



August/September 2010

Sign up for the following volunteer events — and find details on other upcoming events — on the PGE Volunteer Power Tool, www.easymatch.com/PGEVP

Support our Back-to-School Supply Drive — Aug. 2 - 31

The first day of school will be here before you know it, and now more than ever, students need our help. PGE's Back-to-School Supply Drive kicks off on Monday, Aug. 2, and runs through Tuesday, Aug. 31.



Donation barrels will be located at various worksites to make it easy to pick up an extra pack of pencils or paper next time you go shopping and drop them in a collection barrel. Other essential supplies needed are crayons, erasers, glue sticks, markers and scissors. These items can be found on sale now at several area stores.

Supplies collected at Portland locations are donated to Schoolhouse Supplies, a free store for teachers in the Portland Public Schools district. Supplies collected at other locations will be donated to school districts in those areas.

Contact Rachel DeRosia, 503-464-8599, if you want supply collection materials for your worksite. You can also send supplies by interoffice mail to Supply Drive, 1WTC0303.

Tualatin Crawfish Parade and Festival — Aug. 14



Show your community spirit at the annual Tualatin Crawfish Festival Parade on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. PGE's Plug-in Electric vehicle will serve as our parade entry while our human-powered electric-charging stations wave to the crowd. This homespun, hometown parade is a community highlight in the Tualatin area.

Volunteers are also needed to staff our electric vehicle at the Crawfish Festival. Sign up for the afternoon shift to be part of this activity. Training will be provided.

Multnomah Days Parade — Aug. 21

Multnomah Village in Southwest Portland is proud to close its "main street" and celebrate Multnomah Days on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Multnomah Village Business Association organizes the event with the help of sponsors like PGE. Be part of the "Biggest Little" parade. Simply walk, bike or bus on over to enjoy a full day of fun. The day is centered around the 10 o'clock parade, which lasts about an hour. The parade is only six blocks long on Capitol Highway through the center of the Village.

PGE volunteers will walk alongside our plug-in hybrid vehicle and a select few will wear electric-vehicle charging station costumes, carry our banner and throw candy to the crowd.



Our volunteers make a difference

PGE volunteers turned out on July 14 at Oregon Food Bank in spite of the beautiful weather to repack food donations that had been received earlier in the month at the Waterfront Blues Festival.

Thirty-six volunteers packed **22,915 pounds** non-perishable food, which means they will put **17,627 meals** on the tables of needy families throughout Oregon.

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming Oregon Food Bank events:

- Sept. 30
- Oct. 19

Salvation Army's Picnic on Hawthorne Bridge — Aug. 7

More than 200 volunteers are needed to help The Salvation Army "Bridge the Gap of Hunger" with a picnic on the Hawthorne Bridge on Saturday, Aug. 7. Crews are needed for set-up as early as 3 a.m., for tear-down until 7 p.m., and for everything in between. Tasks include greeters, security, parking directors, food collectors, ticket takers, and much, much more.

For additional information, contact Constance Grecco at Salvation Army at 503-239-1205 or at constance.grecco@usw.salvationarmy.org.

Volunteer for the 10th Street Block Party — Aug. 14

Former State Sen. Margaret Carter, State Sen. Chip Shields, and Rep. Lew Fredrick are this year's hosts for the 10th Street Annual Block Party. With an annual budget of more than \$25,000 and sponsors including Nike, Safeway, Widmer Brothers, the National Guard, OnPoint Credit Union and many more local and national organizations, the 10th Street Block Party has grown into one of Portland's premier cultural events.

Thousands of participants are expected this year, with special guests ranging from elected officials, Portland Trailblazer personnel, community and business leaders and renowned entertainers, the 10th Street Block Party is an opportunity to meet your community leaders in a safe, kid-friendly, and festive atmosphere. Volunteers are asked to serve at least two 2-hour shifts throughout the day. All levels of abilities are welcome to join and participate.

Swim into fall as a Salmon Watch instructor

Salmon Watch is an award-winning education program that centers on streamside field trips to view spawning salmon. You don't need to be an expert in water education to volunteer — all you need is a desire to learn and a passion for teaching and being outside!



Adult volunteers attend a free half-day training workshop in August or September to learn more about water quality, aquatic insects, riparian zones and working with kids.

In the fall, you'll become "o-fish-ial" volunteer instructors after which you'll share your knowledge with middle- and high-school students on a weekday field trip. Field trips usually begin around 9 a.m. and conclude between 1 and 2 p.m. Travel time to field trip sites averages an hour. Visit TheFreshwaterTrust.org to learn more about the Freshwater Trust, training dates, times and locations.

SOLV Fall Beach Cleanup — Sept. 25



Please join Jim Piro, PGE President and CEO the annual SOLV Fall Beach Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 25, at Fort Stevens State Park near Astoria. Groups of PGE volunteers will pick up trash along the beaches, trim trails, plant trees and cut scotch broom.

**Stay tuned for this year's
Employee Giving Campaign — Sept. 20 - Oct. 8
It's going to be a Buck-a-roo!**

Looking for a team-building event that's fun?

If you're looking for a great team-building event, now's the time to schedule your team to shop, cook and serve supper at Transitions Projects.

Eight to 10 volunteers purchase food to prepare and serve dinner to residents of Clark Center, a 90-bed transitional housing facility, located on NE MLK Boulevard, for men working toward getting back on their feet.

Cost to volunteers for food is about \$25, depending on the menu you select. Recipes are provided online at transitionprojects.org. Contact Emily, 503-823-4926, ext. 4, to volunteer your group.

Remember to record your hours on the Volunteer Power Tool for your team projects! Look for additional team-building opportunities on the **Volunteer Power Tool**.

For more information about the Volunteer Power Tool or volunteering opportunities, contact [Terry Clelen](mailto:Terry.Clelen@pge.com), 503-464-2428, with questions.

If you need a Volunteer Power T-shirt, contact [Paige Haxton](mailto:Paige.Haxton@pge.com), 503-464-7618.