

University of Oregon RARE Program

Community Profile:

Population 16,000 (university students)

Location Southern Willamette Valley

Position Description:

Sponsor University of Oregon

Supervisor Megan Smith, RARE Program Director

Assignment

The campus RARE participant's main responsibility is to create and maintain a resource library to assist the volunteers in obtaining information ranging from the work of previous volunteers, to state laws and regulations, to computer skill workbooks. The participant also assists the University RARE staff with office and project support.

Required Skills

Excellent research skills, organizational skills, project management and strong computer skills

RARE Member: *Rose Armour - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant*

Rose Armour is currently working on her Masters in Community and Regional Development at the University of Oregon. She was a RARE volunteer in the Sunny Valley/Wolf Creek area from 1996-97, where she concentrated on community and economic development in the once timber-dependent communities. She organized an Artisan's Cooperative to assist local artist in the marketing of their wares. She also wrote and received grants for a fire station in Wolf Creek and for an alternative transportation feasibility study. Previous to her AmeriCorps experience in Oregon Rose was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cote d' Ivoire, West Africa for two years. In West Africa Rose's focus was in Urban Environmental Management, where she worked mainly on sanitation and environmental impact issues. She has also volunteered for the forest service in the Columbia River National Scenic Area as an environmental interpreter. Rose attended the University of Texas where she graduated in 1993 with a BA in Geography/Natural Resource Management.