



**OREGON  
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## **Volunteer position: Oregon Wild Hike Shepherd**

Oregon Wild has been leading public hikes for over 25 years. The outdoor program supports our major conservation campaigns by educating the public and connecting them to the places we are working to protect so that they become advocates that help us achieve campaign goals, ready to take action for the places they visit.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION:**

We strive to help participants on our hikes have an enjoyable, educational, inspiring, and safe experience. Our hike leaders are trained in group management, emergency response, first aid and CPR, and Oregon Wild's campaigns. Hike shepherds play an important support role on our hikes. Shepherds assist the hike leader with group management and making sure the group stays together and is accounted for. They stay in the back of the hiking group, and communicate with the leader if any hiker needs help or is having other issues. Shepherds also help share information about natural history and Oregon Wild's work along the trail.

### **HOW TO BECOME A SHEPHERD:**

1. Fill out our [application form here](#).
2. Attend at least one Oregon Wild hike as a participant.
3. Attend a training on Oregon Wild's hike policies, group management, and priority conservation campaigns.
4. Sign up to shepherd at least two hikes each year.



### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Commitment to the mission of Oregon Wild.
2. Good communication skills and ability to safely and compassionately manage groups of diverse participants in a wilderness type setting.
3. Hiking experience and physical ability to both complete the hike on their own and assist other hikers as needed.
4. Some knowledge of ecology/natural history and Oregon Wild's work (or willingness to learn).
5. Able to follow Oregon Wild's hike policies and leader instructions.
6. Current CPR/First Aid training is preferred, but not required.

### **CONTACT:**

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