



Welcome!

Join us for NASPVA 2026 at the Hallmark Resort in
Newport, Oregon. Our theme is *Tides of Service:
Evolving Volunteer Programs Together*

This gathering is all about exploring how leadership, adaptability, and impact shape our volunteer programs. Like the tides, our work changes and flows - sometimes challenging, always moving us forward. We'll share ideas, celebrate successes, and chart a course for the future of volunteer engagement. This week we'll explore Oregon State Parks' volunteer programs and partnerships in a mix of presentations and site visits. A detailed agenda including times and locations will be provided at a later date.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 ARRIVAL DAY

Conference shuttles will be provided from the Eugene Airport (EUG) to the Hallmark Resort in Newport.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 STRENGTHENING VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT: STRUCTURE, CULTURE & PRACTICE

Site Visit Location: South Beach State Park

Welcome & Conference Introductions

Understanding OPRD: Structure, Roles & Volunteer Program Landscape

Statewide Culture of Volunteer Service: Creating Connection & Engagement

Recruiting Volunteers: Strategies for Rural & Urban Areas

MU-Level Culture: Staff Engagement, Recognition & Expectations

ADA Accommodations: Creating Access within Volunteer Roles

Conference Announcements

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 PARK HOST OPERATIONS: FROM ORIENTATION TO ON-SITE CHALLENGES

Site Visit Locations: Jesse M. Honeyman Memorial State Park & Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic Viewpoint

OPRD Park Host Program: Campground Hosts & Much More

Park Host Orientation Onsite Visit

Transitioning Volunteer Management Systems

Supporting Volunteers in Remote & Limited-Staff Environments

Resolving Issues with Volunteers & Managing Dismissals

Volunteer Interpreters: On-Site Interpretation & Program Overview

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 BUILDING STRONGER VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS & INTERPRETATION

Site Visit Locations: Boiler Bay State Scenic Viewpoint, Otter Crest State Scenic Viewpoint, Whale Watching Center, and Beverly Beach State Park

Defining & Managing Effective Partnerships

Snowy Plover Partnership: Coordinated Protection & Interpretation

Whale Watch Program: Assessment, Renewal & Forward Strategy

Whale Watch Field Experience: Interpretation in Practice

Whale Watch Center Overview & Exploration

Conference Closeout

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 DEPARTURE DAY

Conference shuttles will be provided back to the Eugene Airport (EUG) from the Hallmark Resort in Newport, Oregon.

