

Hillsboro 2020 Volunteer Opportunity Descriptions

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City of Hillsboro

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) (44.1): Teaches you to organize your neighborhood to get through the first 72 hours of a disaster when the Fire Department and ambulance may not be able to reach you due to overwhelming calls for service or road damage. Skills learned include: disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medicine, light search & rescue, disaster psychology and team organization. The 24 hours of training culminates in a disaster simulation, which requires you to put all of your new skills to work. Follow-on and refresher training is also offered, as well as a website and newsletter. www.HillsboroCERT.org



Community Gardener (17.5): Gardeners are recruited annually to fill plots at the Calvary Lutheran Church Community Gardens. Gardeners meet monthly to discuss garden happenings and work together to perform necessary garden maintenance.

Community Outreach (11.1): Volunteerism information can be put together, distributed and/or presented to individuals and groups to inform the public about the benefits and importance of volunteerism and community service.

Cultural Arts Volunteers (38.1): Volunteers are recruited on an ongoing basis at the Glenn & Viola Cultural Arts Center. Volunteers are needed to usher concerts and gallery openings, and to assist instructors in classrooms. There are also special events throughout the year that require volunteer assistance.

Park Beautification (11.2, 24.1): This opportunity gives volunteers a chance to help enhance our parks system. Beautification encompasses trail grooming, flower and tree plantings, landscaping, and overall habitat enhancement. Opportunities are available to individual and groups and can be tailored to meet volunteer's goals. Annual Tree for All and SOLV events are scheduled in various parks throughout Hillsboro. Volunteers help remove invasive species and plant native trees along water ways and trails to help enhance both habitat and water quality.

Park Patrol (25.4): Volunteers can assist park staff in keeping the parks clean and safe. Park clean ups are often scheduled in conjunction with SOLV events or can be scheduled as needed.

Police (42.4): Volunteerism provides a great opportunity for citizens to become involved in their community. It provides volunteers a new purpose to look forward to each time they donate time to their favorite cause. Many people meet new friends and gain experiences. Positions available: Crime Prevention Assistant; Office Assistant; Mediator; Police Reserve Specialist; Buddy Bear Assistant; Traffic Safety Assistant; Special Events Assistant; McGruff House; Code Enforcement; Bicycle Safety; Graffiti Removal.

Recreation Aides (36.1): Volunteers are recruited as classroom assistants and assistant coaches to help out with after-school sports and BLAST programs in local middle and elementary schools.

Regreso a La Escuela/Back to School Event (6.2): This event is held in August at M&M Swapmeet. Local organizations provide information to the community, food and music are provided. Families receive free school supplies. The Economic Development Partnership needs help the day of event for set-up and breakdown, handing out supplies and other general help.

Washington Co. Amateur Radio Emergency Services (44.1): Uses FCC-licensed amateur radio operators to provide emergency communications for Washington County government, incorporated cities, special service districts (schools, fire departments, water districts, etc.), utilities and hospitals during a disaster. Members attend monthly meetings and participate in weekly on-the-air networks, monthly training classes and quarterly exercises. Also provides communications to CERT and supports first responders during community events.

Essential Health Clinic

Medical Professionals (41.2): We are currently recruiting MD, PA-C, NP and RN licensed professionals to work at our free urgent care clinics serving the uninsured. Clinics operate three evenings a week, only 3-hour commitment necessary. Commitment levels vary. Come be a part of a great thing providing urgent healthcare to those who have the most need.

Office Support (42.4): We are looking for dependable volunteers willing to help with filing, sorting, check-in of patients and other jobs associated with the operation of a free urgent care clinic. Commitment levels vary. Come be a part of a dynamic team.

Interpreters (41.0, 41.2): We are looking for bilingual volunteers wanting to make a difference. Help uninsured patients' fill-out paperwork and communicate their medical needs. Knowledge of medical terminology helpful, but not required.

Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club

After School Program Volunteer (47.2): There are endless opportunities with this program: everything from assisting youth with their homework, to sharing your passion for art, to being a sports coach. There are opportunities available for everyone.

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

Administration Help (1.2): Possible opportunities include: 1) preparation of relocation packets, 2) development of calendar of events and other administrative projects as required at the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. Days and hours vary depending on monthly activities and requirements.

Mainstreet Madness 3on3 Basketball Tournament (6.2): Saturday, August 2 & Sunday, August 3, 2008 – Various volunteer opportunities include: set-up/tear down, team registration, beverage service, volunteer tent, souvenirs/information, scorekeepers, Kidz Kourt and floaters.

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Showtime at Shute (6.2): Volunteer to help at the informational table on Thursday evenings during Showtime at Shute in July and August.

Director, Musical Instrument Donation Program: Find musical instruments that will be donated to Hillsboro Community Arts to, in turn, be loaned to music students of schools in the Hillsboro community for use by students in need.



Hillsboro Public Library

International Story Time (35.1): Foreign language story times are offered on Saturdays and Sundays at the new Main Library. Volunteers fluent in a variety of languages and in English are needed. Training is provided.

Jackson Bottom Wetlands

Demonstration Garden Landscaper (23.5): This involves working on a team to create and maintain one of several Demonstration Gardens around the Wetlands Education Center. Think about making a Butterfly and Bee Garden with colorful flowers, a Sensory Trail with good-smelling and touchable plants, an Arboretum with conifers and deciduous trees, or a Reptile Garden with drier plants. If you like to work outside designing gardens, planting natives, taking out weeds and watching those plants grow, this is the volunteer job for you. We have tools and will help you get started. Every third Saturday of the month there will be a workday with staff. Other wise, we will customize the schedule as volunteers sign up.

Education Assistant (23.5): This involves Outdoor Field Programs at the Preserve and Indoor Traveling Programs at Schools. Field and Traveling Programs such as science inquiry, Biodiversity, Riparian Forests, Birds Sensory Fun, Beavers, Skull ID, Ethnobotany, Macroinvertebrates, Designs in Nature, and Amazing Amphibians cover different age groups in the K-8th range. All programs are fun and hands-on with lots of great tools and activities. Full training is provided. Liking kids, being reliable, having transportation, and teamwork with staff are musts. These programs are Monday through Friday, 8am-2pm throughout the school year. A background check is required.

Events Assistant (6.2): Assist the Development Director with Event Coordination, creation of brochures and general public relations.

K-6 Education Assistant (23.5): Assist staff in teaching field-based and traveling education programs about plants, animals, soil and water. You will receive training on all programs. Programs are scheduled Tuesday through Friday 8am-2pm. You are asked to commit to at least three programs per month during the spring field sessions. Must be outside, like to work with children and have an interest in science and natural history.

Wetlands Education Center Guides (23.5): Assist indoor visitors at the Wetlands Education Center. Duties include greeting, helping with maps and nature exhibits, selling nature store items and setting up spotting scopes for bird-watching. Guides must be 18 or older, friendly and able to talk to people of all ages. Knowledge of nature is a plus. Shifts at 3hrs/wk or substitutes as needed. Center hours are 10am-4pm, seven days a week.

Wetlands Monitoring Assistant (23.5): Assist the Wetlands Monitoring Specialist with cleaning and calibrating water quality equipment, which resides in the pond and river. Also, learn to adjust the remote camera for wildlife monitoring.

Oregon International Airshow-Hillsboro

Variety of Volunteer Opportunities (6.2): Assignments are made to a variety of volunteer opportunities. They may include Administrative, Event set up and take down, Concessions, Reserve Seating, Admissions & Security, Ground Operations and Hospitality. The Air Show is scheduled for August 8-10, 2008. Sign up online at www.oregonairshow.com.

SOLV

Down by the Riverside (22.2): Statewide waterway beautification and enhancement days at the end of May.

Education Department (22.2): Statewide resources including grants for teachers and schools.

Oregon Adopt-A-River (22.2): Adopt a two-mile stretch of waterway for two years with two activities per year.

Project Oregon (22.2): Statewide grants available for community projects.

Restoration at Evergreen Corporate Park (22.2, 23.1, 23.4): Volunteers will remove invasive species such as blackberry and plant native trees and shrubs.

SOLV It (22.2): Community wide clean-up and restoration day at the end of April.

Team up for Watershed Health (22.2): Urban stream restoration.

Tree for All (22.2): Volunteer groups to assist with trail grooming in all Hillsboro City Parks. Trail grooming consists of spreading woodchips on trails, invasive plant removal, and some litter and weed removal. The Parks Department will provide raking and tools.

Volunteer Action Training (22.2): Become trained on how to run a community project.

Washington Co. Clean + Green (22.2): County wide clean-up and restoration day in mid-October.

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Washington County Fair Complex

Variety of Volunteer Opportunities (6.2): Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs during the Washington County Fair which will be held July 24-27, 2008. Volunteer groups can help selling admission tickets plus a variety of other opportunities. Also needed for this years fair is an Arts & Crafts Superintendent volunteer and a Land Products Superintendent volunteer.



Westside Transportation Alliance

Promote an auto trip reduction program at the workplace (14.1): Be the contact person at your workplace to promote the Carefree Commuter Challenge in July, 2008. Usually the contact person knows transit, biking or carpooling and can speak positively about the benefits of driving less. The planning and promotion begins in May. The event is during the month of July. Awards and drawings are held during August. Responsibilities include: attending one introduction meeting during work time in May (if possible); forwarding email messages from the WTA to employees; putting up posters; planning other onsite encouragement activities when possible; and generally being the go-to person for the event.