



North Mountain Park Nature Center

PROGRAM CALENDAR Summer 2010

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.

Walking Tours of Ashland

Thu, May—Oct (no tour Jul 29 or Aug 5), 9—10am, Main St Tour;
10:30—11:45am, Railroad District Tour | **Meet at the Plaza drinking
fountains** | Free | Suzanne Marshall

The East Antelope Fire: Nature's Restoration Nature's Restoration Program

Sat, May 22, 10am—3:30pm | \$25 | Dr. Thomas Atzet

Landscape Maintenance: A Question & Answer Session with Carol's Colors

Sat, May 22, 10am—noon | \$5 | Carol Corbridge & staff

Introduction to Rain Gardens

Tue, May 25, 7—9pm | \$8 | Vicki Simpson

Rogue Valley Geology in the Earth's History

Wed, Jun 2, 7—8pm | Briscoe Geology Park | Free | Len Eisenberg

Medicinal Plant Walk

Sat, Jun 5, 10:30am—noon | \$15 | Karen Tassinari

Tree Walk

Sat, Jun 5, 9—11am | Free | Bobby Townsend & Anne Rich

Animals of the Rogue Valley for Homeschoolers

Tue, Jun 8, 10am—2pm | **Ages 9—12** | \$15 | N MT Park staff

Wed, Jun 9, 9:30am—noon | **Ages 5—8** | \$10 | N MT Park Staff

Demonstration Garden Tours

2nd Wed & 4th Sat; Jun 9, 26; Jul 14, 24; Aug 11, 28; 9:30—10:30am
Free | Volunteer docents Susan Lander & Gary Foll

Preschool Puppet Theatre (New Summer Schedule!)

2nd & 4th Fri, Jun—Aug, 10:30—11:45am | **Ages 3—5** | \$5/child | N MT
Park Puppeteers

Summer Saturday Morning Bird Walks

2nd Sat, Jun—Aug, 8—9am | Free | Local volunteer birders

Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk

Sat, Jun 12, 10am—12:30pm | \$25 | Jon Carlson

Herbal Tincture Making Workshop

Sat, Jun 12, 2—5pm | **School of Herbiology, 340 A St #7 in Ashland**
\$30 Jon Carlson

Bark Basket & Pole Peeling Workshop

Sun, Jun 13, 10am—4pm | \$45 | Myron Cretney

Earth Kamp for Kids

Mon—Thu, Jun 14—17 (**Registration deadline is Jun 10**), 9am—noon
Ages 8—12 | \$50 | N MT Park staff

Urban Composting Class

Sat; Jun 19, Jul 17, Aug 21, or Sep 18; 10am—noon | **Recycle Center
on Water St in Ashland** | Free | Denny Morelli

Basic Cattail Basketry

Sat, Jun 19, 10am—4pm | \$45 | Myron Cretney

*Weed Day—"Let's Pull Together!"

Sat, Jun 19, 9am | Free (*—Details other side*)

Introduction to Dairy Goats

Sat, Jun 26, 10am—noon | \$15/individual or family | Young family

Ecology & Management of the Mt Ashland Watershed

Sat, Jun 26, 9am—2pm | **Meet at the parking lot across from Lithia
Park playground (Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink lot)** | Free
Ashland Forest Resource Specialist Chris Chambers and local forest
ecologists and resource managers

Family Art Afternoon

Sun, Jun 27, 1:30—4pm | The Grove | \$8 | Rebecca Slosberg

Sustainable Building

Wed, Jun 30, 6:30—9:30pm | \$25 | Shelley Lotz

Evening Nature Walk

Tue, Jul 6, 7:30—8:30pm | \$5 | N MT Park staff

The Nature of Writing

Tue—Fri, Jul 6—9, 9am—noon | **Intended for students going into
grades 4—8** | \$50 (**To register call Debi Blair 541.482.4669 or
email debiblair@ashland.k12.or.us**) | Ashland teachers Debi Blair &
Max Schmeling

Natural Tie Dye for Beginners

Wed, Jul 7, 1—2:30pm | \$12 | N MT Park staff

Herbal First Aid

Sat, Jul 10, 10:30am—12:30pm | \$28 | Karen Tassinari

Tree Climbing Workshop

Tue, Jul 13, 9am—6pm | **Ages 17 & up, ages 13—16 okay with parent
or guardian** | \$125 (**receive a \$50 credit toward tuition** for any Tree
Climbing Northwest training course) | Tim Kovar

From Garden to Table

Sat, Jul 17, 10am—noon | **Ashland Creek Community Garden,
27 E Hersey St** | \$15 | Bryan Holley

Summer Floral Arrangements 1-2-3

Wed, Jul 21, 10am—noon | \$12 | Ashland Garden Club members Gena
Goddard and Darlene Fenwick

Rain Barrel Workshop

Tue, Jul 27, 7—9pm | \$5 | Vicki Simpson (\$8 optional kit)

Proper Veggie-Harvesting Techniques & Preparing for a Winter Garden

Wed, Jul 28, 7—8:30pm | **Ashland Creek Community Garden,
27 E Hersey St** | \$10 | Jennifer Ewing

A Daily Dose of Herbs

Sat, Aug 7, 10:30am—12:30pm | \$28 | Karen Tassinari

Blackberry Wine Making

Thu, Aug 12, 6—8pm | **Ages 21 & up** | \$21 | Carla David

Collecting Native Seeds for Your Garden

Sat, Aug 14, 9am—noon | \$15 | Jim Duncan

Making a Rainwater Harvest Plan

Tue, Aug 24, 7—9pm | \$5 | Vicki Simpson

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



Jenna Kesgen

The staff at North Mountain Park has “a similar artistic eye to my own. I am enjoying collaborating with them and learning from them about the native landscape.”

Jenna may be one of the newest volunteers at the North Mountain Park Nature Center, but she is likely to leave a lasting impression. As of April, 2010 Jenna has volunteered approximately 60 hours painting a mural in the Nature Center exhibit room. The mural will depict the Rogue Valley through periods of human settlement, along with showing the recognizable landforms within the valley, including: Grizzly Peak, Mt McLaughlin, Table Rocks, Mt Ashland, and Pilot Rock. The mural will be completed for viewing in mid June.

Jenna moved to Ashland about a year ago from Brooklyn, New York to pursue graduate school. She is currently in the Environmental Education graduate program at Southern Oregon University.

Jenna’s hobbies and interests include: being outside, eating, painting, and traveling. She has lived in Spain and in the Andes Mountains of Ecuador as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Rogue Valley Tracking Club

Free and open to all ages and levels, meets 9am—Noon on the last Sunday of every month at North Mountain Park. Hosted by *Coyote Trails School of Nature*. Re-establish your connection to all things and learn the oldest language of nature... tracking. For more info visit www.coyotetrails.org.

Rogue Valley Bird Day 2010 Partners & Sponsors

Thank you to the following organizations for their support of this year’s event! Klamath Bird Observatory, Rogue Valley Audubon Society, Jefferson Public Radio, Northwest Nature Shop, Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, Wildlife Images Rehabilitation and Education Center, Ashland Art Center, Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net

Green Living Tips – Avoid Water Wasting!

Avoiding over-watering your yard this summer by adjusting your home irrigation schedule according to current local weather conditions. Reduce irrigation amounts on cool cloudy days or after summer showers. You can also check weather online at www.northmountainpark.org (select “Online Weather Station”). By running irrigation during the cool hours of night and early morning when evaporation is minimal, you’ll conserve water too!

The North Mountain Park Nature Center is located at 620 N Mountain Ave in Ashland. For more information visit www.northmountainpark.org, email deckelms@ashland.or.us or call 541.488.6606.

Volunteers Needed...

NATIVE AMERICAN VILLAGE

Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of projects related to enhancing and interpreting the Park’s Indian village. Volunteers can help reconstruct the Shasta dwelling, shade structure and drying rack or they can focus on a variety of other components including hands-on activity areas and Discovery Kits.

PREPARING FOR THE FALL FIELD PROGRAMS

Volunteers are needed to help prepare for the fall field programs which will focus on the topic of local Native American Culture and Lifeways. Projects include updating the materials (bows and arrow, spears, cordage bracelets), enhancing the interior of the village house, gathering and drying plant material, and helping with the research of part II of the Teacher Background Booklet.

GARDENING

Volunteer gardeners are invited to either “adopt” (care for) their own small area of the Demonstration Gardens or help out as a “drop- in” gardener during the growing season.

WEED DAY—”LET’S PULL TOGETHER!”

On Saturday, June 19 the Jackson Cooperative Weed Management Area Group is sponsoring a valley-wide effort to control invasive weeds that disrupt our native ecosystems. Gloves and tools will be provided for volunteers to engage in two to three hours of manual weed removal at numerous locations around the Rogue Valley. North Mountain Park will host a Yellow Star Thistle pull from 9—11am. Other locations include: Valley of the Rogue State Park, Denman Wildlife Area and Prescott Park on Roxy Anne in Medford. Following the weed pull, volunteers will enjoy a free picnic and music, meet other volunteers, and browse educational booths at Touvelle State Park on Table Rock Road in Medford.

Volunteer Celebration

Volunteers! Please join other volunteers and staff of North Mountain Park on Tuesday, June 29, 6pm to mingle, relax and celebrate all of your wonderful efforts that have made North Mountain Park and its programs such a valuable community asset. Please bring non-disposable plate & utensils if possible. The catered picnic will take place at the Lithia Park Cotton Memorial Grove. Please call 541.488.6606 to RSVP.

“Promoting greater community awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the local natural environment and fostering stewardship through educational programs and activities”

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