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NEAT Camp Description: <https://www.beyondtoxics.org/neat>



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Free Outdoor Leadership Camps for Middle-School Students Offered

Spaces are still available for the youth of Lane County

EUGENE, OR. – Beyond Toxics is hosting Nature Exploration Adventure Teams (NEAT), an outdoor summer camp experience for area youth entering grades 6-8 this school year. There are three sessions, each one week long, and registration is completely free. Lunch will be provided Monday through Thursday, and Fridays are half-days. For the complete schedule and additional details, please visit: <https://www.beyondtoxics.org/neat>

During each week the Beyond Toxics staff will work with youth to help them develop skills in activities like native plant identification and surveying, insect identification and surveying, scientific illustration, reflective writing, aquatic ecosystem assessments, mural painting, art activities, civic engagement, storytelling and visits to the Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Each session is limited to 12 students and the camps will be hosted on the University of Oregon campus.

"We are really excited to bring this unique opportunity to Lane County's youth for a great outdoor education and it's free! Our partners, the Lane County NAACP and the UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History, have been terrific to work with," says **Jennifer Eisele**, Pesticides and Education Organizer.

Interested families can register by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/NEATCamp>

For further details and any other questions, please call: Jennifer Eisele, the Pesticides and Education Organizer for Beyond Toxics: **541-525-0886** or leave a message for either Jennifer or Krystal Abrams at the Beyond Toxics office: **541-465-8860**.

This project is a collaboration between Beyond Toxics, the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, and the Eugene/Springfield branch of the NAACP.

Beyond Toxics is a statewide environmental justice organization advancing policies that ensure meaningful participation and cultivating grassroots leadership from Oregon's frontline and impacted communities. Established in 2001, we are a multicultural, inter-generational team dedicated to centering community leaders and building out the true diversity of our state's vibrant Environmental Justice movement.