



August — September 2011

Sign up to volunteer for all of these PGE-sponsored events and more on PGE Volunteer Power Tool at EasyMatch.com/PGEVP.

Support the Back-to-School Supply Drive — Aug. 1 – 31

Help students get off on the right foot for the new school year by donating school supplies for students in need.



You'll find donation barrels at various worksites. Essential supplies needed: crayons, erasers, glue sticks, markers and scissors. Remember: Supplies collected in the Portland area are donated to Schoolhouse Supplies, a free store for teachers in the Portland Public Schools district, and supplies collected at other locations will be donated to school districts in those areas.

Contact Rachel DeRosia (Rachel.DeRosia@pgn.com or 503-464-8599) if you would like supply collection materials for your worksite. You can also send supplies by interoffice mail to Supply Drive, 1WTC0303.

Plug in Hazard Hamlet in Salem – Aug. 6

Teach kids about electrical safety with Hazard Hamlet, PGE's amusing and interactive display, at the Family Building Blocks Family Festival. This annual safety fair is put on by Family Building Blocks, which educates the community on health and safety issues crucial for children and parents.

Participants include such organizations as the Humane Society on animal safety, Salem Fire Department on fire safety, LifeSource Natural Foods on healthy eating habits, Salem Public Library on literacy, and, of course, Molar Man from Oak Park Dental.

Volunteer at Oregon Food Bank — Aug. 11

GALE Force invites members from all PGE diversity networks to enjoy an evening of fun, rewarding work at Oregon Food Bank. PGE volunteers have contributed hundreds of hours at the food bank during the past few years and have put tons of food on the table of thousands of Oregonians. There is a job for every age and ability, and this is an exceptional experience for first-time volunteers and for students who need community service hours. We'll meet at 6 p.m. and wrap up by 8 p.m.



Who mentored you?

Most people can point to an influential adult in their lives who helped them become successful. Whether that person is a family member, friend or teacher, most people can identify those individuals who cared about them enough to offer support at critical stages in their lives. Many children aren't born with natural mentors, but there are almost 100 programs in the state of Oregon matching these youth with caring volunteers. Visit OregonMentors.org/Programs/search/ to complete a quick survey to find a program right for you or call 503-517-8990.

Start making a reader today with SMART

— We can all agree that a literate and educated workforce is necessary for Oregon's independent spirit to thrive, for businesses to grow and to attract new businesses to our state. When you join SMART (Start Making a Reader Today), you make a difference in the lives of students in grades K through 3 who struggle to read by reading one-on-one with them for an hour each week. By

Tualatin Crawfish Festival — Aug. 13

Sign up for the first shift and plan to walk, wave and smile in this annual fun-filled parade, part of the Tualatin Crawfish Festival. Our electric vehicle and human charging stations will grace this short parade through downtown Tualatin. Or, sign up for one of the later shifts, and show off our new LEAF electric vehicle to festival-goers. A brief training session about the EV will be held prior to the event, and information will be available to make answering questions easy and fun. Parade volunteers are needed 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and festival volunteers are needed in shifts between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Volunteers get in free!



doing so, you impact Oregon's future.

The SMART program is celebrating 20 years serving schools in Benton, Clackamas, Deschutes, Jefferson, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington and Yamhill counties. To learn more or sign up, visit GetSMARTOregon.org.

Multnomah Days Parade — Aug. 20

Multnomah Village is proud to close its main street and celebrate Multnomah Days on Saturday, Aug. 20. The Multnomah Village Business Association organizes this event with help from sponsors like PGE. Be part of the "biggest little" parade, which starts at 10 a.m. and lasts about an hour. The parade is just six blocks long, and runs on Capitol Highway through the center of the village.

PGE volunteers will walk alongside our electric vehicle, and a select few can wear EV charging station costumes, carry our banner and throw candy to the crowd. Plan to make a day of it and check out the booths after the parade. More than 60 vendors will line the streets showcasing art, food, crafts and merchandise. This is a free event.

Contact Terry Clelen (Terry.Clelen@pgn.com or 503-464-2428) with questions or if you'd like to carpool to Chief Joseph School in North Portland at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

SMART programs typically run mid-October through mid-May.

Westside Oregon Food Bank — Aug. 25

It's Network Night at the Westside Oregon Food Bank. Enjoy an evening of fun, rewarding work at the food bank's Beaverton location. We'll work in the Perishable Repack Room (50 degrees) so wear layers to stay warm. Parking is very limited, so please carpool if possible. We'll meet at 6 p.m. and wrap up by 8 p.m.

SOLV Beach and Riverside Cleanup — Sept. 17



Mark your calendar now and plan to join the fun at the annual SOLV Beach and Riverside Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Fort Stevens State Park near Astoria. Register between 8:30 and 9 a.m. Projects begin at 9 a.m. after a safety briefing and group photo, and lunch will be served around noon. Bring the whole family — we'll have something for every age and ability to do!



For information about the PGE Volunteer Power Tool or volunteer opportunities, contact Terry Clelen, 503-464-2428.

**Stay tuned for this year's
Employee Giving Campaign — Sept. 26 – Oct. 14
It's going to be a BUCK-a-roo 2!**

If you need a Volunteer Power T-shirt, contact Paige Haxton, 503-464-7618.