

## ODFW Angler and Aquatic Education Program needs instructors

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If you have a passion for fishing and want to share your love of the sport with others, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is looking for you.

The ODFW's Angler and Aquatic Education Program is recruiting individuals to become instructors to introduce children and adults to the sport of fishing. You must be at least 21-years-old to participate in the instructor program.

“It is very rewarding to see children and adults excited about fishing and instructors play an important role in making sure the learning environment is a positive experience,” said ODFW Angler and Aquatic Education Program Coordinator Chris Willard. The Angler and Aquatic Education Program is a certified training program that teaches Angling Skills, Angler Ethics and Responsibilities, Water Safety and Basic Understanding of Aquatic Ecology. Training courses are available over the next three months at the following locations; January 27th in Bend, February 17th in Salem and March 3rd in La Grande. This training will provide individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to successfully share their fishing expertise with others. Programs are conducted throughout Oregon in conjunction with a variety of groups including schools, boys and girls clubs, 4-H, police athletic leagues, scouting troops, Campfire Girls groups, park and recreation departments, senior centers and retail stores.

“Getting involved in the Angler and Aquatic Education Program is a great way to give back to the sport,” said Willard.

If interested please contact Chris Willard, ODFW Angler and Aquatic Education Coordinator, at 503-947-6017 (email: [chris.a.willard@state.or.us](mailto:chris.a.willard@state.or.us)).

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