

**Springtime** By Cody (grade 8)

Spring is here! With the warmer weather, plants are going to start to pollinate and humans are going outside more. The warmer weather and lack of snow allows people to do more. Another thing that you will notice is that the plants are starting to reproduce. There will be more pollen and more plant seeds blowing around. You'll see lots pinecones on the ground and lots of pollen in the air.

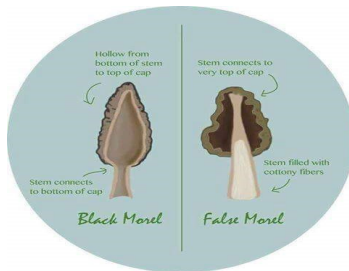
Also you will start to see is how there will be a lot more people out on the road not just as cars but as pedestrians or cyclists. Again, this is because when it is getting warmer allowing people to do more things such as exercise. There will also be more tourists coming into the area. So please be more aware as there will be more people on the road.

A big part of spring is that you can start to work on your garden and lawn. One of the things that people will start to do for their lawn is to aerate it and fertilize it. As for all the fallen pine needles or leaves you can rake it up and set it in front of your house by May 18th and 19th. On those two days there is going to be free yard debris pickup for people in Camp Sherman. This will help get people's yards looking clean and fresh.

One of the things that people can start doing as this season starts is working out because when people work out they are a lot healthier and happier. Another thing people can also start doing is spending more time outside and enjoying the weather. Finally people can start to travel because that way new places and sites can be discovered. I'm sure you're ready for the excitement of spring.

**Find Tasty Morels** By Kellen (grade 5)

Morels are so much fun to go find! While hiking look for them alongside the trail. If you want to find morels you should go to an, at least, five year old fire scorch, but it is possible to find morels at non scorched areas. They can also be super hidden and hard to find and you can just see the cap. False morels are safe to eat if you cook them well and also they are tasty so you can go and find some and have a good meal with your family..

**Spring Fish Report** By Ki, Guide on the Metolius (grade 5)

In this month's fishing report we will talk about hatches on the Metolius and fishing in May. The caddis and green drake are the two main hatches in May. The caddis is one of the best hatches. The green drake is one of my favorite hatches in May. The caddis is a popular fly and is very fun to fish with because there is a lot of action. A good technique to use is to take your dry fly and tie the fly on the top of your leader. Then tie a nymph dropping from the dry fly. The dry-fly-nymphing technique is really good. One tip is that a lot of times the fish don't like to eat the dry flies in over-cast. The dry fly is better to use when it is sunny out. I hope you enjoyed this month's fish report. Good luck catching those fish!



Caddis dry

Metolius Green Drake  
(photo by RiverKeepeFlies)**Spring Animals** By Scott (grade 6)

A lot of animals come out in the spring, so let me tell you a few of them. First I am going to talk about the animals on the ground. There are reptiles and mammals which are coming out and trying to find food. Some Mammals have been active the whole winter trying to find food, like deer, while others were hibernating in their dens and sleeping through winter, like bears.

There is also a lot of activity in the air. In the spring a lot of birds lay their eggs and when their eggs hatch they have to hunt or scavenge for food for their young. They leave one parent to guard the young and the other parent to go hunting. Other birds such as the woodpeckers and jays go collect bugs, nuts, and berries. When the babies are old enough the parents teach them to fly.

Near the water a lot of bugs are coming out in big swarms, like mosquitos. They are everywhere and they like to feed on blood, so wear long thick socks. The bugs are a big problem but what keeps them in check is the amphibians, like the frogs and bats. Frogs and newts and salamanders keep all the bugs in check so they don't take over and make the food chain really unbalanced. Amphibians are able to go from land to water and still be fine. Now you know what animals to expect during spring whether in the air, on the ground, or in the water.

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