



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

L.L. "Stub" Stewart Volunteer Awards Program

In 1991 Loren L. "Stub" Stewart was honored as an outstanding state park volunteer. His selfless work on behalf of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department continued over a span of more than 30 years. Through good times and not such good times, Stub was a champion for volunteer service and the OPRD mission. Stub died January 2, 2005, at the age of 93 but the difference he made and through his legacy continues to serve as the ultimate example of volunteer service and inspiration.

In 1992, Stub endowed a trust fund with the Oregon Community Foundation to help sponsor and support volunteer recognition at OPRD. At the 1992 Cooperative Association Conference at the Flying M Ranch, Stub bestowed the first set of awards. Since that time, this endowment program has continued to fund a volunteer recognition program which honors volunteers and OPRD staff participating in the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Cooperative Association Partnership Program.

Each biennium, together with our partners and staff, Oregon State Parks coordinates an educational and recognition conference. A part of every Cooperative Association conference is the recognition and celebration of individuals nominated for one of the L.L. "Stub" Stewart Awards. These awards are presented in honor of L.L. "Stub" Stewart and his commitment to volunteering. The L.L. "Stub" Stewart Volunteer Awards recognize individuals for their dedication, commitment and determination in promoting and supporting volunteerism at Oregon State Parks. This recognition inspires others to make a positive difference and strengthen Oregon State Parks.

NOMINATION DETAILS

DEADLINE: 2012-13 Nominations must be postmarked by **August 9, 2013.**

SUBMISSIONS: Nominations submitted by a current Cooperative Association member or staff, volunteer or park staff will be accepted. Please submit a separate nomination form for each nomination category. Submissions will be accepted in electronic and paper formats. Send submissions to Tammy Baumann by email at tammy.baumann@state.or.us, by mail to 725 Summer St. NE, Suite C, Salem OR 97301 or by fax at (503) 986-0792. Please note that supporting materials may not be returned.

EVALUATION: The evaluation committee will consist of former Stewart Award winner(s), park employees and Cooperative Association volunteers and staff.

CRITERIA: Nominations will be scored on a point scale ranging from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest). Points will be awarded for the overall impact of the individual's work within the association, the supported programs, store operations and/or special events and demonstrated collaboration between the Park and group. The nominee's impact on the success of the Co-op will be a significant factor in determining award finalists. Additionally, supporting details and sample materials will be awarded points.

NOTIFICATION TO NOMINEES: Nominees will be notified by letter no later than **August 30, 2013.** Finalists will be notified and invited along with one guest to attend the awards banquet as our guests.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: The Stub Stewart Awards Banquet is a very special part of the biennial Cooperative Association Conference and will be held at the **Mt. Vernon Community Center on Saturday, September 21, 2013.** Friends and families of the Award Nominees are encouraged to share in this special evening. We will honor all award nominees with recognition gifts and our award finalists will receive customized commemorative awards for each category.



AWARD CATEGORIES

Although true success is often achieved in the collective contributions of the many, there are those that rise to the exceptional; in character, in word, and in deed. It is in that spirit in which these award categories have been created. The categories have been designed to capture the diversity in which individuals serve and contribute to the success of our mutual goals and partnerships.

Beginning in 2013, some award categories have been revised and some newly added. The Leadership category, formerly to recognize the contributions of State Park staff has been revised to provide nominators with the ability to nominate those volunteers who chose to step into leadership positions and contribute to our mutual success from the front of the Association. The OPRD employee category has been renamed to the Partnership Award and reflects the contributions of an OPRD employee to the success of the partnership.

- ∂ **RISING STAR:** Nominees have provided exceptional volunteer service over a short period of time (no longer than 3 years). These nominees show great promise as a 'star of tomorrow.' Their recent service has benefited the activities of the Co-op and increased the group's capacity to provide interpretive programs or events.
- ∂ **LIFE SERVICE:** Nominees have provided exceptional volunteer service for at least eight years. Over this extended period of service, Nominees have made a significant impact on the overall program and/or development of the Cooperating Association or have helped to increase the capacity to support interpretive programs at the park location.
- ∂ **INSPIRATION:** Nominee provides volunteer service to the Association which has inspired others to join in, to give a greater effort or to become actively involved in the activities of the association. Nominees in this category may not be in leadership positions, but have really helped bring in new members, are volunteers who are always to be counted on for helping with events or projects. Who demonstrate to others what it is to be a sterling volunteer.
- ∂ **LEADERSHIP:** This award category represents those individuals who have stepped up to serve in leadership positions within their respective organizations. Leadership skills of the individual have made a significant impact on other volunteers/members, helped the group grow, stay on track, stay well organized, expanded the organization's ability to deliver on its mission, or through effective leadership, has helped navigate the partnership through challenges and difficult times.
- ∂ **PARTNERSHIP:** This award is for an **OPRD employee**, who endorses, supports, and works "cooperatively" on the mutual goals of the Cooperative Association and the park. This nominee demonstrates commitment to helping further the Association's impact on interpretive/educational programs and helps to provide clear vision and direction to the group. Nominee may be anyone in the department who has been a real supporter of your Association and sustaining a vital, collaborative partnership.