Mallard Field Trips Summer 2012
*All Field Trips on Thursdays

**Week 1: 6/28**
Tree Climb and Dexter Lake, Lowell, OR

This is the first of our 6 week summer explorer program that we partner with the City of Eugene River house program and Centro Latino Americano. In the morning we will be Climbing ropes in trees under the guidance of the experts from the river house program. It is a beautiful quiet experience where children are instructed in climbing skills and then encouraged to climb as far as they are comfortable! Some only make it a couple of feet others to the top of the tree but all feel a sense of accomplishment and pride for trying something new! In the afternoon we head up to Dexter dam and check out the fish hatchery then go play in the lake for awhile. Moss St. provides life jackets for all children and the adults are in the water and limit the depth the children may go. If they don’t abide by the limits the first time they are sent to the beach for 5 minutes the second time they are out for the remainder of the day...we take safety very seriously!

**Week 2: 7/05**
Canoeing on either Dorena Reservoir, Cottage Grove, OR or Clear Lake, Hwy 126, OR

This is another city of Eugene lead trip. They have a giant canoe that holds about 20 people and they go out exploring the lake and learn how to paddle a canoe as a team. When not in the canoe the children explore the banks, play games, and paint their beautiful surroundings! Life Jackets as always provided

**Week 3: 7/12**
UO Tour followed by Tie-Dye Party, Moss Street, Eugene, OR

We will enlist the help of some of our student staff and have a guided tour of campus as an actual student experiences it. Then we will return to Moss St. and tye dye some shirts and things from home while showing our Centro friends what it’s like at Moss St.

**Week 4: 7/19**
Rafting the McKenzie, Vida, OR, or Willamette River, Eugene/Springfield, OR

This is a kid Favorite and is led by the Experts at The Eugene River House. This will be our 5th year of this fieldtrip and I promise we never tire of it! It’s a great way to experience nature on the river and learn the skills it takes to navigate the river safely! We stop at a half way point for lunch and have snack at the end. As always we all wear life jackets and the city of Eugene does a great job of teaching the basic skills before we head out!
Week 5: 7/26  Heceta Beach and Lighthouse, Florence, OR

This is an amazing location for children to explore. In the morning when we arrive if the tide is low enough we go and explore the tide pools. If it’s not a good low tide day we will go up as a group to the light house and explore it and/or play in the sand and fly kites on the beach. We then return for lunch in the picnic area. In the afternoon we go to the creek that flows into the ocean and play there in the sand and the water. The creek is only ankle deep and great for filling moats! Often we don’t even go to the ocean’s edge but when we do it is 3 or 4 kids between 2 teachers to “jump the waves” (our wave jumping is not out deep... mid-calf to knee only.)

Week 6: 8/02  McDowell Creek, Sweet Home, OR

McDowell Creek is the first place I started taking Moss kids to way back in 1999 and its still one of our favorites. There are 3 beautiful waterfalls in a hike less than a mile and it is beautiful. This park was hard hit back in the wind storm during the early 2000’s and there is still evidence of what happened and how it is repairing itself. We talk about stewardship of the land and the trail. We also wade in the water at the base of the 3rd falls where the water is only ankle deep yet there is drift wood to build with dams to make and just the perspective of being at the base of the falls!

Week 7: 8/09  Row River Bike Ride to Dorena Lake, Cottage Grove, OR

This is a great ride for the kids. It’s all on old Railroad right of way and is paved and easy to ride! The way to the lake is slightly up hill but not so much that you’d notice it. Everyone feels really proud when we get there! (there is always a bus along the way if someone gets really tired so we can load them up and they can ride on the bus if they want to... also allows for water breaks along the way) We stop at a park along the path where we have beach access and bathroom facilities. We hang out here sometimes playing in the water (as always Lifejackets available) sometimes letterboxing then after snack we head back down to the start. Some can’t believe they can make it but I then let them know it’s all down- hill so I encourage everyone to give it a try. Usually everyone makes the entire ride which really gives them something to brag about!

If you don’t have Wheel’s (or your child doesn’t want any part of the riding) just let me know and we will try to find some wheels for you if you need them, often kids share or they can be a bus helper!

Week 8: 8/16  Enchanted Forest, Salem, OR

Enchanted forest is a perpetual kid favorite! We explore a little in the morning and go to the play before lunch. After lunch we explore the rest of the park and ride a few rides...ending our day panning for gold!