



**Parks &
Recreation**



Owyhee harvester ants *Pogonomyrmex salinus*
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Foothills Learning Center SECOND SATURDAY SERIES –Spring 2012

- **From 10 am to 2 pm, unless noted.**
- **All ages welcome! Activities for adults & children alike, unless noted.**
- **Programs are FREE and no registration is required.**
- **Please leave pets at home. Thanks!**

APRIL 14 – IT’S A HOOT!

Each April the Great Horned Owl babies appear in Hulls Gulch. Spend a Saturday at the Foothills Learning Center as we learn about the owls of Idaho with staff from the Idaho Bird Observatory. Then join us for a short hike to view the owls with binoculars and spotting scopes. This is a wonderful spring tradition.

MAY 12 – The Social Network: The Remarkable World of Insect Societies

Sophisticated, intelligent, gardeners, mathematicians... why yes, we're describing insect colonies of course! Ants, bees, and wasps are amazing insects that form unique societies which are among the most sophisticated in the natural world. With graduate fellow Matt Schmasow we'll explore the remarkable world of insect colonies and get acquainted with a few societal species you can find right outside your back door. Students of all ages are also invited to get first-hand experience with our very own honey bee colony in our new observation hive!

JUNE 9 – Meet a Scientist – and get hands-on with outdoor science

Graduate fellows from BSU are working with non-formal education centers in Boise, including the Foothills Learning Center. Today those fellows will be all around Hulls Gulch with fun and informative science stations. Learn about geology, biology, water, wildlife, and more. These students are the best of the best, and have been developing lessons and teaching students all year. This promises to be a banner day whether you are a science fan or just want to have fun learning about our great outdoors.

On the horizon...

July 14 – Art in the Hills

To get to the Foothills Learning Center, take 8th Street north through Boise's North End. From the end of the pavement go 1/3 mile farther. Additional questions... please call 493-2530 or TDD/TTY 800-377-3529 or visit www.BoiseEnvironmentalEducation.org