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NEVADA CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS

Children and families are invited to participate in outdoors learning and recreation events throughout the month of April.

(LAS VEGAS) – In 2012 the Governor of Nevada issued a proclamation designating April as Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights Month. This year, the Outside Las Vegas Foundation is promoting a series of events in April that offer children and families opportunities to connect with nature through educational programs and recreational events. The Outside Las Vegas Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping southern Nevadans and visitors to Las Vegas experience the outdoors.

In January 2010, a group of agencies and community organizations joined together to form the Nevada Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights Alliance. United by the shared belief that “the children of Nevada have the right to discover and experience the outdoors”, the Alliance developed a list of activities highlighting the diverse range of possibilities in the state of Nevada for connecting with the outdoors. Since then, the Nevada Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights Alliance has worked to promote programs, activities and events allowing children and families to

- Create an outdoor adventure,
- Explore a trail,
- Camp under the stars,
- Go fishing,
- Discover nature,
- Explore Nevada's heritage,
- Go on a picnic,
- Play in a park, in the water, in the snow, and on the rocks.

The Outside Las Vegas Foundation currently facilitates the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights Alliance, which draws together public agencies in the Las Vegas Valley with local organizations and community groups. The Alliance maintains a website at nvoutdoorkids.org which hosts a calendar of upcoming events as well as resources for individuals seeking to connect with the outdoors. A print-at-home activity book available through the website offers children the opportunity to earn an official “Outdoor Explorer” certificate by completing each Bill of Rights activity.

The Outside Las Vegas Foundation is highlighting a month-long series of events in April 2013 highlighting Nevada Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights activities. Events are planned for nearly every weekend, and include art-making activities at the Neon Museum, telescope viewings hosted by Red Rock Canyon and the Las Vegas Astronomical Society, Jr. Ranger Day at Lake Mead, and the 20th annual Clark County Children's Festival. Information regarding these events will be distributed through social media, the Clark County School District, and community and youth organizations in the Las Vegas Valley. Additional information, including a schedule of events, is available through nvoutdoorkids.org.

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