

## Three Rivers PPP team will make history Sunday

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First ever special athlete™ team to compete in youth mini-PPP

Six students from Sunriver's Three Rivers School will make history as they run, jump, raft, and bike on Sunday, May 20 in Bend's Old Mill District. Mount Bachelor Sport Education Foundation Event Director Molly Cogswell-Kelley says that Team Otters look to be the mini-Pole Pedal Paddle's first-ever team of special athletes. "This event is about promoting positive values and having fun while participating in sports," she says. "These dynamic young people are an inspiration to us all to get out and enjoy the thrill of being active and part of a team." The six-member team has been training during their adaptive physical education classes at Three Rivers School. "They've been running, and doing general training at school, while biking at home," said Jeannie McKiernan Thorp, special education teacher. "This has been a wonderful experience, and will teach a life long goal of staying healthy and fit while having fun." About the mini-Pole Pedal Paddle Teams of six participants, each ranging in age from 1st to 6th grade, will compete in river rafting (with a rafting guide), biking, an obstacle course, and a run. The event takes place on Sunday, May 20 at the Les Schwab Amphitheater in Bend, Oregon.

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