

Forests Forever, Inc.

Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm

Where learning and growing go hand in hand

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Scouting Opportunities in the Woods service and learning go hand in hand

OREGON CITY, Ore. — Scouts and other youth organizations in the greater Portland area that are interested in community service or field trip activities have a new place to learn and grow. Just 10 miles south of Oregon City is the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm, a 140-acre demonstration forest owned and operated by Forests Forever, Inc. Scouts of all ages are invited to visit for a walk on their own or a guided tour, a service project or overnight campout. Hopkins has something for every Scout.

Hopkins tree farm is a privately owned forest, open to the public daylight hours, everyday. Guests can walk on over 3 miles of trails and roads that crisscross the woodland property, through a variety of different-aged stands with management demonstrations and wildlife habitats. A brochure is available for the Watershed Interpretive Trail, elsewhere, interpretive exhibits help visitors better understand their surroundings. Facilities on the property include 2 vault-style restrooms, a picnic shelter, amphitheater, classroom and shop. Tours are provided for groups upon request and will be tailored to your interests. It is also possible to arrange an overnight stay on the tree farm. Outreach Coordinator Tim Lichen says, "We do not charge for our programs or use of the property, rather we want people to be engaged in helping us maintain and manage our forest. It is a place where everyone can learn by doing, so we swap our knowledge, skills and access for your volunteer service."

Service project suggestions include tree planting, wildlife habitat monitoring, and bird/bat box construction, and trail work. Other groups may be interested in helping establish an orienteering course or planting and finding geo-caches in the Hopkins woodland. Tree farm staff also needs assistance hosting lunches and refreshment stations for events and volunteer workdays. Community workdays are the second Saturday of each month, and arrangements can be made for service on other days. Volunteers are given lunch and beverages for their help. All projects are expertly supervised; no special tools or materials are required, though for some jobs individuals bring their own familiar tools.

To learn more about Scouting opportunities at Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm, contact Tim Lichen at 503-632-2150 or tim.lichen@oregonstate.edu. More information about Forests Forever is available at: www.forestsforever-or.org.

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