

Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge Seeking Volunteers

From late April through early May, hundreds of thousands of shorebirds concentrate on the muddy tide flats of Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge in Hoquiam. Grays Harbor Estuary is one of four major staging areas for shorebirds in North America and one of the largest concentrations of shorebirds on the west coast, south of Alaska. Shorebirds gather here in the spring to feed, store up fat reserves, and rest for the non-stop flight to their northern breeding grounds.

Help share this incredible resource while fostering a connection between our youth and nature by volunteering with the Grays Harbor Environmental Education (GHEE) program. The mission of Grays Harbor NWR education program is to work collaboratively with local schools and the community to teach students the value of our native ecosystems. With your support, GHEE is able to provide a unique combination of successive in-class lessons and field visits for Grays Harbor and neighboring county schools. GHEE volunteers can go into classrooms with the Education Coordinator to assist elementary programs or come to the refuge in spring to help lead field trips on our boardwalk trail.

Not interested in working with schools? Grays Harbor also needs your support with debris removal, trash pick-up, and trail roving. Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge is a great place to volunteer - especially if you love the outdoors! If this sounds like the job for you please contact volunteer coordinator Michael Schramm at 360-753-9467 or michael_schramm@fws.gov by January 19th!

