their students to pay for field trips to the park, a cost which could be as high as \$10 per student.

In order to reduce the cost to students, the Nature Center staff is working with teachers and volunteers to find alternative sources of funding, such as sponsorships or grants. Anyone interested in helping with this field trip fund-raising effort is invited to join our team by calling the Nature Center.

Green Living Tips

Summertime is an ideal time to 'green-up' your habits and help the environment by saving water and energy. When watering your yard, follow the example of Ashland Parks & Recreation Department and conserve water by running irrigation during the cool hours of night and early morning when evaporation is minimal. Adjust the amount of irrigation to current weather conditions, using less on cool cloudy days, or after summer showers. Self-mulching lawn mowers and applications of bark mulch on garden beds conserves water and suppresses weeds. Native plants which are used in many Ashland Park landscapes are beautiful and require little summer water once established. Collect rainwater simply by installing a rain catchment barrel. Visit the North Mountain Park Nature Center to learn more.

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