

Opportunities for Volunteering with the Oregon Chapter of the International Dark-Sky Association

We are casting a wide net to grow our organization's capabilities. We need Artists, Creative Designers, Web Designers, Geographers with GIS experience, Media People, Illumination Engineers, Community Scientists, Writers, Grant Writers, Teachers, Social Media gurus, Astronomers, Marketing people and anyone who loves the night sky!

Volunteer roles:

Dark Skies Social Media Support

Identify and collaborate on posting weekly items on dark skies, light pollution and related environmental topics to our social media pages

Dark Sky Outreach Coordinator

Organize and coordinate outreach events – star parties, table displays at neighborhood events
Connect with like-minded environmental groups

Has contacts in other parts of Oregon who may be interested to help

Work with grade school and high schools to arrange presentations on dark sky topics

Encourage environmental and astronomy clubs to bring light pollution into their scope – Audubon, Sierra Club; high school and college clubs

Dark Sky Place Supporter

Photography of the night sky at proposed dark sky places

Lighting inventory at proposed dark sky places

Sky Quality Measurements of the level of light pollution at proposed dark sky places

Write up applications for Dark Sky Places

Dark Sky Project Fund Raiser

Grant writer to raise funds to cover fees for [Dark Sky Place](#) applications, equipment purchases

Find and talk with donors

Familiarity with Go Fund Me and related websites

Good Light Neighbor Contact

Encourages and drives participation in this voluntary project that recognizes businesses and residences and government offices for good outdoor lighting practices

Eyes in the Field

Identifies problem lights & send reports to City/County

Identifies businesses with good lighting and provides Good Light Neighbor certificates

Compile photos of poor lighting and good lighting examples

Dark Skies Government Contact

Connect with Neighborhood Associations

Work for improved lighting ordinances in Oregon cities, Counties & State

Dark Sky Community Science and Engineering Support – some Ideas

- Survey cities in Oregon at night to identify the sources of the most significant light pollution – the heavy hitters – by car and plane with photography support
- Contact Astronomy Clubs across Oregon to arrange the setup of Sky Quality Meters (light pollution photometers)
- Participate in research on the effects of light pollution on the people, plants and ecosystems of Oregon
- Know anyone at Google in the Street View program? – how about a Night View to help inventory lights?

Dark Sky - Member at Large

Support Board Members and volunteers of the Oregon Chapter of International Dark-Sky Association with special projects. This position is an open-ended opportunity based on your interests and skills.

Whatever Needs to be done... I'm your person!

What we do

We love the dark skies in Oregon. Unfortunately, they are fading because of light pollution. We are committed to getting the word out about the benefits of smart and safe outdoor lighting and the protection it affords for people and the wild environment. Advantages include reducing glare, light trespass, energy waste and skyglow from nearby cities.

We educate about improvements in outdoor lighting via outreach programs, star parties and social media. We work at the individual, neighborhood, city, county and state levels. Our Good Light Neighbor program recognizes residents, businesses, and organizations in Oregon that employ responsible lighting on their property – lighting that is human-, wildlife-, and night sky-friendly.

We have an expanding program to measure light pollution (skyglow) across Oregon.

We have a fun, active and passionate board that needs your help and insights into what can be done to achieve our mission *“to preserve Oregon's magnificent dark skies and to diminish light pollution for the health, safety, and well-being of all life.”*

Who we are:

We launched state-wide as the Oregon Chapter in August 2019 with a history of experience with the East Cascade Audubon's "Lights Out Bend" project, Rose City Astronomers and Portland Audubon.

We are a chapter of the International Dark-Sky Association which works globally to reduce light pollution and to minimize its effects on people, birds, other wildlife and to save our starry nights for all of us to enjoy!