

Help Take Care of Oregon!

Oregon's 150th birthday, February 14, 2009, is fast approaching. When future residents look back to see how Oregonians remembered this important anniversary, what will they find? We'd like them to see the state's largest volunteer event ever!

That's why Oregon 150 has commissioned SOLV, Rural Development Initiatives and Oregon Volunteers to create **Take Care of Oregon Days**. We are looking for hundreds of volunteer leaders to plan events on and around May 16. If you have a community project in mind, please go to www.oregon150.org and follow the links to Take Care of Oregon Days. We will help you plan and publicize the project, and include it in the calendar of events so that volunteers can find you.

Never planned a volunteer project? Consider attending one of our Volunteer Action Training sessions **happening now** around the state and online. See the schedule online:

http://www.solv.org/programs/volunteer_action_training.asp

Here are a few of the kinds of projects you could plan:

- Downtown Clean-up
- Recycling programs
- Storm drain stenciling
- Litter or illegal dumpsite cleanup
- Graffiti removal
- Providing for those in need of social services
- Natural area or beautification plantings
- Trail repair and development
- Park repair or amenities
- Community gardens
- Invasive and non-native plant removal
- Wildlife habitat enhancement (nest boxes, plantings, nest area protection)
- Mural development
- Community theatre restoration
- School grounds improvements
- Cage cleanup at an animal shelter
- Dog walking
- Pet food drive
- Quilts for hospitals or nursing homes
- Community food drive
- Coat or school supplies drive
- Book collection for the public library

Resources, including **small grants for projects that sign up early**, are available. So please think about a project that will help commemorate Oregon's history while improving Oregon for today!

For more information, contact us at 1 800.333.SOLV (7658) or tco@oregon150.org.

Thank you,

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