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Topic: Foster Care

Subject: Oregon Foster Parent's use of Oregon State Parks

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> | County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify): |

Message: The purpose of this memorandum is to remind casework staff regarding foster parents' use of Oregon State Parks.

Foster Parents certified by the department can use state parks at a free or reduced rate. This benefit applies to the foster parent and the foster parent's children when the foster parents are accompanied by a foster child. A foster parent will need to show the original current copy of their certificate of approval to access this benefit.

The facility deposit fee is waived for foster families as defined in OAR 736-015-0005. The fee waiver is limited to the first two campsites and a certified adult must be present with the foster children. All other fees apply. A free 12-month day use parking permit may be issued to a foster family, if the foster care provider has a valid Certificate of Approval to Provide Foster Care in Oregon issued by the Oregon Department of Human Services. The permit is valid for 12 months or until the expiration date of the Certificate of Approval to Provide Foster Care, whichever date is sooner.

Reservations for camp sites can be made through Reservations Northwest @ 1-800-452-5687 and, although camping is free, there is a \$6.00 fee per reservation.

Annual day use passes are available at staffed Oregon park sites. Locations of staffed park sites are available through the state parks' information line @ 1-800-551-6949 or the state parks' web site, <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PARKS/index.shtml>

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