

Dear Park Host Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's (OPRD) volunteer Park Host Program. As a host you are quite literally the visible face of the agency, helping visitors feel welcome, answering their questions and orienting them to the surrounding area. Hosts perform a whole range of duties in Oregon's beautiful state parks. To name some of the common host duties, you may sell ice and firewood, clean yurts or cabins, conduct interpretive programs and tours, educate young campers through OPRD's Junior Ranger program, mow lawns, repair equipment, work on construction and painting jobs or open and close park gates. Participating parks provide host volunteers with a free campsite usually with full hookup utilities for hosts who volunteer a minimum of one month.

Enclosed you will find a complete information packet with an outline of the host application process, host duties descriptions and other program details, a host application, a regional listing of OPRD sites which utilize hosts, a color OPRD Parks and Heritage Guide, and a brochure on RV Dump Sites for your review.

**If you are interested in applying for a hosting position, you are required to complete an annual application. Send your application(s) to the Salem office for distribution to your selected parks or management areas.**

Please be aware that the types and number of hosting opportunities will vary from location to location and from season to season. Although we always strive to make the best possible match between your abilities, skills and interests and the parks' needs, it is most likely that we'll find a placement if you can be flexible in your location choices and duties. If you're a first time host with us, please consider starting off by volunteering either during Discovery Season (October through April), or in a central or eastern Oregon location.

For all host positions, a criminal background check is mandatory. For positions that require driving a state or personal vehicle to perform duties, a DMV check is required. For Oregon residents and soon for most other state residents, DMV records can be checked internally by OPRD. Some out-of-state residents may need to bring a current hard copy of their DMV record with them to all parks where they are assigned.

Once you read through this material, if you have questions or would like more information about current host openings, please contact any of the park locations or call the State Parks Info Center at 800-551-6949. During evenings or weekends, feel free to leave a message on our Volunteer Hotline by dialing at 877-225-9803.

Sincerely,

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