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High Desert Museum Shares Lineup of Kids Programs for Winter 2019

Backpack Explorers focuses on children 3 – 5

BEND, OR — This winter, preschool-age children can learn and explore in the High Desert Museum program Backpack Explorers, an education-oriented hour with fun themes like Buggin' Out, Cool Chemists, Pokey Porcupines. Space is available now in the popular program as well as in the Museum's Spring Break Kids Camp.

The High Desert Museum will kick off its winter 2019 Backpack Explorers series on January 9 and 10. Parents and children ages 3 – 5 investigate science, art, music, stories and culture in a hands-on manner. Backpacks are filled with exciting objects related to the weekly theme as they journey through the Museum's nature trails and exhibits. In the first week with the theme Buggin' Out, children explore the insects found in water and on land in the High Desert, including how they survive and what role they play in the ecosystem.

Backpack Explorers takes place weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. The program is \$15 per child and Museum Members receive a 20 percent discount. Non-members pay Museum admission for an accompanying adult. The complete Backpack Explorers calendar can be found online at highdesertmuseum.org/backpack-explorers.

Space is also available in the High Desert Museum's Kids Camp Spring Break program, March 25 – 29. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade can spend their breaks learning about wildlife, chemistry and nature photography. There's also space available for our Feb. 1 Kids Camp program.

Kids Camp Spring Break takes place Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The fee is \$206.25 per child and Members receive a 20 percent discount. Before and/or after care is available. To register, go to highdesertmuseum.org/kids-camp-spring-break. Information for February 1 is available at highdesertmuseum.org/kids-camp-schools-out.

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

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living history demonstrations to help people discover and appreciate the high desert environment. The Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Affiliate. Learn more at highdesertmuseum.org.

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