



Yakona Docent Program Descriptions

To Apply

Interested candidates should contact Rena Olson at rena@yakonaoregon.org. All docents are required to participate in an orientation training and attend bimonthly meetings.

Position Overview and Responsibilities - Yakona Access Docent

Under the direction of the Community Arts and Engagement Manager, the Yakona Access Docent will assist with public access to Yakona Nature Preserve.

- meet visitors at the gate and escort them in;
- provide guests with an orientation for visiting Yakona;
- guide them on nature and/or history walks on property trails;
- ensure visitors are safe and knowledgeable of the guidelines for visiting Yakona

Position Overview and Responsibilities - Yakona Habitat Docent

Under the direction of the Forest and Lands Manager, the Yakona Habitat Management Docent will assist with habitat management, restoration, and stewardship at Yakona Nature Preserve.

- meet volunteer groups at the gate and escort them in;
- provide visitors with an orientation to the property;
- obtain training in the use of tools and equipment;
- conduct all activities under the guidance of Yakona staff.

Position Overview and Responsibilities - Yakona Naturalist Docent

Under the direction of the Community Arts and Engagement Manager, the Yakona Naturalist Docent will assist with educational programs at Yakona Nature Preserve.

- meet school groups and other visitors at the gate and escort them in;
- provide students, teachers, and chaperones with an orientation to the property;
- obtain training in educational activities and behavior management techniques;
- oversee a group of children, leading them through educational programming;
- provide behavior management of children as appropriate;
- ensure visitors are safe and knowledgeable of the guidelines for visiting Yakona.

Youth Protection Policy

In accordance with Yakona's Safety Plan and Youth Protection Policy, fingerprint-based criminal history checks of all staff and docents are required if they work with youth. Yakona will be responsible for the fees associated with this requirement.

Organizational Background

Yakona Nature Preserve was created to restore, protect, and steward remnant spruce-dominated coastal rainforest on Oregon's Yaquina Bay. The Preserve is named for the Yaqo'n, original inhabitants of the land.

Additional Information

More information on Yakona Nature Preserve & Learning Center can be found at <https://yakonaoregon.org>

Vision

To honor the past and secure the future by inspiring the present through partnerships in education, stewardship, and preservation.

Mission

Yakona Nature Preserve is a living laboratory that serves to protect, preserve, and enhance the natural ecosystems and cultural history of Oregon's central coast spruce habitat and its wildlife through the arts, education, and stewardship.

Values

Habitat and Wildlife Protection; Education; Restoration and Stewardship; Partnerships; Sustainability; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement - JEDI

The effectiveness of Yakona Nature Preserve & Learning Center is enhanced when justice, equity, diversity, and inclusiveness are practiced and protected throughout our organizational governance, culture, and staffing. We are committed to leadership in and serving as a catalyst for promoting justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. The organization does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, military, genetic information, ancestry, marital status, age, citizenship, or any other basis prohibited by law in any of its policies, programs, or operations. We welcome everyone.

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DOCENT APPLICATION

Please fill out this form and return to Yakona Nature Preserve & Learning Center to receive consideration for a volunteer position. You may mail this form to our mailing address or attach it to an email to our Community Arts & Engagement Manager at rena@yakonaoregon.org. All information on this form will be kept confidential and will help us find the perfect volunteer project for you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you have a valid Oregon issued driver's license? Y / N

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

What days are you usually available: Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

How many days per month are you available? _____

Reason you'd like to volunteer with us: _____

Volunteer Skills, Experience & Knowledge: _____

Choose one (or more) of the programs that complement your skills and passion:

- Access** - assist with public access; guide visitors on nature walks on trails.
- Habitat Management** - assist with habitat management, restoration, and stewardship.
- Naturalist** - assist with educational programs and school groups.

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY

In accordance with Yakona’s Safety Plan and Youth Protection Policy, fingerprint-based criminal history checks of all staff and Naturalist docents are required. Yakona will be responsible for the fees associated with this requirement.

Do you consent to a fingerprint background check? Y / N

Covid Policy

Yakona Nature Preserve requires all employees and docents be fully vaccinated.

Are you fully vaccinated? Y / N

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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