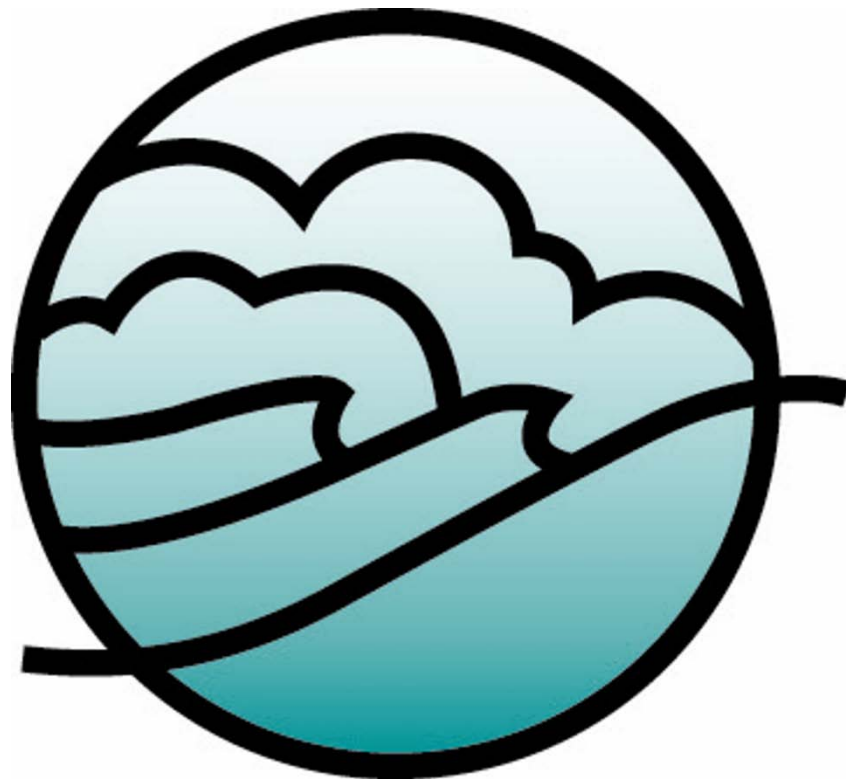


Oregon Coast Aquarium



Youth Volunteer Program

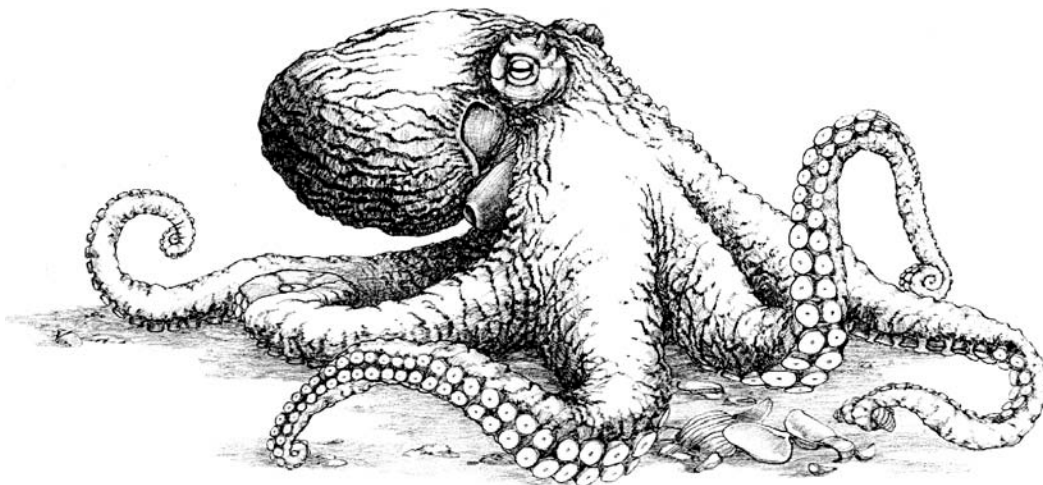
Summer 2010 Application

Oregon Coast Aquarium Youth Volunteer Program

How does a sea star eat? What does a bat ray's jaw look like? How do you tell a seal and a sea lion apart? These are only a few of the questions the Oregon Coast Aquarium youth volunteers are able to answer. Using natural history objects such as shark jaws and sea otter fur, teens entering 9th grade – 12th grade help dispel some of the common misconceptions about sharks and teach Aquarium visitors about marine mammals, seabirds, and marine invertebrates. Youths also get the chance to participate in other activities at the Aquarium, including volunteering at special Aquarium events, interacting with Aquarium staff and adult volunteers, field trips, social programs, animal care responsibilities, and knowledge enrichment programs.

Youth volunteers spend 36 hours in training with education and animal husbandry staff to learn about the natural history of Oregon coast marine animals. Trainees also get to take a behind-the-scenes tour to learn what it takes to care for the animals. Once training is completed, youth volunteers commit to serving two 4.5 hour shifts a week during the summer from late June through the end of August. They are encouraged to continue during the school year where they have the opportunity to volunteer 8 hours per month working on a Team Project.








Youths participating in the program enjoy many benefits. The experience is fun, educational, and enables students to gain valuable work experience and references. Youth volunteers get discounts in the Aquarium gift shop and café, complimentary passes after every 100 hours of volunteering, the option of receiving 3 transferable college credits from the Oregon Coast Community College, and an Aquarium membership after volunteering 50 hours.



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Youth Volunteer Requirements

To become a youth volunteer you must:

-  Be in grades 9 – 12
(Entering into 9th grade – the summer after high school graduation)
-  Submit a completed application packet by **March 1, 2010.**
-  Ask two adults who are not related to you to fill out a recommendation form for you and send it to the youth program coordinator by **March 1, 2010.**
-  Attend an interview and if selected, pay a \$35 nonrefundable training fee. **Interviews will be March 15- 17 & March 20 – 25, 2010.**
-  Attend every day of training: **May 1, 8, 15, 22 & June 5, 12**
-  Have a parent or guardian attend a parent meeting on **June 12th**. If this is not possible, please contact the youth program coordinator to make other arrangements.
-  Commit to volunteering two, 4.5 hour shifts a week, from **June 30th 2010 through August 28th 2010.**
Days available to volunteer are Wednesday-Saturday.

For more information call
(541) 867-3474 ext 5312
or email tricia.ratliff@aquarium.org

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Youth Volunteer Program **Summer 2010 Timeline**

February 1- March 1
Applications accepted

March 15-17 & March 20- 25
Interviews

Last week of March
Letters of acceptance & final forms mailed out

April 10
Social event to meet new and returning volunteers

May 1
Tuition due

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & June 5, 12
New youth volunteer training

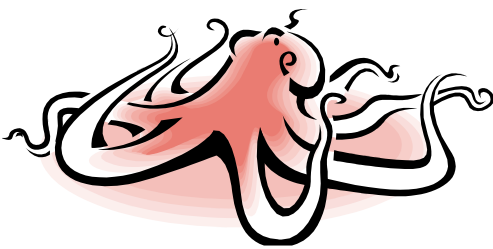
June 12
New youth volunteer parent meeting

June 30
First day of program

August 14
Youth volunteer sleepover

August 28
Last Day of Summer program

August 28
Volunteer recognition party



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SUMMER 2010

OREGON COAST AQUARIUM YOUTH VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Mail to: Tricia Ratliff, Youth Program Coordinator, Oregon Coast Aquarium,
2820 S.E. Ferry Slip Road, Newport, OR 97365
Phone: (541) 867-3474, ext. 5312



PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Contact Information

Applicant name: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell number: _(_____)_____ Home phone: _(_____)_____

Email address you check regularly: _____

Gender: M F Birthday: _____

High School name: _____ Grade you will be entering in the fall: _____

Name of Father/ Guardian: _____

Home address: _____
(If different from above)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell number: (_____)_____ Work phone: (_____)_____

Email address you check regularly: _____

Name of Mother/ Guardian: _____

Home address: _____
(If different from above)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell number: _(_____)_____ Work phone: _(_____)_____

Email address you check regularly: _____



Additional Opportunity & Signatures

There is an opportunity to receive college credit from the Oregon Coast Community College if training and volunteer hours are successfully completed and requirements are met. It is not a requirement to sign up to receive college credit, however it is an option. Please note that if you do wish to receive college credit the program fee becomes \$75 (\$35 program fee + \$40 college fee).

_____ I would like to receive college credit from Oregon Coast Community College. Please send me more information.

I am sending in my application complete with:

- _____ Contact information
- _____ Signatures
- _____ Application questions
- _____ Completed parent/ guardian recommendation

_____ I have asked **two** adults to fill out the reference worksheet. They have agreed to mail it to the youth program coordinator by the application deadline.

By applying to the program and signing below, I understand that I am . . .

1. Agreeing to be interviewed by a representative of the Aquarium. After this time I can decide to continue or drop from the program.
2. Required to pay a nonrefundable \$35 fee if I continue with the program;
3. Expected to complete all required training if I choose to continue; and
4. Expected to volunteer a minimum of two shifts per week for the summer and a total of a minimum of 64 hours.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent /Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Questions

Please answer these questions yourself. They will help us learn more about you.
Attach additional sheets if you need more space.

- (1) Why do you want to be a youth volunteer at the Aquarium? What do you expect or want from your Aquarium experience? What should the Aquarium expect from you?

- (2) What extra- curricular activities (hobbies, sports, groups etc.) do you participate in? (School and non-school related).

- (3) Describe any experience you have working with children, teaching others and public speaking.

- (4) Have you been involved in other volunteer activities before? If so, please describe.

- (5) Can you commit to volunteering two shifts (8 hours total) each week?

- (6) What is your favorite marine animal?

- (7) Who will be providing you transportation to and from the Aquarium?
Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Phone number: (_____)_____



Please complete by **MARCH 1st** and return to:

Youth Program Coordinator - Oregon Coast Aquarium
2820 SE Ferry Slip Road Newport, OR 97365

Applicant:

Put your name on this form and give it to an adult (not related to you) who you feel knows you best at least 2 weeks before the application deadline along with a stamped envelope addressed to the Aquarium. Ask them to mail it as soon as possible since their recommendation is needed to complete your application packet. Please remember to thank them for their help.

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We would appreciate your candid responses, which will be kept confidential. Your comments will aid us in selecting a committed group of teens. Thank you for your valuable time and assistance.

If you have any questions about the program, please call the program coordinator at 541.867.3474 ext. 5312

Applicant's name: _____

Adult's name: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

I recommend this applicant to the Youth Volunteer Program
(check one that represents your opinion)

With great enthusiasm With confidence With some confidence With reservation

Please fill out BOTH the reference & evaluation form



Evaluation

Based on your interactions, please rate the applicant on the following:

SCALE:

U= Unknown 1= Below average 2= Fair 3= Average 4=Good 5= Excellent 6= Outstanding

Oral communication skills	U	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Adaptability	U	1	2	3	4	5	6
Behavior in a group	U	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ability to follow directions	U	1	2	3	4	5	6

Do you know of any special interests, qualities, abilities or experience this applicant has which would be helpful for us to be aware of?

Adult's signature: _____

Date: _____



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Parent / Guardian Recommendation

To: Parent or Guardian of applicant

From: Tricia Ratliff, Youth Program Coordinator

We are pleased that your son or daughter is interested in becoming a youth volunteer at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. This is a position with a lot of responsibility and great rewards. This volunteer opportunity will be educational and enable your son or daughter to gain valuable experience. ***Please write below why you believe your teen would be a good member of our team.*** By signing the form, you give permission for _____ to participate in the Youth Volunteer Program. Thank you for your assistance.
Attach a sheet of paper if you need more space.

Signature of parent or guardian _____

I will be able to attend the parent meeting on June 12 in the late afternoon (exact time TBA)

I will not be able to attend the parent meeting and need to make other arrangements.

Please return with your son's or daughter's application