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Festival on the Rogue looks to hook travelers on Shady Cove

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This year's Festival on the Rogue will be held Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Upper Rogue Regional County Park, 7660 Rogue River Drive in Shady Cove. Parking and admission will be free that day.

The festival promises you will, "Spend fun-filled hours learning about the Upper Rogue's natural wonders and recreational opportunities, and things that can be done to pass them on to future generations." And if the success of last year's festival is any indication, they will deliver on that promise.

There really will be something for everyone at this year's festival, including exhibits, artisans, food and music. There will be a silent auction and three same-day rafting trips will be raffled off throughout the day.

Special guest Smokey Bear will be there for selfies and to remind you that "only you" can prevent wildfires. Wish Smokey a happy birthday; he turns 75 this year.

Exhibits will include close-up looks at drift boats, a large Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) aquarium containing salmon and steelhead, a 25-foot

salmon storytelling tent, fly tying and casting demonstrations, a stream table and a Jackson County Fire District 4 truck and river rescue vehicle.

City councilors and staff from the city of Shady Cove will have a booth as well, so there's a good chance to meet and greet your local government officials.

There will be outreach and education booths from ODFW, the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State University Extension Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon Department of Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service.

Oh, and Crawlies with Cri and the *Upper Rogue Independent* will have a booth too. Stop by and meet some of our local crawlies up close, ask your crawly questions, and sign up for a subscription so you never miss meeting the crawly of the week.

With so much to do and see, plan on being there for the duration. You can carbo load beforehand at the pancake breakfast put on by the Upper Rogue Moose Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars from 7 to 10 a.m. at 61 Alder St., Shady Cove.

If you'd like even more information on the fest and a link to the map and schedule, go to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FestivalOnTheRogue>.



(Photo by Wayne Lee, *Upper Rogue Independent*)

Smokey Bear took photos with fans during the 2018 Festival on the Rogue.