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Seeking Applicants for Young Women's Fire Camp This Summer

Energetic young women interested in learning more about the fire service are being sought for the 2012 Young Women's Fire Camp. Applications are being accepted and are due on Friday, May 4.

The Eugene Fire & EMS and Springfield Fire & Life Safety departments are hosting the second annual Young Women's Fire Camp. The camp is being held from July 9 – July 13, at the Emergency Services Training Center at 2nd and Chambers in Eugene. This is a free day camp for high school aged young women (up to age 19), designed as a "mini" fire academy with a focus on teamwork and building confidence and leadership skills. Activities will include rope rappelling, vehicle extrication, forcible entry, live firefighting and emergency medical response scenarios. Each day, at lunchtime, female leaders from the community will speak with the camp participants. Last year's camp was very successful, and everyone involved had a lot of fun. Please help get the word out to the young women in the community about this unique opportunity.



To apply, go to <http://www.eugene-or.gov/fire>, print and complete the [application](#), and submit it to: Eugene Fire & EMS, Young Women's Fire Camp, 1705 West 2nd Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, 97402. For more information regarding the fire camp, please send an email to firecamp@ci.eugene.or.us or call Anna Reid at 541-682-7120.

Weekly Cycling and Other Activities Offered to Veterans

The Adaptive Recreation Program invites vets with disabilities to go on weekly bike rides at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Apr. 25 - Sept. 5. These rides can help prepare vets for longer rides coming up in Roseburg and Seattle that are specifically for disabled vets.

The weekly cycling is part of a new series of activities offered to vets to help them adjust to life after their military service. The series includes a number of activities with other vets who have also experienced combat. These activities include photography hikes, learn-to-row clinic, trap shooting clinic, and day at the Challenge Course. To help the families bond after one parent's long absence, Adaptive Rec is also offering several activities for vets and their families, including family kayak, family sail, and a family canoe trip.

For more information, contact Patty Prather at 541-682-5311.

Green School Summit Gives Students a Voice

Eugene hosted the 16th annual Oregon Green Schools Summit on Apr.16. One hundred and seventy-five students from 42 schools from across the state participated and were given a chance to voice their hopes, concerns, and desire for action.

Students attended three educational sessions on a wide variety of topics, including a session on how to build worm bins held by City of Eugene Waste Prevention and Green Building. Sessions were also available for teachers, custodians, administrators and others involved with school environmental efforts. Other participating organizations included University of Oregon, NextStep Recycling, and other premier level green schools.



High School students learn to deconstruct computer components at NextStep Recycling.

Teacher Steve Connelly noted, "This year's Green School Summit was a total success. We saw collaboration between teachers and activists as well as community members and students. My kids are already in contact with several of the presenters from the summit regarding implementing projects that they saw. Specifically, we have decided to make next year the Year of the Rain Garden at Spencer Butte Middle School based on a project that we saw from Pleasant Valley Elementary."

For more information, contact Anne Donahue at 541-682-5442.

New Online Tool Available for Viewing Building Permit Information

Need to quickly look up the status of a building permit - or find the most recent construction activity report for the City of Eugene? Planning and Development's new and improved online permit search system will provide community members with quicker and easier access to building permit information.

The new system is based on feedback from customers and includes several new and improved features. More information is now available in an easy to read format. Users can also print comprehensive reports on their projects. More search options will help customers keep track of and manage their permits. Additional information regarding inspections is also available.



The new online system can be viewed at <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/PDDOnline>. For more information, contact Debbie Wells at 541-682-6828 or debbie.l.wells@ci.eugene.or.us.

Celebrating TrackTown12 at Eugene Public Library

The upcoming U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials and the Olympic Games in London have inspired a series of special events at the Downtown Eugene Public Library. Admission is free.



On Thursday, May 3, at 6 p.m., author Joe Blakely will share his experiences with "Writing about Sports." Blakely has written the popular books "The Tall Firs: The Story of the University of Oregon and the First NCAA Basketball Championship" and "Eugene's Civic Stadium: from Muddy Football Games to Professional Baseball." Melissa Hart will lead a lively Travel Writing Workshop on Thursday, May 24, at 6 p.m. Learn how to pick topics, craft pieces, and sell articles and essays for magazines, newspapers, and the Internet.

Marketing expert and author John Davis will talk about "The Olympics as a Brand" on Tuesday, May 29, at 6 p.m. He will explain how the Olympics have become the world's best known sports brand; why companies choose to invest tens of millions or more sponsoring them; and offer an analysis of the host city bidding process.

Thursday, May 31, at 6 p.m., Bev Smith will share "Why Youth Sports Matter." She will provide guidance on helping children develop "physical literacy" and "team sport values" as well as sport-specific skills. She will also discuss the

need for age-appropriate coaching and parenting throughout the youth sports experience. Currently the Executive Director of Kidsports, Smith previously coached the University of Oregon (UO) women's basketball team, was twice named as an All-American while playing basketball for the UO, and twice competed in the Olympics.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.

Arena District Parking Partnership Featured in Professional Publication

An article titled, "Shooting for Three: How a University, a Neighborhood, and a City Balanced the Triple Bottom Line," appears in the April issue of *The Parking Professional* and highlights the successful partnership of City of Eugene Parking Services, neighborhood associations and the University of Oregon in preparing for the opening of the Matthew Knight Arena. Working together to create the arena parking district, the partners were able to protect neighborhood livability, promote alternative modes of transportation, and support an important development for the University of Oregon.

City of Eugene's Parking Manager Jeff Petry authored the article for the International Parking Institute's flagship journal. For more information, please contact Jeff Petry at 541-682-5079 or jeff.t.petry@ci.eugene.or.us.

