

Family Fun Day of fishing, games, activities at Upper Empire Lake

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ROSEBURG, Ore. â€“ The annual free Family Fun Day of fishing, games and activities is set for Saturday, April 4 at Upper Empire Lake. This community event takes place from 9 a.m. â€“ 2 p.m. and even includes a free lunch.

ODFW will have 3,000 rainbow trout stocked in Upper Empire Lake and the Child Advocacy Center of Coos Bay will set up a mini-carnival. Northwest Natural Gas is providing lunch.

â€œThis event is for the whole family,â€• said Tom Rumreich, Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) fish biologist. â€œLast year more than 450 people came out and had a great time.â€•

People are encouraged to bring their own fishing equipment. Some rods, reels and tackle will be available for loan, and ODFW biologists and volunteers can help teach anglers how to catch those prize trout.

All fishing regulations continue to apply. Kids 13 and younger do not need a license and ages 14-17 require a juvenile license.

The trout stocking was made possible through ODFWâ€™s Youth Angling Education Program which was funded by the Oregon Legislature in partnership with the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation.

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