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Parks Foundation Sponsors 2012 Nature Explore Club Program

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The Parks Foundation of Clark County is sponsoring the 2012 Nature Explore Club program. A Nature Explore Club is a group of friends and families who explore our region's outdoor areas together. Each club recruits their own members and sets individual schedules and locations for outings. The program's volunteer coordinators will provide support and ideas along with a backpack full of gear to help leaders encourage children to explore the great outdoors. The backpacks, donated through the generosity of a host of local businesses, include a variety of nature-themed supplies including activity guides, trail brochures, binoculars, field guides, nature journals, magnifying glasses, compasses, etc.

Club organizers will provide training sessions for club leaders, host monthly, themed events and provide club leaders information about free outdoor programs in our community. The program is open to all ages and abilities and no experience is required. For more information, contact the Parks Foundation of Clark County at 360-487-8370 and visit the website at www.parksfoundation.us

2012 Nature Explore Club Program Key Dates:

Nature Explore Club Leader Workshop: Friday, April 13, 6 p.m., Chuck's Produce Community Room (13215 SE Mill Plain Blvd.) – Attend this informative session to meet other club leaders and learn (and share) ideas to help your club be successful. Topics will include activity guides and ideas, outing locations, networking, monthly events and more!

2012 Nature Explore Club Kickoff Event: Saturday, May 5, 3 p.m., Marshall Community Park (1015 E. McLoughlin) – Bring your club members to enjoy the brand new picnic shelter and nature play areas, as well as enjoy some snacks, meet other club members, and have fun!

About the Parks Foundation

The Parks and Recreation Foundation of Vancouver and Clark County was established in 1999 to accept and administer donations, gifts and bequests for the enrichment and enhancement of our communities' parks, trails, and recreational programs.

The mission of the Parks Foundation is to raise funds through public and private partnerships for parks, trails, and recreational programs throughout Clark County. The Foundation is a 501 C 3 non-profit corporation and all gifts are tax deductible. The Foundation is governed by a board of directors comprised of local citizens who oversee, invest and administer donations made to the Foundation.

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