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Release of the Spring Chinook by Ace, grade 7

Imagine you are a fish in a pond with a calm happy life. Then one morning you are put in a tank on a truck with 2,000 fish friends. Then a few hours later you are taken in buckets by kids and put in a river where a big journey awaited you...

Not too long ago we helped ODFW release Spring Chinook into Spring Creek. Before our work, ODFW put the fish (smolts) into a cage for a week.

Once released, the fish will go on a journey to the ocean. On this journey they will come across many obstacles, like predators, dams, fisherman, and pollution, until they reach their destination. If these fish make it back from their 2-7 year journey they will lay eggs, then die.

Oregon Badlands by Kadence, grade 5

Imagine you are dropped into a really dry place with almost no water, would you be able to survive? Now imagine plants and animals living in that same environment and learning to adapt in order to withstand those cruel climates. With little to no water out there they have to be creative to stay hydrated.

The animals and plants of the desert have almost no water; they use adaptations so they can survive. Animals may burrow underground and only come out when it is cooler at night. Desert plants put their roots very far down so they can get to water.

In conclusion, the desert is an amazing place but it can also be very harsh and cruel. It is amazing that plants and animals were able to learn to survive these conditions.



BBS kids exploring the desert in the Oregon Badlands.

Dirt Biking in Camp Sherman by Cade, grade 5

Dirt biking in Camp Sherman is really fun, but sometimes hard to find the right spots that you are allowed to dirt bike in. There are many trails in Camp Sherman for dirt biking or off roading. Dirt biking is a fun way to experience nature and to get outside with friends and family. Unfortunately some people don't like dirt bikes, making it harder to ride near my house.

Right behind Metolius Meadows off Potlatch Road there are lots of trails you can dirt bike on. There is a trail system that starts with one big road then it breaks off into smaller roads that are marked with numbered metal trail signs that show which road you are on. Some of the trails are big and you can drive cars on them, some of the trails are small and you can ride dirt bikes or ATVs on them. Some of the trails go for a little bit and some of the trails go for many miles.

One time me, my brother, my Dad and my cousins went dirt biking together. My cousins have never ridden a dirt bike in their life, so we decided to teach them how to dirt bike. We took them over to Green Ridge, one of our favorite places to dirt bike. It was very fun watching them learn how to ride a dirt bike. Eventually they got their feet off the ground and got the hang of it.

We think dirt biking is really fun. It is sad that some of our neighbors do not like dirt bikes. One time a group of neighbors complained to my Dad and said they were going to call the cops, because they thought we had gone off trail and damaged the forest. My Dad talked to them and let them know we hadn't been out that day, and that we were following the rules. They also thought that you can't ride on the loop, but the rules say that you can if you are going somewhere. Maybe sometime we could take them for a ride so they could see how fun it is, and how dirt bikes don't damage the forest.

Our family loves dirt biking. Camp Sherman has so many fun trails you can ride on while enjoying nature. It is really fun riding dirt bikes and teaching other people how to.