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COOL CRITTERS SUMMER CAMP

For students entering Grades 4 – 5 | July 17 – 21, 2017

Join us for an exciting, week-long adventure in learning about Oregon's birds, mammals and insects. Visit a different natural area each day and learn how to pack an earth-friendly lunch. The Straub Environmental Center is located in the Eco Hub at the Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill Street SE, in Salem. www.StraubEnvironmentalCenter.org

MONDAY: BEAVERS

Explore the beaver ponds at John Neal Park in Mehama and examine the beaver's habitat and discover its behaviors. Learn first-hand how beaver dams work as natural filters to improve water quality in the North Santiam River and how this affects our daily lives.

TUESDAY: OWLS

See a live owl presentation and visit owl habitat at Maud Williamson State Park. Be a scientist and dissect owl pellets and learn about what humans can do to protect all birds of prey.

WEDNESDAY: BLACK BEARS

At Silver Falls State park, go on a ranger-led hike through black bear habitat. Compare humans and bears and consider the wonders of hibernation!

THURSDAY: MINI BEASTS

Insects or "mini beasts" have many special adaptations that help them survive and thrive despite their small size. Visit Beazell Memorial Forest to learn from an entomologist about the mini beasts that live there. Respectfully use sweep nets to collect and identify insects. Explore the creek to collect and identify the macroinvertebrates (insects) that live in the water.

FRIDAY: COASTAL CRITTERS

Cap off the week with a hike to Cascade Head on the Oregon coast. See the huge Sitka spruce trees. Watch for the resident elk herd, birds of prey and even a spouting gray whale below. You'll be amazed at the views where we stop for lunch.

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