

### WHAT IS A JUNIOR FOREST RANGERS

Junior Rangers enjoy exploring natural places and keeping them healthy. They share stories of what makes the forest, beaches and dunes special with their friends and family.

- Junior Rangers never litter and clean up trash that they see.
- They do not pick plants or tease animals—knowing that this is their home too.
- Junior Rangers are a very important part of taking care of our National Forests!

### now to become a junior forest ranger

#### **STEP ONE:**

- Ages 4-6: Complete at least 3 activities
- Ages 7-9: Complete at least 4 activities
- Ages 10+: Complete at least 5 activities

**STEP TWO:** Find a person who works for the Forest Service to review and sign your Junior Ranger Book. Repeat the Junior Ranger pledge after the Field Ranger. Or you can recite the pledge to your parent or guardian. You will then be an official Junior Ranger!

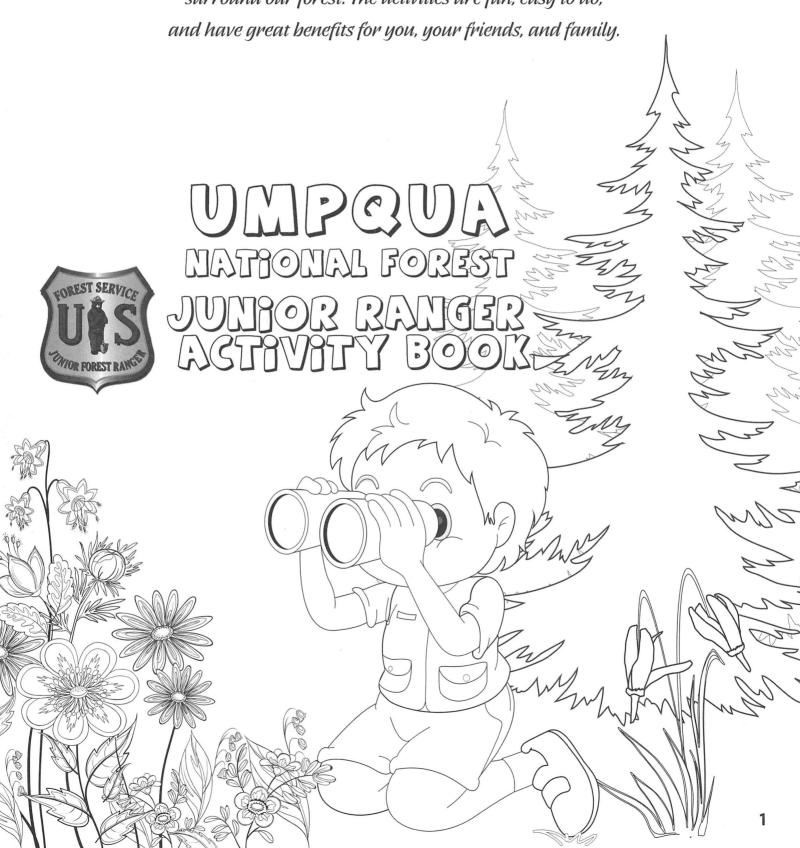


## Welcome to the Umpqua National Forest

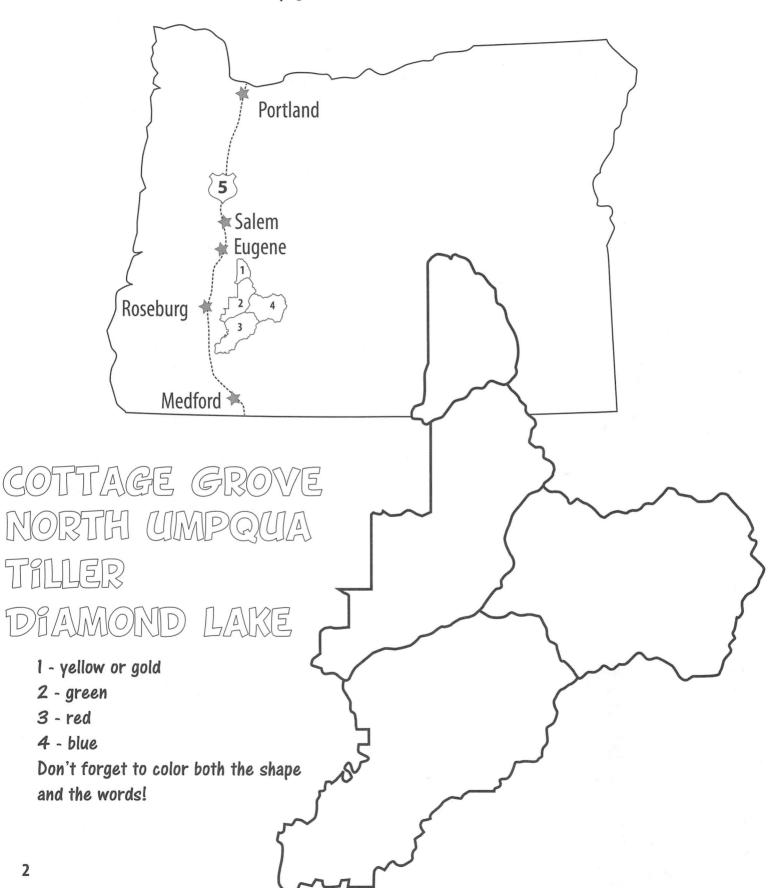
and the beginning of your adventure in discovering nature -including bugs, critters and colorful flowers.

Turn this page, begin reading about the many fun facts and important information that

surround our forest. The activities are fun, easy to do,



**ACTIVITY:** This is a location map. Use the compass on page 5 to find the right color for each of the four Ranger Districts. Cottage Grove is NORTH (1), North Umpqua is WEST (2), Tiller is SOUTHWEST (3) and Diamond Lake is EAST (4). See the color code at the bottom of the page.



### ACTIVITY: Are you ready to enjoy a great day in the forest?

Let's see if you can answer these questions correctly.

1. When you leave your campsite, it's OK to bury your garbage as long as it's 20 feet away from any stream or river.

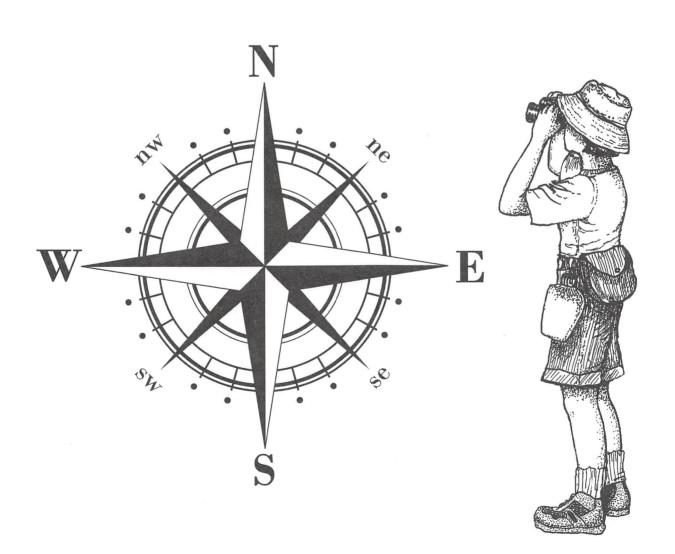
(False - please remember to take with you everything you brought into the forest.)

- 2. Even though it looks like lots of other people may have done it already, it's not OK to take a shortcut when you are on the trail.

  (True trails are made to provide the safest route and to minimize impact to the forest. Please stay on trails.)
- 3. It's OK to leave a few coals smoldering when you leave a campsite as long as all the flames are gone.

(False - always make sure your fire is completely out and cold before you leave.)

#### GOOD JOB!

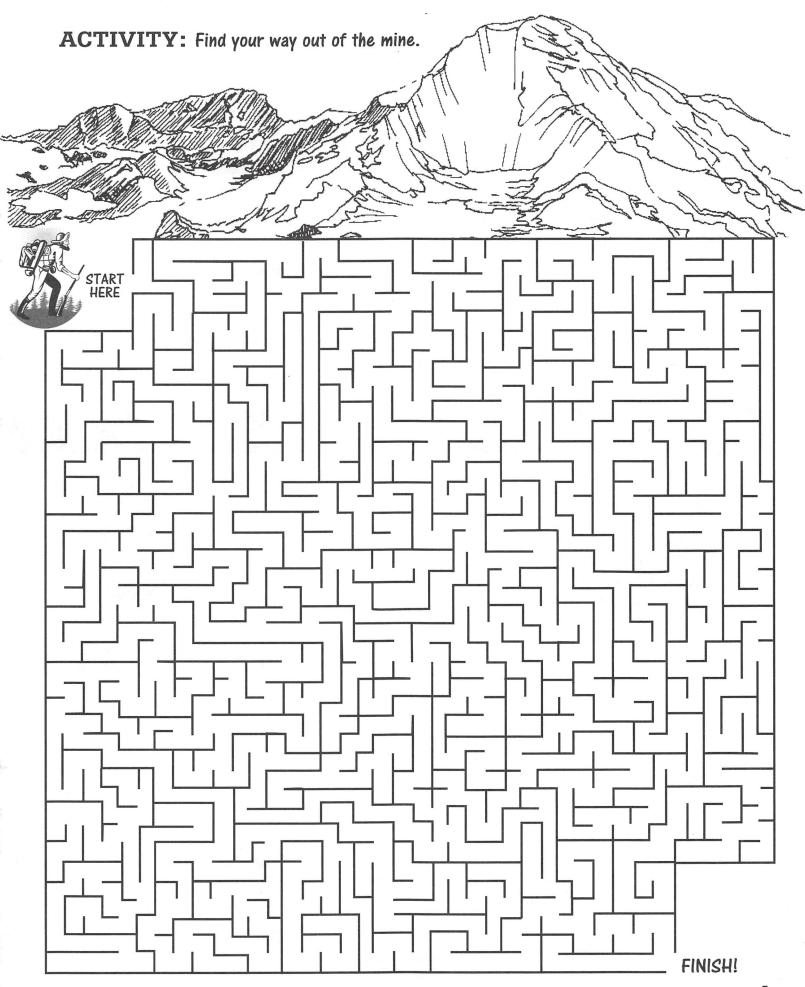


### COTTAGE GROVE RANGER DISTRICT

The first discovery of gold in Cottage Grove Ranger District was in 1858, on what is now known as Sharps Creek. There were many ways the miners would look for gold. Miners searched for gold by panning streams and creeks, digging underground tunnels and using large amounts of water pressure.

ACTIVITY: Are you a miner or an artist? Choose one of these two options - pan for gold at Sharps Creek or use the space below to draw one plant and one bird or animal you observe as you walk along the trail. See if you can identify them. A ranger or volunteer may be able to help you. There are also many excellent field guides available at the visitor centers and other locations as well as online.

(Use the space below for identification & drawing.)



### NORTH UMPQUA RANGER DISTRICT

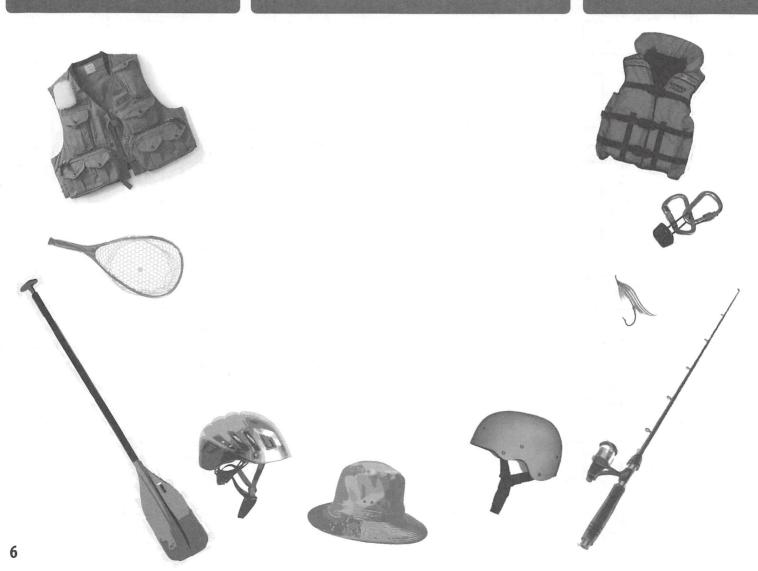
North Umpqua Ranger District has many recreational activities to enjoy. Known world-wide for its fishing, a 33-mile section above Deadline Falls has been reserved only for fly fishing since 1952. The Wild and Scenic North Umpqua is also known for exciting whitewater challenges. Rock climbing is another activity popular on the North Umpqua Ranger District. Rock climbers come from all over to climb the Old Man and Old Woman rock formations.

**ACTIVITY:** Match the tool or gear with the correct recreation opportunity by drawing a line.



### WHITE WATER RAFTING

### **FLY FISHING**



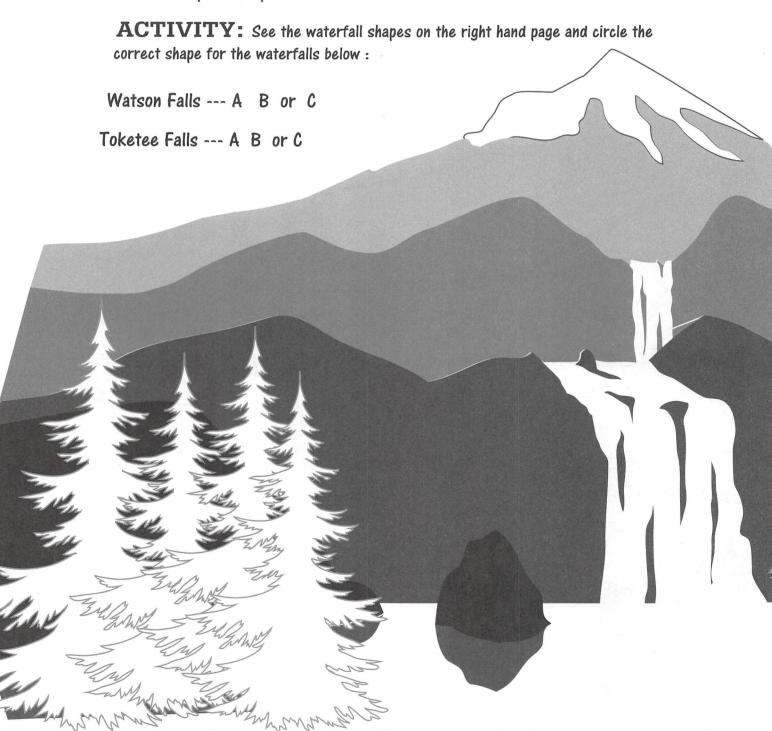
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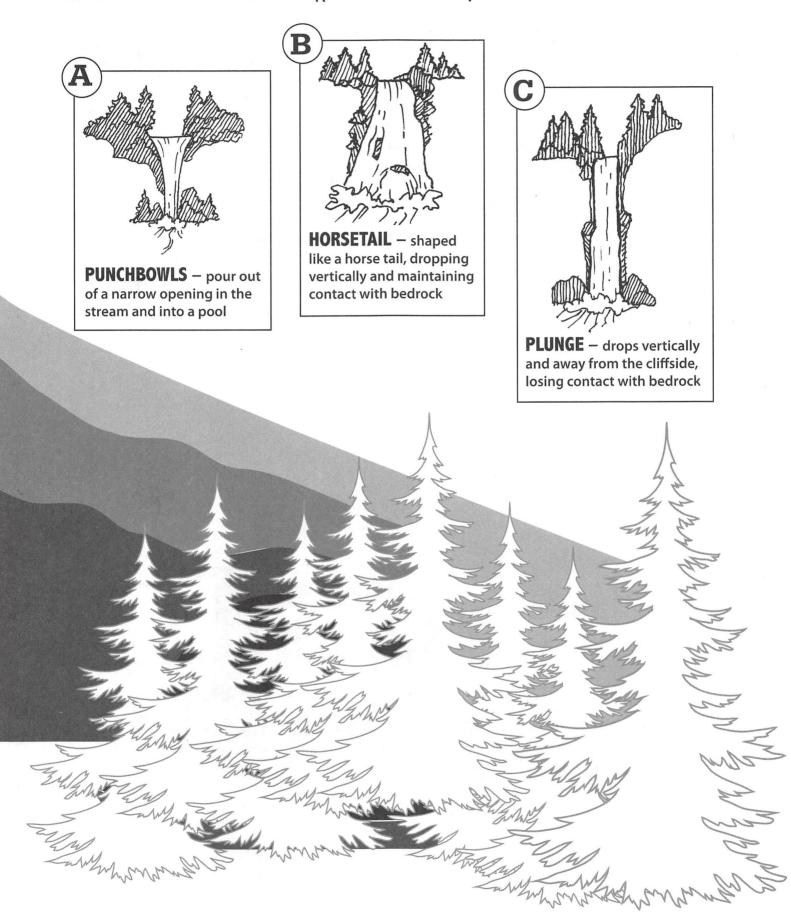
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Volcanoes, oceans, rushing rivers and time created the amazing geological sites on the Diamond Lake Ranger District!

Watson and Toketee Falls were formed by a series of fluid lava flows originating from Mt. Bailey funneling down the North Umpqua River Canyon. The slow-cooling lava contracted into slender prism-shaped columns.



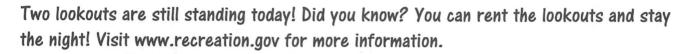
Waterfalls come in many different shapes. Shapes are mostly given to them by the rock they flow over. Here are some of the common types of waterfall shapes.



### TILLER RANGER DISTRICT

The Tiller Ranger District is the southernmost district on the Umpqua and it has historical lookouts. Lookouts were used by forest rangers to watch for fires.

People used the lookouts during World War II as Aircraft Warning Systems. Observers watched for Japanese planes and balloons loaded with ignition devices meant to set America's West Coast forests on fire.



<b>ACTIVITY:</b> find the two lookouts on the	Tiller Ranger District using the above website.
Which of the two lookouts do you like the best?	
How much would one night cost?	



#### TILLER WORD SEARCH ACTIVITY

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FALCON RANGER UMPQUA

# AMBMALS of the UMPQUA

While exploring the Umpqua, you might see many different kinds of animals. The forest is their home. Respect all wildlife and keep your distance.

**ACTIVITY:** All animals can be identified and put into what's known as "classes". You get to play the role of Wildlife Biologist by putting each of the animals found on this page into 1 of 4 classes: **REPTILE, MAMMAL, AMPHIBIAN OR AVES.** Just fill in the blank after each animal description.

### 1. NORTHWESTERN SALAMANDER

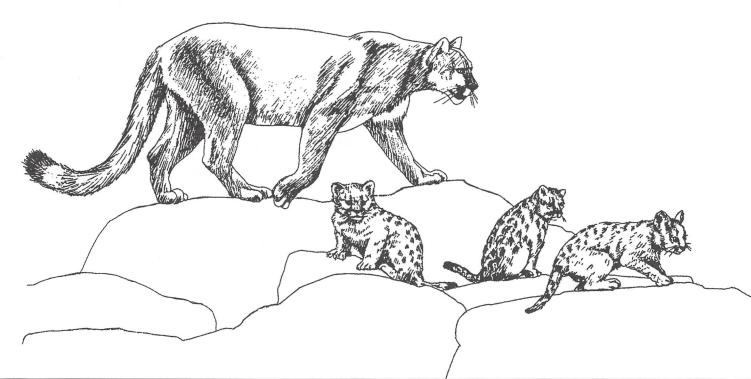
CLASS:

These large-bodied salamanders have solid brown skin that is smooth and moist. Adults can grow to almost 10 inches in total length. Northwestern salamanders live in moist forests or partly wooded areas. Adult salamanders are rarely seen because they live underground.

### 2. COUGAR

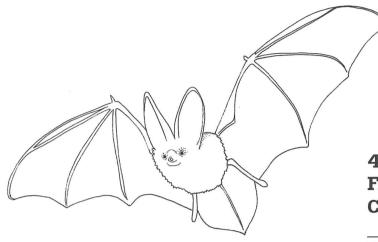
CLASS: \_

The cougar is a large cat which lives and hunts alone. It hunts mostly at twilight and after dark. Cougars can be found in Canada all the way down to Argentina.



### 3. TOWNSEND'S BIG-EARED BAT CLASS:

This is a medium-sized bat with large, long ears. It is gray, brown, or black. This bat flies in full darkness. It is found throughout much of Oregon. This species is very vulnerable to human disturbance and its numbers are declining. Never disturb this bat if you are in a cave.



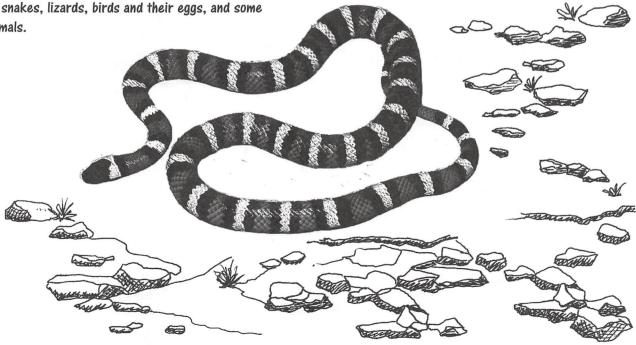
# 4. PEREGRINE FALCON CLASS:

These birds are the fastest animal on the planet, and have been recorded reaching speeds in excess of 240 miles an hour in dives after prey.

# 5. CALIFORNIA MOUNTAIN KING SNAKE

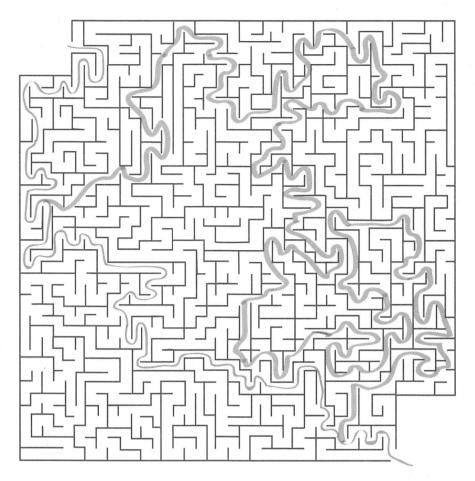
CLASS:

This species is found in pine forests, oak woodland, and in chaparral of southwestern Oregon valleys. It is usually found in, under, or near rotting logs in open wooded areas near streams. The California Mountain Kingsnake preys upon snakes, lizards, birds and their eggs, and some small mammals.

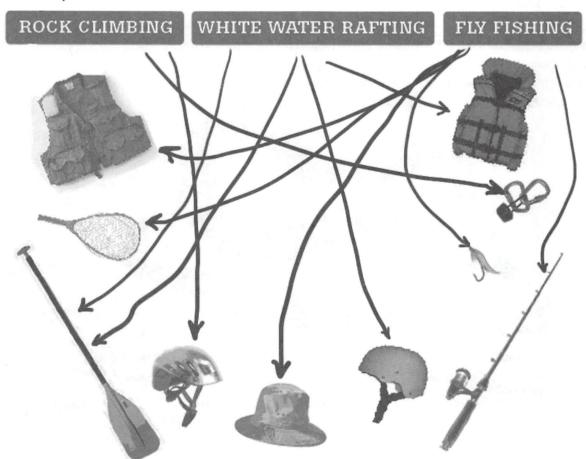


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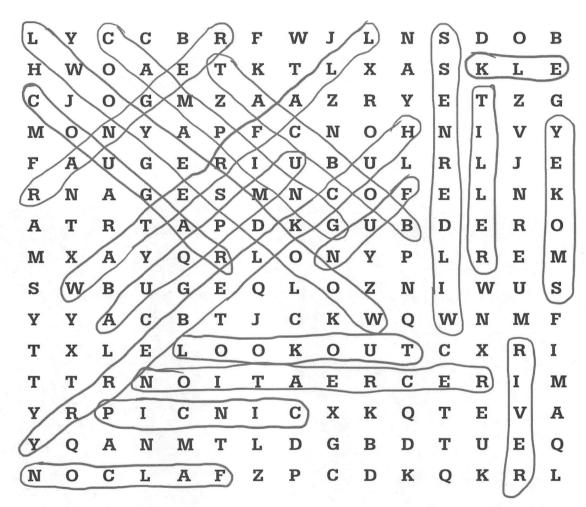
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1. Northwestern Salamander Class: AMPHIBIAN

2. Cougar Class: MAMMAL

3. Townsend's Big-eared Bat Class: MAMMAL

4. Peregrine Falcon Class: AVES

5. California Mountain King Snake Class: REPTILE

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# JUNIOR FOREST RANGER SAFETY TIPS

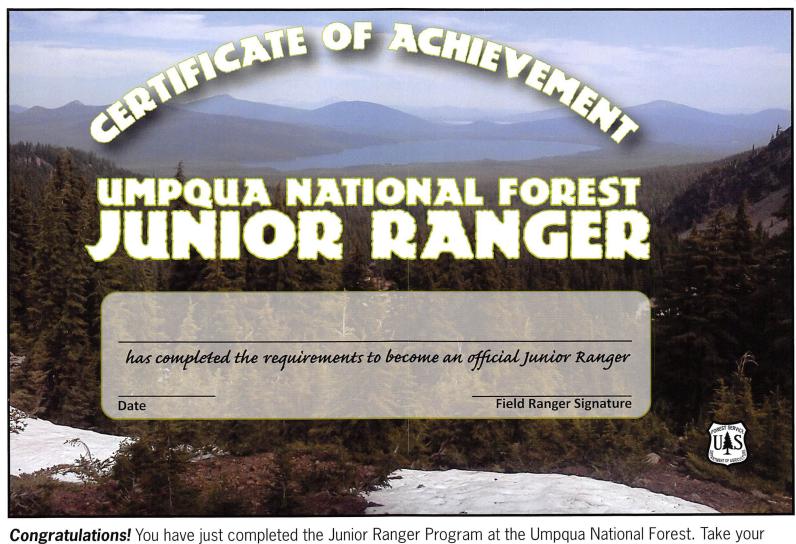
# Be SAFE and RESPECTFUL as you explore the Umpqua National Forest.

- · Always explore with an adult
  - · Drink plenty of water
    - Wear sunscreen
  - · Stay on designated trails
- · Please do not pick leaves or flowers
- · Leave treasures for the next visitor to find and enjoy

# THE OATH OF THE JUNIOR FOREST RANGER

"I give my pledge as a Junior Forest Ranger to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country—its soil and minerals, its forests, its flowers and trees, its waters, and its wildlife."

WATSON FALLS
Photo Courtesy of Robin Loznak



**Congratulations!** You have just completed the Junior Ranger Program at the Umpqua National Forest. Take your book to a Field Ranger and recite the Junior Ranger Pledge after him/her. If you cannot locate a Forest Service employee, you can still collect your Junior Ranger badge by cutting out the postcard below, getting your parent/gardian's signature and mailing it back to us.



Return address:

### Postcard

Place Stamp Here

Junior Ranger Activity Book and recited the Junior Ranger pledge to me. Please send a badge to the return address.

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