



July — August 2011

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

Be Part of our Forest Park Day of Service — July 9

PGE is collaborating with Vestas volunteers to groom trails, remove invasive plants and pick up trash on Saturday, July 9, in Forest Park. Please plan to join us and spend a few hours enhancing the health of our beautiful Forest Park, the largest urban forest in the United States. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m., the project begins at 9 a.m. and a delicious barbecue lunch is served at noon! Space is limited, so sign up soon! No special tools or experience are necessary.

Help with the Artful Giving Blanket Concert — July 16

Be part of a wonderful day of music and art at the home of Junki and Linda Yoshida, located in Troutdale. This unique fundraising event benefits the Portland Providence Cancer Center. You can volunteer in a variety of ways such as: set up, registration, chef assistant, greeters and many others. Or, if you're interested in purchasing tickets to attend the event, contact Linda Read at 503-464-7892.

Lend a hand at Lineman Rodeo — July 23

For a guaranteed fun-filled day, volunteer at this year's Pacific Northwest Lineman Rodeo, Saturday, July 23, at the Linneman Substation, 3490 W. Powell Loop, Gresham. Volunteers are needed in two shifts — 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12 to 4 p.m. — for a variety of tasks, such as helping with the women's pole climb and baker board, running results between the events and the scorekeepers and selling commemorative T-shirts and other memorabilia.

Just for helping out, all volunteers receive a complimentary 2011 rodeo T-shirt! This event is fun, exciting and gives you a glimpse into what our linemen do every day!

Celebrate Hillsboro — July 23

If you enjoy talking with people, "Celebrate Hillsboro," a free, outdoor sustainability fair, may be the volunteer opportunity you've been looking for! A crowd of 15,000 is expected to attend the event, and we want all festival-goers to learn about our new electric fleet vehicles. Our LEAF will be on hand along with dozens of other sustainable lifestyle exhibits for the public to peruse. Pairs of volunteers are needed to hand out materials and answer basic questions (we'll make sure you know the answers to the most frequently asked questions) about the LEAF in shifts throughout the day.

Apply for a Community Service Grant by July 31!

Whether you coach a youth sports team (like football or softball), deliver meals, read with kids, serve on a board or fundraise for your favorite nonprofit or school, you might qualify for a Community Service Grant!!

We know that PGE volunteers greatly impact our communities. As a way to support and thank you for your efforts, Community Service Grants are now available!

If you've been recording your volunteer hours in the PGE Volunteer Power Tool, you may already qualify to receive up to \$500 for the nonprofit organizations or school where you volunteer.

All you need is 16 hours of community service recorded in the Volunteer Power Tool within the last 12 months to request a grant.

You can apply for a Community Service Grant for every organization that meets the guidelines and where you volunteer and record the minimum number of hours.

Volunteer with GALE Force at Oregon Food Bank – Aug. 11

GALE Force invites members from all diversity networks to enjoy an evening of fun and 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 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.

Tualatin Crawfish Festival – August 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 the festival volunteers are needed in shifts between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Volunteers get in FREE!

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 the event with the help of sponsors like PGE. Be part of the "Biggest Little" parade, which starts at 10 a.m. and 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 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 following the parade. More than 60 vendors will line the streets showcasing art, food, crafts and merchandise. This is a free event!

Network night at the Westside Oregon Food Bank – Aug. 25

Enjoy an evening of fun and rewarding work at the Beaverton location of the Oregon Food Bank. 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.

Who mentored you?

Most people can point to that influential adult in their lives who helped them become successful. Whether it's a family member, friend or teacher, most people can identify those people 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 that match these youth with caring volunteers. Visit oregonmentors.org/programs/search/ to complete a quick survey to find a program that's right for you or give them a call at 503-517-8990.



The deadline to submit applications for our first round of Community Service Grants is July 31, so you'll want to record your hours now for all of 2011 to be eligible.

Have questions or need help entering your hours in the [PGE Volunteer Power Tool](#)? Contact [Terry Clelen](#) at 503-464-2428.



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

If you need a Volunteer Power T-shirt, contact [Paige Haxton](#), 503-464-7618.