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Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge and Friends of the Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge Feature

Richard Louv

Author of Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature Deficit Disorder

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, in partnership with Friends of the Refuge, is proud to present Richard Louv, nationally-renowned author of “*Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature Deficit Disorder.*” Louv is a futurist and journalist focused on family, nature, and community. On Saturday, March 29th, Louv will speak about the importance of bringing children into nature and the disconnection with the outdoors that is plaguing our children today.

Richard Louv will be speaking and signing books on March 29th at Tualatin High School’s auditorium on Boone’s Ferry Road in Tualatin. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for the book signing and Louv will begin speaking at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the new edition of Louv’s book will be on sale at the event and he will continue to sign books after his presentation. Tickets go on sale February 1st, and are available at www.brownpapertickets.com. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Quantities are limited, so buy your tickets early.

Prior to his evening presentation, Louv will also speak at the dedication ceremony for Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge’s new Wildlife Center. The event is free of charge and will be held at the Refuge, 19255 SW Pacific Hwy just north of Sherwood. *Nurture Your Sense of Wonder* is the theme for the day and will include an 11:30 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony, visits from local dignitaries, tours of the new Wildlife Center, guided nature walks, and educational activities for everyone. Learn more about the day’s activities at www.fws.gov/tualatinriver or www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org.

“If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in”—Rachel Carson, 1956.

“Connecting People with Nature” is one of the six highest priorities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, not only for the conservation of native wildlife and habitats, but for the health of our children as well.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System which encompasses 547 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces Federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.