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Make Waves – Registration for the 2024 Beach & Riverside Cleanup is Now Open

Portland, Ore., August 29, 2024 – SOLVE invites volunteers to make a global impact this September by joining the annual *Beach & Riverside Cleanup*. From **September 20 through September 28**, families, community members, student groups, and nature enthusiasts from all stages of life will gather across Oregon and Southwest Washington for a 10-day event series with a variety of projects to choose from. **Registration is now open** for this vital community effort to **protect and restore our coastlines, rivers, and public lands**.

Connecting Local Actions to Global Movements

September 21 is **International Coastal Cleanup Day**, uniting millions of volunteers worldwide to protect our coasts and waterways from harmful trash and debris. This global movement amplifies the impact of local efforts, uniting communities for cleaner environments. The *Beach & Riverside Cleanup* wraps up on **September 28 with National Public Lands Day**, the nation's largest single-day volunteer event, focusing on trail maintenance, habitat restoration, and native tree planting.

Join the Effort

"After a season of heavy use, our rivers and beaches need care," says Kris Carico, SOLVE's Chief Executive Officer. "This event is a cherished tradition and a powerful force for change. We encourage everyone to get involved and make a lasting impact on our environment."

SOLVE will host over 50 project sites across Oregon and SW Washington, from the Oregon Coast to the Willamette Valley and beyond. Last year, more than 1,500 volunteers removed 20,000 pounds of trash. Since 1986, the event has cleared over 2.5 million pounds of litter from Oregon's natural areas. Volunteer registration is open for posted events and SOLVE is still seeking additional projects. Interested event leaders should register their events as soon as possible to fully maximize SOLVE's support, resources, and everything needed to host a successful event.

New Supply Hubs for Event Leaders

This year, SOLVE is making it easier for event leaders **by launching five supply hubs** at South Beach, Fort Stevens, Cape Lookout, Cape Blanco, and Sunset Bay. These hubs are **equipped with reusable supplies** like litter grabbers, vests, and buckets sponsored by Knife River. This partnership with Oregon Parks and Recreation strengthens SOLVE's mission to provide even more volunteers with reusable supplies and host cleanup events with sustainability in mind.

Be Part of the Change

Join thousands of volunteers to protect our waterways, restore natural areas this September, and contribute to a cleaner, healthier Oregon. As the event dates approach, more details on project sites and opportunities will be released. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.solveoregon.org/beach-riverside>.

2024 Sponsors

SOLVE's Beach & Riverside Cleanup 2024 is proudly supported by Chevron, Clean Water Services, Daimler Truck North America, Fred Meyer, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc., Here is Oregon, Keen Footwear, Knife River, KOIN, Metro, NEEF, Oregon Parks and Recreation, and Owens Corning.

About SOLVE

SOLVE brings communities together to take care of our environment and enhance our waterways. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots group to a national model for volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains tens of thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon and Southwest Washington to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas and to build a legacy of stewardship for our state. Visit [solveoregon.org](https://www.solveoregon.org) for more information.
