

Columbia River Gorge

Community Profile:

Population 63,154

Location Hood River & Wasco Counties, Oregon; Skamania & Klickitat Counties, Washington

Position Description:

Sponsor Columbia Gorge Windsurfing Association (CGWA)

Supervisor Peg Lalor, Director, CGWA

Assignment

RARE participant's primary task will be to implement the first annual "Gorge Games," a week long sporting festival featuring kayaking, windsurfing, sky surfing and snowboarding as well as popular national music acts. Worker will also assist the CGWA in enhancing the community's windsurfing program, raising membership and developing water quality testing and safety programs for 1996. Emphasis will be on fundraising and sustainability measures to ensure that developed programs will be implemented and managed.

Required Skills

Research and writing skills; grant writing; focus group experience; meeting facilitation; ability to remain objective and focused; experience with recreation as an economic "export" activity; good computer skills (i.e., quantitative analysis, computer graphics, mapping skills). Excellent public presentation skills.

RARE Member: Nicole Wilde - 1995-1996, Year 2 Participant

Nicole received her BA in Political Science with a minor in Environmental Studies from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley in 1992. While spending two years with the Peace Corps in Dominica, Nicole participated in extensive fundraising projects, community development, alternative transportation planning and publishing. As a health educator/developer, she came into contact with community members of all levels and learned to communicate effectively with them. Nicole hopes to help implement environmentally sustainable development in rural communities. In addition to her grant writing ability, Nicole is proficient in both IBM-PC and Macintosh word processing and graphics software as well as in use of the internet.