

**PGE
Volunteer**



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Volunteer Power is published monthly to highlight PGE-sponsored volunteer opportunities. For additional volunteer activities or to sign up, check the Volunteer Power Tool at easymatch.com/pgvevp.



Spring Into Action at one of PGE's volunteer events or record your personal hours and be entered to win some fabulous prizes, including an over night stay in Astoria and a Traeger BBQ!

Sign up for these and other volunteer events on the Volunteer Power Tool at Easymatch.com/pgvevp.

HAVE FUN WITH FAMILY BUILDING BLOCKS-FEB 20!

Volunteers are needed between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to file documents and paint a small closet for this Salem non-profit. All supplies will be provided. Sign up to help on the Volunteer Power Tool or contact Kathy Saunders with questions.

BUILD A HOUSE IN SALEM WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-FEB. 20

Use your construction skills or learn new ones! No matter what your level of skill, you'll be put to work - even if you've never picked up a hammer before. The project starts at 8 a.m. and ends about noon. Sign up on the Volunteer Power Tool or contact Kathy Saunders, 503-463-6171 with questions.

TAKE CALLS FOR OPB TV PLEDGE DRIVE-MARCH 4

Support OPB by answering phones for its Winter pledge drive! Arrive at 7:10 p.m. for thorough training and then enjoy an interesting and rewarding evening taking pledge calls from members of the OPB TV audience.

The program to be broadcast is Change your Brain with Dr. Amen. Sign up on the Volunteer Power Tool or contact Terry Clelen, 503-464-2428 with questions.

TRY SMART-MARCH 5

Join Bruce Carpenter, Vice President, Transmission & Distribution Support and experience how fun, easy and rewarding it is to volunteer for the SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) program! On Friday, March 5, between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., PGE volunteers can read with a student at Chief Joseph Elementary School in North Portland, learn more about the SMART program and what it's like to volunteer - and with absolutely no further obligation.

Slots for 20 volunteers are available for this one-time opportunity where you'll see what its like inside a neighborhood elementary school, meet the principal and then spend 30 minutes reading with a child just as you would as a SMART reading partner.

You'll also experience just how enjoyable it can be in a relaxed setting with a child and a good book.

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Sign up on the Volunteer Power Tool or contact Terry Clelen, 503.464.2428 with questions.

DIG IN WITH FRIENDS OF TREES – MARCH 13

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to take part in this natural area tree planting in Forest Park, as part of the City of Portland's Green Space Initiative. All tools and training are provided and no previous planting experience is necessary. This is a great family activity that literally lasts a lifetime. Meet at Forest Park at 8:45 a.m. The project will begin at 9 a.m. and wrap up about 1 p.m.

Sign up on the Volunteer Power Tool or contact Terry Clelen with questions.

REMOVE IVY IN FOREST PARK- MARCH 20

Help restore a portion of Forest Park, our Nation's largest urban park, in an area adjacent to the Pittock Mansion on a magnificent hilltop in NW Portland.

PGE is proud to sponsor this Forest Park Conservancy's Day of Stewardship on Saturday, March 20 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Volunteers will be doing what Forest Park needs most - removing invasive ivy to make room for native plants to grow.

Volunteers of all abilities and all ages are welcome, so bring your family, enjoy the great outdoors and make a difference in our community. Lunch will be provided! Sign up on the Volunteer Power Tool. This is a family-friendly event!

HELP HOST PLANET KIDS AT THE BETTER LIVING SHOW-MARCH 26, 27 AND 28

Planet Kids our booth at the Better Living Show, will be chocked full of fun, kids activities between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and until 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 26-28 at the Portland Expo Center.

Activities include greeting guests, applying "tatoos", dressing as Larry the Lightbulb and escorting Larry, staffing the coloring table and rubbing boards and our "Spin & Win" game.

Sign up on the Volunteer Power Tool for the day and shift you prefer.

The event is free, so plan to come a little early or stay a little late to enjoy the hundreds of exhibitors on site, helping us all find a way to better living.

SERVE A HOT MEAL TO YOUTH IN TRANSITION – MARCH 28, APRIL 25, MAY 23.

Transitional Youth provides hope and assistance to homeless youth in the Portland Area. Six to eight PGE volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean up dinner, supplied by the organization and Oregon Food Bank, on the fourth Sunday of each month beginning March 28.

Training is required on March 27 between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Portland First Baptist Church, 909 SW 11th in Portland. Transitional Youth's goal is to help these youth get off the streets and into a better way of life. TY served 13,449 hot meals to these youth in 2009. This project would provide and exceptional team experience. Sign up on the Volunteer Power Tool or contact Terry Clelen with questions.

GROOM BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S BOOK BANK – APRIL 3



Spend two leisurely hours between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, mending, sorting and bundling books for distribution to children who wouldn't otherwise have books of their own at home.

Just 15 volunteers fit into the workspace of this relatively new nonprofit, so sign up early!

To volunteer, sign up on the Volunteer Power Tool, for more information about Children's Book Bank, visit childrensbookbank.org.



SHOP WITH TEACHERS AT SCHOOLHOUSE SUPPLIES - APRIL 8



Help unpack donated items, stock the shelves and help teachers shop for classroom supplies at this free store for teachers!

This is a great project for a team or department of volunteers. Volunteer for this Thursday activity on the Volunteer Power Tool or schedule one of your own by calling Lydia at 503-249-9933.

SOLV IT AT JACKSON BOTTOM WETLANDS – APRIL 17



Join PGE VP Joe McArthur and other PGE officers at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve in Hillsboro to wrap up our Spring Into Action campaign and celebrate Joe's retirement.

This will be our 4th project at the Preserve, so you'll want to come see the lasting influence PGE volunteers have had in this serene wildlife refuge.

PGE employees, their families and friends will install raptor perches and plant signs, groom trails, cut and bundle willow starts and enjoy the beautiful wetlands that we've helped create and maintain.

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Tasks vary between "tame" and "tough" and all tools and detailed instructions will be provided.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and projects begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with lunch and a special tribute to VP Joe McArthur.

SOLV SPRING BEACH CLEAN UP IS MARCH 20

Sign up on the Volunteer Power Tool, then visit the Oregon beach of your choice, sign in with SOLV volunteers, enjoy cleaning the beach and then record your hours in the Volunteer Power Tool! Enjoy!

BECOME A HEART WALK TEAM CAPTAIN!

The American Heart Walk is May 22 and team captains are needed NOW to create their teams and prepare for the walk. Team captain training will take place at the AHA offices on Wednesday, March 3 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. when you can learn about the recent successes of the American Heart Association, details of the walk, see the hub of where it happens, pick up your team captain information packet, ask questions about how to be a successful team captain and enjoy red wine and chocolate! Sign up as a team captain or join an existing team at portlandheartwalk.kintera.org. Contact Terry Clelen at 503-464-2428 with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR REACH THE BEACH, MAY 17!

Volunteers are needed to help register and greet riders and help serve lunch and fill water bottles at PGE's sponsored site in Grand Ronde. Volunteer for the shift of your choice at easymatch.com/pgevp!

Record your volunteer hours

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