



TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

Turtle Survey Volunteer

LOCATION: District Parks

REPORTS TO: Natural Resources Volunteer Coordinator, Park Ranger or Zone Manager

AGE REQUIREMENTS: Ages 16 and up

TIME COMMITMENT: A minimum of one hour daily, one day per week, from May 1 – August 1.

POSITION SUMMARY: Perform turtle surveys throughout District Parks and assistance with the management of invasive turtle species, when determined to be present.

BENEFITS:

- An opportunity to become familiar with the habitats and wildlife of local natural areas.
- Gain knowledge of the management issues and techniques for turtles in the Tualatin River basin.
- Obtain experience interacting with park patrons as a representative of the Park District.
- Receive training, support and guidance from District staff experienced in turtle management.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES (includes, but not limited to, the following):

- Perform terrestrial surveys for turtles in specified District Parks containing waterways/wetlands.
- Perform surveys according to Natural Resources Department protocols.
- Return survey paperwork to the assigned Park Ranger or Natural Resources Volunteer Coordinator at the Fanno Creek Service Center.
- Report all accidents/incidents immediately to your staff supervisor.
- Record volunteer hours in VIC Net, an online database portal for volunteers.
- Other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Training session is required.
- Must be able to walk up to two miles over rough terrain.
- CPR and first aid certification preferred, but not required.
- Must possess good communication skills and be a team player, however must be able to work well independently.

EXPECTATIONS:

- A willingness to learn how to identify turtles by sight and behavior.
- Attend ongoing trainings on turtle identification, if necessary.
- Each volunteer is expected to perform tasks that are within his/her physical capability.
- Understand that as a volunteer, he/she is a representative of the Park District and should act in a manner that promotes the Park District in a positive manner
- Each volunteer is expected to be timely and available to attend his/her scheduled shift. If you cannot attend your scheduled shift due to an emergency please contact your Supervisor.

BACKGROUND CHECK: A background check is required for applicants 18 years or older.

I.D. BADGE: A volunteer I.D. badge will be provided for this position.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Frequently exposed to noise, heat, sunlight, rain, wind, cold and slippery trails. Possible exposure to poison-oak, thorns, bees and steep surfaces. Position requires periods of walking, stooping and standing. Bending and stretching are required during normal activities.

APPLICATION INFORMATION: If you are interested in this position, submit a completed volunteer application at <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=905367309> and indicate in the notes section your interest in performing turtle surveys.