

# HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

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## High Desert Museum Hosts Day of Special Kids Activities During Spring Break

BEND, OR — On Wednesday, March 27, the High Desert Museum will host a special spring break day of wildlife-related activities tailored for youth in Kids Day: Nature Large and Small. The activities will range from the tiniest detail under a microscope to the grandiosity of giant creatures.

The activities revolve around the new exhibit from Portland-based artist April Coppini, *The Beauty of Wild Things: Charcoal Drawings by April Coppini*. At stations throughout the Museum, kids will be able to participate in a variety of activities including solving camouflage puzzles, crafting wildlife headbands and magnifying glass art.

“We’re excited to offer families a slew of special and engaging activities here at the Museum,” Bonnie Lee and Oliver P. Steele III Curator of Education Carolyn Nesbitt said. “The activities give kids another way to explore wildlife and connect nature and art.”

Kids Day: Nature Large and Small activities are free with Museum admission. The day is made possible by the Oregon College Savings Fund with support from Wells Fargo.

The Museum is currently open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Summer hours begin Monday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. During spring break through Saturday, March 30, the Museum has a special daily schedule including our Sky Hunters flight show and living history characters at the 1904 Miller Family Ranch. Learn more about spring break programs at [highdesertmuseum.org/daily-schedule](http://highdesertmuseum.org/daily-schedule).

The Sky Hunters flight show features birds of prey such as owls, hawks and falcons flying through the E.L. Wiegand Pavilion. The special spring break program takes place two times daily, at 11:00 am and 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$5, and Museum members receive a 20 percent discount. Tickets can be purchased online at [highdesertmuseum.org/sky-hunters](http://highdesertmuseum.org/sky-hunters) but must be purchased no later than the day prior to the show. Day-of tickets can be purchased at Museum Admissions. The program starts promptly at 11:00 am and 1:30 p.m. and there is no late seating. Sky Hunters is made possible by the Redmond Airport.

The Museum exhibition *Rick Bartow: Things You Know But Cannot Explain* will close after Sunday, April 7. This is a 40-year retrospective of nationally renowned Indigenous artist and Oregonian Rick Bartow. More information is available at [highdesertmuseum.org/bartow](http://highdesertmuseum.org/bartow).

Other temporary exhibits now on display include *Animal Journeys: Navigating in Nature* and *The Beauty of Wild Things: Charcoal Drawings by April Coppini*. More information on the Museum’s temporary and permanent exhibitions is available at [highdesertmuseum.org/exhibitions](http://highdesertmuseum.org/exhibitions).

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## ABOUT THE MUSEUM:

THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM opened in 1982 and brings regional wildlife, culture, art and natural resources together to promote an understanding of the natural and cultural heritage of North America's High Desert country. The Museum uses indoor and outdoor exhibits, wildlife in natural habitats, and living history demonstrations to help people discover and appreciate the High Desert. The Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Affiliate. [highdesertmuseum.org](http://highdesertmuseum.org)

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