

AWARDS

Awards are given to each individual and youth group leader who participates in 25 hours of service, and sends their completed score card to OPRD.

Individual awards are sent directly to you, and consist of a pin, framed certificate and letter of appreciation. When an entire group completes the award requirements, a commemorative banner is awarded to the group as a whole.

GROUPS

Any and all youth groups are encouraged to participate. Examples of groups involved are:

- ❖ Camp Fire Boys and Girls
- ❖ Boy Scouts of America
- ❖ YWCA
- ❖ Church youth groups
- ❖ Girl Scouts of America
- ❖ YMCA

While these are examples of groups participating, the award is not limited to these, and the State Parks staff encourages all groups and individuals to get involved!

TO KIDS

Age is not important for volunteering, and that is why the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department has a program designed to let you join in.

So get involved! Grab your friends and head to your nearest state park. The opportunities to volunteer are endless.

TO PARENTS

Youth 17 years and younger need to have a parental/guardian permission form signed at each park location. See your park staff for more details.



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Youth Service Award



PURPOSE

The Youth Service Award Program is designed to involve youth groups in Oregon State Parks, and give them tangible volunteer experience and recognition for their efforts.



PARTICIPANTS

- ❖ Must be between the ages of 8-18.
- ❖ Can receive up to 8 hours on their scorecard by participating in SOLV beach and riverside clean up.
- ❖ Group representatives must meet with a park staff member to receive a volunteer assignment.
- ❖ Must be ready to have fun!

STEPS

1.

Each group member must obtain a volunteer score card. These can be acquired by calling 1-877-225-9803, or by contacting the park of your choice.

2.

Your group representative will meet with a park staff member to receive a work assignment.

3.

Complete 25 hours of service work. Every time your group volunteers, record the length of time on the score card and obtain a park staff member's initials.

4.

After 25 hours, each group member sends the completed time card to OPRD to receive individual and group awards.

TASKS

Although specific tasks depend on what the park needs done, here is list of typical tasks. Contact the park of your groups' choice for specific projects the park needs completed.

- ❖ SOLV beach and riverside clean ups.
- ❖ Repair and refinish tables, benches and signs.



- ❖ Restore streams.
- ❖ Assist with recycling efforts.
- ❖ Construct or re-grade trails; wild life refuge improvement projects.
- ❖ Restore native plant and vegetation.