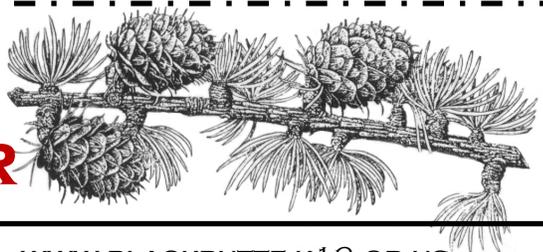


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Annual Black Butte Hike

By Ilya (grade 7)

It was a cold September day and Black Butte School was preparing for a huge trip that happens every year: the Black Butte Hike. Almost everyone was excited to start and were full of energy, running and jumping, and talking to their friends. We took a photo and split into two groups. My group went up the mountain first. We took small breaks on our way up the mountain.

When we finally reached the top all that former energy was gone. Most everyone was tired from the hike up the butte and was satisfied to have lunch and scare ground squirrels away. On the way down everyone was happy, everyone was talking and joking around and in general having a good time! We were slowly walking down but that was fine because we had our friends to keep us company. Conner said, "It was amazing." I think almost everyone had fun and conquered a challenge.

Exploring the wonders of Lava Lands

By Cody (grade 7)

This year our first field studies theme is geology. On Friday September 23, the Black Butte School went to Lava River Cave and Newberry Volcano to explore, hike, and learn about volcanos. First, we learned about Newberry Volcano and the history of what happened. It is the farthest volcano in Oregon. Also, one eruption made the Lava River Cave, which we explored after lunch.

Next, we went over to a trail to hike. It was very cold and icy. Since I forgot to bring a jacket it was very cold for me but other people also got cold so we huddled together. We hiked with a scientist named Ranger Mike. He has been working at the park for years and knows what the place is like and the history. Most of the kids thought it was cool, like Shelby, who said "I really liked the artwork on the signs."

Last, we went to Lava River Cave. It was like a refrigerator inside, but it was a consistent temperature. It was a very big cave, about 50 feet wide and 50 feet tall. When we got to see it Ilya said, "Lava River Cave was very amazing." Justin thought "Lava River Cave was dark and scary." We couldn't go very deep because time was running low, but, it was still very fun.



All School Campout

By Shelby (grade 8)

On September 16th, we had our second annual campout right next to the Metolius River. Most kids went and it was an absolute blast! Even the teachers came with their kids, and I would love to tell you about it.

Most of the time, the kids were playing with each other and talking; that was, until teachers pulled in all the students to play a scavenger hunt. We were all put into groups of three and given a list of things to find. At the end, if the students found all the objects, we were given a prize: S'mores with extra jumbo marshmallows! Of course, we ate them immediately.

That night, students stayed up past dark, talking, hanging out, and playing with one another. One of the things we did the most was walking up and down the trail. Sooner or later, the parents pulled them in to go to bed or go home. Some people stayed by the fire a little longer to enjoy the night, s'mores, and the warm heat of the fire. Not long after that, everyone was nice and cozy.

In the morning, most people got up and got ready to head home. Some stayed till check out time to enjoy the morning and sleep in. "I thought I heard a rattlesnake, or something," said Kellen. "I liked going bear hunting!" said Audrie, as she nodded her head in joy. Rope remarked "Fun. Really, really fun. I liked it when it got dark." The trip was a blast and I loved telling you about it.



The Black Butte School is a K-8, two room schoolhouse nestled in the small community of Camp Sherman, OR.

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