

Current Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteer opportunities abound at Oregon State Parks. This report lists some of the featured volunteer opportunities currently available. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the featured opportunities, please contact the listed park directly. If you do not see an opportunity that you think fits just right for you, please give Volunteer Services a call at 1-877-225-9803 and we would be happy to find that perfect volunteer opportunity for you.

Depoe Bay Whale Watch Center

Whale Spoken Here Volunteers

People come from all over the United States to learn about the gray whales that migrate past our coast each year. The Whale Watching Spoken Here program places volunteers at great whale watching sites during Watch Weeks so they can teach others while watching the whales too. If you love whales, come and be a volunteer! Training Dates Hatfield Marine Science Center: Dec. 5-6, 2009 Charleston, OIMB: Jan. 23-24, 2010 Ilwaco, Wash., Lewis and Clark: Feb. 20-21, 2010 2009-2010 Whale Watching Weeks Winter: Dec. 26, 2009-Jan. 1, 2010 Spring: March 20-27, 2010 Check out our website at www.whalespoken.org for more information.

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Opportunity Expires Start Date End Date
03/30/2010

Fort Stevens Historical Area

Special Events Volunteer

The Historical Area of Fort Stevens State Park has three large special events during the summer. These are co-sponsored by the Friends of Old Fort Stevens, a non-profit organization that supports the park. In May on Memorial Day weekend, we celebrate our military forces with many static displays and living history. On the third weekend of July each year, we sponsor a World War II Reenactment. This event brings in about 100 reenactors to perform three battles during the weekend. The final and largest event is on Labor Day weekend. This year will be the 20th annual Civil War Reenactment (September 4-6) with nearly 800 re-enactors performing 5 battles during the 3 day event. For each of these events, we are looking for volunteers to sell tickets to the public, direct parking, staff the information booth, work as "environmental engineers" (clean up), set up and take down fences and signs and act as gate guards. Shifts for each event are 4 hours in length (morning or afternoon shifts available), which enable volunteers to work half the day and attend the event the other half. Dry camping is available at the Historic Area.

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08/01/2010

Fort Stevens State Park

OPRD Visitor Safety Academy Actors

The Oregon Parks & Recreation Department conducts an annual two-week training academy for candidate rule enforcement

officers. Successful candidates will receive a commission and will become sworn rule enforcement officers for the agency. The training includes two full days of scenarios, March 3 & 4, 2010, at Fort Stevens State Park near Astoria. The scenarios require actors, are scripted, and are timed at a 20-minute duration throughout the two days of the scenario exercise. The intent of the scenarios is to create realistic conditions within a park setting that mimic behaviors to be expected during rule enforcement contacts. This opportunity recruitment is for actors, who will perform within scripted guidelines to engage academy students while working closely with OPRD coaches who will monitor each scene and evaluate students. Duties are specific to the dates of March 1-5, 2010, and include pre-scenario briefing, two full work days of scenarios, and a post-scenario debrief. Additional duties are available for support and logistics. Given the nature of this opportunity, OPRD reserves the right to reject potential volunteer applicants. All volunteers selected will need to pass a criminal background check prior to arrival at the park. Hosts on Active status with OPRD have formed most of the actor corps during past academies. A campsite with full RV hookups will be provided at no cost for the duration of the week, with the possibility of additional days subject to need and approval by park management.

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02/12/2010

Silver Falls State Park

Interpretive Store Clerk

The Friends of Silver Falls (FOSF) is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization who serves the Oregon State Parks Department as a Cooperative Association in support of Interpretation and Education programs at Silver Falls State Park. FOSF just recently relocated their interpretive store from the South Falls Lodge to a larger space in the Historic Log Cabin. FOSF is seeking volunteers to assist with sales and customer service at the store. A variety of shifts are available. Although some experience is preferred, no experience is necessary. Training will be provided. For more information on the FOSF, please visit our website at www.friendsofsilverfalls.net

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Tryon Creek State Natural Area

Volunteer Trail Guide

Walk trails provide information about trails, park rules, activities, and features

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