



**Who:** High School Students

**What:** Participate in summer volunteer program!  
Help “inspire the public to better understand, cherish and conserve marine and coastal ecosystems,” through becoming an Interpretive Naturalist!

**Where:** Oregon Coast Aquarium

**Why:**

- Learn about the marine environment
- Inspire conservation
- Enhance your resume & college applications
- Earn college credit & community service hours
- Make new friends
- Have Fun!

**When:** Volunteer two 4.5 hour shifts per week between June and August. Training is April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

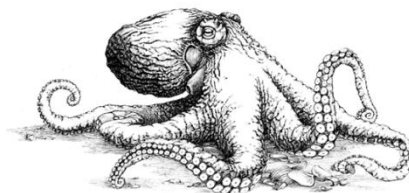
**How do I apply?**

Fill out an application:

<http://aquarium.org/support/volunteer>

Questions? Contact Youth Programs:

[volunteer@aquarium.org](mailto:volunteer@aquarium.org) or 541-867-3474 x5312





**Timeline:**

Spring: Training on 6 Saturdays in April and May In addition, there are socials for “Teen Volunteers Only,” with dates to be announced.

Summer: volunteer for interpretive shifts twice a week for 4.5 hours a day. Students also have a chance to participate in a variety of special events, field trips, social programs, basic animal care and interact with aquarium staff and volunteers.

Fall & Winter: If teens choose to continue, they can participate in a team project, typically committing to 8 hours per month

**How do I participate?**

1.) Complete an application and questionnaire. Make sure you and your parent or guardian sign application. Give references to **two** adults who are not relatives, but know you well (i.e. teacher, coach, group leader) and have them return the forms to the address below.

2.) Return completed application via mail or fax by **March 8, 2013** to:

**Oregon Coast Aquarium, Attn: Youth Programs**

**2820 SE Ferry Slip Road**

**Newport, OR 97365**

**Fax: 541-867-6846**

**Email: [volunteer@aquarium.org](mailto:volunteer@aquarium.org)**

3.) Once we have received the application, we will contact you to schedule an interview.

4.) After interviews are complete, we will contact you on whether you are accepted.

5.) Accepted volunteers attend a youth/parent orientation on **April 2, 2013** and bring program dues.

6.) Attend mandatory volunteer training sessions on **April 6, 13, 27, May 4, 11, and 18, 2013.**

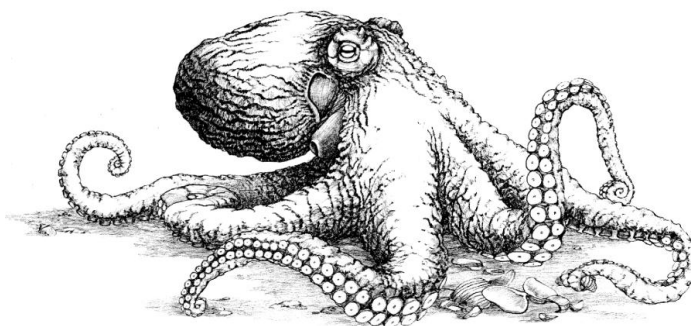
7.) Commit to volunteer two 4.5 hour shifts per week (this can be done on two separate days or together on a single day) from **June 22 –August 31, 2013**

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Please Print Legibly in **Blue** or **Black** Ink.

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you check email: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have internet access at home? \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Does your cell phone accept texts: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to contact you (please circle):    Home Phone    Cell Phone    Text    Email

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:    M    F

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Youth Volunteer Program?

- Former Youth Volunteer (who) \_\_\_\_\_
- Friend
- Teacher/adviser (Who) \_\_\_\_\_
- Aquarium Staff/Volunteer
- Aquarium Website
- Other

Do you have any foreseeable conflicts with the schedule?  Y  N    If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size:

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- XL

Do you qualify for free or reduced price lunch?

- Yes
- No

What days would you be interested in volunteering (check all days that apply, checking boxes does not necessarily mean you will work those days):

- M     T     W     TH     F     S     S
- Morning     Afternoon     All Day

Youth Volunteers will receive one t-shirt at the beginning of the program. If you like you may purchase additional t-shirts for \$10.

Would you like to purchase additional t-shirts? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_



**SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

Please answer these questions as they will help us learn more about you. Attach additional sheets if needed and print legibly in blue or black ink or type responses.

(1) Why do you want to be a youth volunteer at the Aquarium?

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(2) What do you expect or want from your Aquarium experience?

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(3) What should the Aquarium expect from you?

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(4) What extra- curricular activities (hobbies, sports, groups etc.) do you participate in?

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(5) Describe any experience you have working in a group, with children, teaching others and public speaking.

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

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(7) Describe how you see yourself as a leader and what leadership skills you want to gain.

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(8) What is your favorite marine animal and why?

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(9) Is there anything else about you that we should know when considering your application?

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(10) Who will be providing you transportation to and from the Aquarium?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, see our website at [www.aquarium.org](http://www.aquarium.org) or contact the Oregon Coast Aquarium:  
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There is an opportunity to receive college credit from the Oregon Coast Community College if **spring 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 \$80 (\$40 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

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 which if accepted into the program, I can decide to continue or drop from the program.
2. Required to pay a nonrefundable \$40 fee if I continue with the program;
3. Expected to complete all required training if I choose to continue; and
4. Expected to volunteer the required number of hours.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read over the application with my son or daughter and agree with their participation if they are accepted into the program. I understand that communication is primarily between the coordinator and my son/daughter and I will be notified when necessary or as I have requested. I will contact the Youth Programs Coordinator if I cannot attend the parent meeting and if I have any questions or concerns.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is proud of our diverse and inclusive programs. Consistent with our corporate non-discrimination policy and applicable laws, OCAq programs are open to everyone regardless of race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

As it is our goal to provide successful programs for all, what accommodations can we make to meet any medical or physical conditions that your participant might have? Attach additional paper if necessary.

Parent /Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_