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RESOURCES AND PEOPLE “RAP” CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 2, 2016

Roseburg, Ore. – It’s that time of year for students to sign up for the 25th annual Resources and People (RAP) Camp, held the week of June 12 at Camp Esther Applegate, located at Lake of the Woods, Oregon. Applications are now being accepted from students between the ages of 13 to 18 from both rural and urban areas.

RAP Camp is designed to educate students about natural resource management by providing them an opportunity to take part in hands-on natural resource sessions, outdoor recreation activities and educational field trips. The camp allows kids to learn more about resources like fire ecology, wildlife, forestry, fisheries, archaeology, wetlands and botany and possible careers in those fields. It also engages students in many outdoor activities like hiking, birding, swimming and canoeing.

“Students attending the camp will have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and make new friends, while participating in hands-on natural resource activities,” said Cheyne Rossbach, RAP Camp Coordinator. “A field trip to Crater Lake National Park, Cowboy poetry, tour of a fish hatchery, astronomy talk and tribal storytelling while sitting around the campfire are all part of the week’s experience! This year is also the 25th Anniversary of the program and we will be holding a special celebration to recognize that great achievement,” continued Rossbach.

Thanks to contributions from federal, state, county and private organizations the registration fee is only \$225. Financial aid is available. **Applications are due May 2, 2016**, and can be downloaded from the Internet at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/rapcamp/>.

For additional information about RAP Camp and the application process, please contact Cheyne Rossbach at (541) 579-0648, or crossbac@blm.gov. Information is also available on our “RAP Camp” Facebook page and website listed above.

If you are a student and live in the Klamath basin, please contact Akimi King, USFWS at (541) 885-2515.

To check out last year’s RAP Camp head on over to:

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The RAP Camp program is part of the Take it Outside!, More Kids in the Woods and the Connecting People with Nature!, initiatives through the Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture.

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