

U.S. Forest Service Passport Program

What is the Passport to the Forest?

The Passport to the Forest is a mobile ecology classroom that can be used for schools, large groups and festivals to provide a variety of educational opportunities in fisheries, botany, wildlife, geology and more. Each focus area has several options for short activities to ½ day 'outdoor schools' for all ages. Accompanied by a Forest Ranger and volunteers, the Passport trailer can bring interactive lessons to your group for FREE.

What types of activities can the Passport provide?

The Passport to the Forest trailer is stocked with supplies for lessons on:

Furs, skulls, scats and tracks	Monocultures
Birds, bears, amphibians and other wildlife	Wildflowers
Endangered species	Watershed
Food cycle	Water cycle
Invasive species	Water testing
Native trees	Salmon life cycle
Lichens, moss and algae	Fisheries
Leaf printing	Stream ecology
Tree ring dating	Geology
Seeds	Soil testing
Photosynthesis	Volcanology
Biodiversity	Plate Tectonics



Additions can possibly be made to this upon request. Contact Lawson Reif at 503-622-2033 for more information.

How long do the programs take?

Programs can range from half an hour to a half day. Teachers and groups can choose to focus on one station or activity, or combine many for a longer event.

Who can use the Passport?

The Passport can be brought to school functions, afterschool programs, club meetings, outdoor and indoor festivals, special events, company picnics, corporate parties and countless other group events for children. The Forest Service also welcomes requests from at risk youth, mentally or physically disabled groups, ethnic minorities and diverse publics of all kinds. Activities work best with 7-12 year olds, and with groups of 10-50, but can be adapted for all age groups and group sizes. Being that the program is staffed by volunteers we will start 2010 -2011 by offering the Passport Program Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

What supplies do you need?

Teachers or groups will need basic art supplies, such as crayons, scissors, construction paper and other items depending on the activities requested. All handouts, experiment and general activity supplies will be provided by the Forest Service.

How do I sign up?

Fill out the Program Request form attached, or send details about your group, including ages, group size, location, type of program requested, focus areas and time lengths to lreif@fs.fed.us or call 503-622-2033. For more information, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/>.

