

June, 2016 Postcard from Florence Salmon-Trout Enhancement Program

STEPPIN' OUT

Huntington Shares Ocean Tips

David Huntington, local guide and owner of Huntfish Charters, will be the speaker at the Wednesday, June 1 meeting of the Florence STEP group.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Elks' Lodge on 12th st.

Huntington will be talking about ocean fishing, including halibut, salmon and rock fish. The halibut season has been outstanding so far. As of May 22, 57, 898 pounds of halibut had been landed, leaving about 55 percent of the quota remaining. That number will change after this Memorial Day weekend.

Prior to Huntington's talk, the group will hear a recap of the annual fundraiser, which culminated Memorial Day Monday and look ahead to two Angler Education opportunities with kids: May 31-June 3 outdoor adventure camp (see story above) and Free Fishing Weekend activities on Saturday, June 4 at Honeyman State Park.

Fundraiser Looks to Match or Exceed Goals

Hopeful ticket holders waited expectantly to hear their name called as the annual STEP fundraiser drew to a close Memorial Day Monday at Three Rivers Casino and Resort.

More than 140 prizes were awarded, including charter fishing trips, gift certificates from local merchants, rods, reels, combinations, fully stocked tackle boxes, wines and even tuna, fresh off the local boat.

Bill Hennig, chairman of the event, estimated that the fundraiser brought in over \$7,000 to the club. Final numbers will be revealed early next week.

"Every year, merchants, friends and members work to support our efforts," he said. "We appreciate the support, particularly from our merchants and those who donate great prizes."

Outdoor Education Camp Starts Tuesday

STEP volunteers are still needed to help this Tuesday through Friday, May 31-June 3, with the annual end of year Outdoor Adventure Camp for Siuslaw Elementary School fifth graders.

The event is held at the Girl Scout Camp at the end of Mitchell Loop rd. Take the first right past Morgan's Country Kitchen south of the bridge and follow it to the end.

Volunteers should be at the camp by 7:30 a.m. Tuesday to help set up. The camp is all day Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and half day on Friday.

Bring your own lunch and drinks for the day.

Groups of students rotate through the various stations throughout the day. STEP runs the fishing station at the swim docks and provides fishing rods, bait and life vests to the kids.

"It's the first time fishing for some of these kids and you get a great experience helping them out," Dean Hendricks said. "When they get that first fish on the line, it is priceless."

The first day, extra time in the morning is needed to take down the equipment and set up to meet the kids.

For questions, contact Hendricks, 541-997-7080.

June Happenings

Tuesday, May 31-Fri., June 3

Fifth Grade Outdoor Ed. Camp
8 a.m. setup
Girl Scout Camp
4595 Mitchell Loop Rd.
off Hwy. 101 South, first right past
Morgan's Country Kitchen
Call Dean Hendricks to help,
541-997-7080.

Wed., June 1

Membership meeting 7 p.m.
David Huntington
Ocean fishing for Halibut, Salmon,
and Rock Fish
Final reports annual fundraiser
Upcoming Angler Ed opportunities
Elks' Lodge, 12th st., Florence

Saturday, June 4

Free Fishing Weekend

7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Day Use Parking Lot,
campground entrance
Carpool or park in alternate parking
to conserve spaces for visitors
Honeyman State Park

Wednesday, June 15

Board meeting 4 p.m.
Port of Siuslaw Offices

Thursday, June 30

Siuslaw Watershed Camp
Fishing Station at the
Cleawox Lake Boat dock
Volunteers with boats needed
Contact Mike Frankhouser,
541-991-1117 or
frankhouser12@msn.com

Member BBQ DATE CHANGED!
The annual membership picnic date has been
changed to Wednesday, September 7
at the group yurt, Honeyman State Park