

YACHATS YOUTH & FAMILY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM



NEWSLETTER

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Summer – YIPPEE!

Summer will be here before we know it, and we are busy planning some great activities for children and youth. Summer activities will be happening from June 28 – August 27.

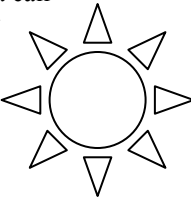
We are planning activities for all ages. Please check out the enclosed brochure. Some activities have space limitations, so if you want to register, give us a call right away. In the meantime, here's a preview of some of the activities:

Rec. P.L.U.S (Passages to Learning, Understanding and Success) is our drop-in program for children ages 6 and up. They are welcome to join the fun during the summer from 2-6PM. This summer, Rec. PLUS will be packed with exciting adventures and activities. There will be lots of free play, tie-dye workshops, pie-making contests, water games, scavenger hunts, field trips, dance classes, self-defense classes, and more! Children are supervised by at least one staff member and a trained volunteer. Our volunteers come from diverse backgrounds and bring strong skills to Rec. PLUS such as art, beading, gardening, and of course-devotion to serving our youth. Rec. PLUS is located in the Yachats Commons basement and children must be picked up before 6:00 PM. Cost: \$50 per family for the whole summer, or \$10 per week or \$5 per day. Limited scholarships available. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Beebui@peak.org or call 541.547.4599.

Summer Explorations is a more structured program. Each exploration is a week long, pre-registration is required, and participation is limited. Children will participate in a variety of hands-on activities designed to engage their minds, hands, and creativity in exciting new ways. Many activities will take place outdoors. The cost of Summer Explorations is \$45 per week. Call to ask about scholarships.

There will also be lots of fun summer activities for kids ages 5-14 in Waldport. For more information, contact the 21st Century Learning Program at 541 563-3476.

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This summer we are proud to offer the following Summer Explorations:

5 Days & A Play –

led by Robin Murphy

M-F July 12 – 16, 10 am-2 pm. Performance July 16, 6:00 pm. Suggested ages: 7-13

A week-long journey through the process of putting on a play. From script to stage, children discover what's behind the magic of theater. At the end of the week, participants will perform before an audience.

Nature Journals–

led by Gretchen Armstrong

M-F July 19-23, 10 am – 2 pm.

Suggested ages: 9-13

Experience and reflect on nature through art, poetry, collages, diagrams, and more-in your very own nature journal.

This Is Who I Am –

led by Carol Ritter

M-F July 26-30, 10 am – 2 pm.

Suggested ages: 7-10

Learn about yourself and how to be a friend to others through games, movement, outdoor challenges, and creative activities.

Mystery Festival–

led by Debbie Jackson

M-F August 2-6, 10 am – 2 pm.

Suggested ages: 9-13

Conduct forensic science tests and exercise your critical thinking skills as you solve “The Case of the Missing Millionaire.”



Amazing Artifacts –

led by Cicely Bernard

M-F August 9-13, 10 am – 2 pm.

Suggested ages: 8 & up. Guardians invited.

Explore Yachats history, traditions, and natives. Hike trails, identify wild local food sources, and discover artifacts.

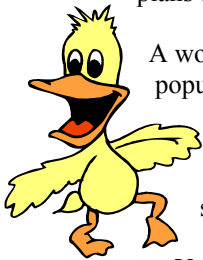
Ducks For Kids July 4

--- Scientists Announce New Insights Into Rubber Duck Migration

The first recorded sighting of rubber ducks occurred on the Yachats River estuary July 4th, 2006. A team of Yachats scientists has been tracking the population ever since. The ducks have made Yachats a regular stop, returning for a single day, every year since, on July 4th. In this they mirror a pattern seen in many human visitors, and confirm the value of Yachats as a tourist attraction.

Many questions remain about the behavior the ducks display on their visits to Yachats. Some years, they all swim upstream instead of down; sometimes they coyly cling to the banks for a time before dashing headlong downstream. Each duck displays a number on its rump, possibly suggesting a friendly competition. Based on statistical analysis of the past four years' data, the scientific team states they have no idea what the ducks will be up to this year.

Ornithologists are expected to crowd the beach in anticipation of this unique phenomenon. An unscrupulous local nonprofit has again announced plans to sell tickets ahead of time.



A word of caution: although the ducks' population is thought to have increased since their first sighting (roughly 1500 are expected to pass through Yachats this July 4th), their viability as a species is still in question. They suggest that the more tickets are bought for this Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program

fundraiser, the better the chances for an even better event in years to come.

Tickets go on sale May 29. They may be purchased at the Yachats Farmers' Market, the Yachats Visitors' Center, Chuck's Video, or at the Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program.

Beginning Sailing



\$110; partial scholarships available.

Call for more information

A Spanish Conversation Potluck
Wednesday, June 2nd

Commons Kitchen (room 5) 6 to 8 pm
for Spanish speakers and wanna-be-Spanish-
speakers



Opportunities for Affordable Home Ownership

Our Coastal Village Inc. is a new nonprofit organization whose principal mission is to create opportunities for affordable home ownership in Yachats for working families who earn less than 80% of area median income. There are three main elements of this exciting new program:



- A qualified buyer is not required to pay for the value of the land; only for the building. This is accomplished through a long-term ground lease on the land at a very nominal monthly rate.
- A qualified buyer is eligible for an "affordability grant" from the Our Coastal Village's Perpetua Housing Fund in an amount necessary to reduce the mortgage loan amount so the monthly payment is affordable to the buyer.
- Cooperation with lenders who participate in the USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Loan program to obtain the best financing for qualified buyers.

If you are interested in this program, contact Debbie Jackson at 541 547-4599 or Nancy Batchelder at 541 547-3565.

Get Connected

The Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program has joined the 21st century with a new interactive website, and a facebook page. To keep up with everything going on at YYFAP, subscribe to our website at www.yachatsyouth.org, or join us at www.facebook.com/YYFAP. Once you have subscribed, you will get reminders of YYFAP events and activities.

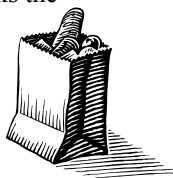
Yachats Food Pantry Update

The Yachats Food Pantry was initiated in 2007 by the Yachats Youth & Family Activity Program's teen group, Helping Hands. The Pantry is located in the Yachats Commons at 441 Highway 101, Yachats, Oregon.

While initiated by Helping Hands, The Pantry has grown into a true community effort. It is now a joint project of Helping Hands; Yachats Community Presbyterian Church; the City of Yachats; Friends of the Yachats Commons; St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and Our Coastal Village, Inc. Local residents and businesses also provide food and money for food, e.g., The Village Bean, a coffee kiosk, has been collecting tips on Tuesdays to help stock the pantry. C & K Market also donates food.

While food donations and money for food are made by the general public, Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, and St. Luke's Episcopal Church provide most of The Pantry's non-perishable food supply and share responsibility for monitoring the food supply and making sure the pantry is adequately and regularly stocked. Our Coastal Village Foundation stocks the refrigerator with perishable food.

The Pantry is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 6:00 p.m. and is operated on a self-serve basis. Anyone in need of food has access to the pantry anytime during those hours, no questions asked.



Over the course of the year, The Pantry has served a great variety of people. If you stop by on any given day, you may see a young mother with a toddler or two in tow. Her sack may contain some milk and cereal, a jar of peanut butter and some fresh fruit. She may bring in a bag of dried beans to put on the shelf because someone else can use it more readily than she can. Perhaps, you'll get a chance to visit with a middle aged man who needs his food to be easy to heat over a fire and pop top lids work great for him. It's possible you'll have to encourage him to take a can of tuna or peanut butter since he feels he should leave those for children who may need it more than he does. What you'll definitely see is our community working together to help each other with dignity. Those who have more are sharing with those who have less. Several of our local residents have even been bringing in cat and dog food to help out our neighbors.

The Pantry is providing a way for people to help people and for our community to work together for the common goal of ending or alleviating hunger right here in our own back yard.

South County Preschool

Can you believe it's almost the end of the preschool year? And what a year it has been! Both the Yachats and Waldport classes are full, and we have a waiting list. A total of 25 children ages 3-5 are learning and growing in South County Preschool.



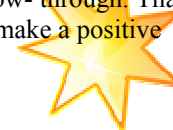
South County Preschool was made possible because of a great collaborative effort between the 21st Century Learning Program, administered by the Lincoln County School District, and the Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program. The two organizations joined forces when it became clear last fall that Headstart would not be coming to South County as expected. In record time we found money in our budgets, hired teachers, and put together a high-quality program – at no cost to families. The results have been good, and the children have benefited from a year of discovery and learning.

Now it's time to think about next year. Our intention is to offer preschool in Waldport and in Yachats next year, but we find ourselves in the position of scrambling for money to support another year of preschool. Both YYFAP and the 21st Century Learning Program are working with limited funds. We may be unable to offer preschool in both Waldport and Yachats next year. So we are asking for your help. Here's what you can do:

- Donate money if you are able. You can donate online by going to www.yachatsyouth.org, and clicking on the Make A Donation page. Or you can send a check to YYFAP; PO Box 151; Yachats, OR 97498. All your donations are tax-deductible. Make sure to let us know you want your donation to go to preschool.
- Join the cause on Facebook at www.causes.com/causes/480970/about?m and tell all your friends.

YYFAP Superstars

Everyone at YYFAP is a star, and a few have shined brighter than ever. We would like to recognize **Bryce Ash** for his attentiveness; **Tyler Starr** for his passion to learn and eagerness to help out; **Zoe Thomas** for her consistency, expertise in leading projects and preparing delicious snacks for everyone; and **Noah Smith** for his helpfulness and impressive follow-through. Thank you YYFAP Superstars -you really make a positive difference at YYFAP!



YYFAP Wish List

Summer Exploration For the Wee Ones

We are proud to offer a special program this summer for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers. **Follow Your Food** will take place Tuesday – Friday, July 6-9, from noon until 2:00 pm. Participants will visit a farm and a garden center, prepare nutritious food together, and, of course, eat. We may even play with our food! The cost of this program is \$20 per family. Pre-registration is required.



Indoor Park Goes Outdoors

this summer for infants and toddlers and their caregivers. Plan on joining other families on Wednesdays from 1:00 until 3:00 in Room 4 of the Yachats Commons from June 28 to August 27. Children and parents will find a welcoming environment with plenty of developmentally appropriate toys and activities. Moms, dads, grandparents, etc. can meet and connect with other parents while the children play. We will also go outside in the fresh air and use the playground, poke around in the garden, walk on some nearby trails, and explore the world around us with our senses. Each session will be hosted by Cicely Bernard, a horticultural therapist, nature lover, and mom. No pre-registration is required. The fee is \$1 per child, and adults are required to stay with their children. Indoor Park is supported in part by the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon.

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