

La Pine Community Action Team

Community Profile

Population 9,000

Location La Pine

Position Description

Sponsor La Pine Community Action Team

Supervisors Kristi Otteni,
Community Advocate
and Teresa Puenela,
LPRD District Board

Assignment The RARE participant in La Pine will work closely with the La Pine Community Action Team and the La Pine Park and Recreation District (LPRD) on two projects. First, the participant will work with the LRPD Board to support the implementation of recommendations from the 2004 Comprehensive Plan. As a second project, the participant will work with La Pine schools, community organizations, volunteers, and the LRPD to coordinate the CORE (Community Organizations for Recreation and Education) Program, designed to improve recreational opportunities for children, youth, and adults in La Pine.

Required Skills The ideal RARE participant would have strong communication skills and the ability to work closely with the public and with all agency partners. The participant will need to be able to consolidate information, training and community resources and should be organized, independent and motivated. Ideally, the RARE participant will have the computer skills necessary to track community programs using database programs.

RARE Member



Thomas Bennett

Thomas Bennett has an undergraduate degree in Geography and Planning from Appalachian State University. He gained significant work experience in environmental planning during his tenure in the Peace Corps, while working as a GIS Specialist, and while working for an Oregon-based engineering firm. Once he completes his term with RARE, Thomas hopes to pursue a graduate degree in planning.

