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Beach & Riverside Cleanup in Southern Oregon: Local Volunteer Events Invite Community Action

Portland, Ore., September 10, 2026 – SOLVE's annual **Beach & Riverside Cleanup** is bringing volunteers together across Oregon and Southwest Washington from **September 18–27**, nearly 100 opportunities to clean up and care for local beaches, waterways, parks and community spaces.

In Southern Oregon, Beach & Riverside Cleanup will bring volunteers together across the Rogue Valley to care for local communities, natural areas and the Bear Creek watershed. The region will see cleanup and restoration projects from Medford to Ashland, Talent and Phoenix, including several projects taking place as part of Bear Creek Stewardship Day on September 19.

Featured Beach & Riverside Cleanup Events in Southern Oregon

[Downtown Medford Clean Up](#)

Medford | September 18, 8 AM – 10 PM

The Downtown Medford Association will bring volunteers together to clean up and beautify the heart of downtown Medford, helping make a visible difference in the community.

[Bear Creek Stewardship Day – Wranglers Arena](#)

Ashland | September 19, 8:30 am–12 pm

Sponsored by Southern Oregon Geocaching, this Bear Creek Stewardship Day project will bring volunteers together at Wranglers Arena to care for the Bear Creek watershed and surrounding natural areas.

[Bear Creek Stewardship Day – Lynn Newbry Park](#)

Talent | September 19, 8:30 am–12 pm

Volunteers will gather at Lynn Newbry Park as part of Bear Creek Stewardship Day, joining community members across the Rogue Valley in caring for the Bear Creek watershed.

Bear Creek Stewardship Day – Blue Heron Park

Phoenix | September 19, 8:30 am–12 pm

Sponsored by Save The Phoenix Wetlands and Pollinator Project Rogue Valley, this project will combine pollinator garden maintenance, invasive plant removal in wetland areas and litter cleanup.

Bear Creek Stewardship Day – Coyote Trails Nature Center

Medford | September 19, 8:30 am–12 pm

Sponsored by Rogue Valley Sewer Services, volunteers will help with litter cleanup and pollinator garden maintenance at Coyote Trails Nature Center, supporting a healthier Bear Creek watershed and local habitat.

How to Get Involved

- **Volunteer:** Browse local Beach & Riverside Cleanup events and register yourself or a group at volunteer.solve.org/beach-riverside
- **Bring your community:** Invite friends, family, coworkers or neighbors to take part in a local cleanup or restoration project.

SOLVE's **2026 Beach & Riverside Cleanup** is proudly supported by Clean Water Services, Kaiser Permanente, Knife River, Keep America Beautiful, Metro, National Recreation and Park Association, Oregon State Park & Recreation, Owens Corning, Portco Packaging, Tillamook, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc., and KOIN.

For more information or to register, visit solve.org/beach-riverside

About SOLVE

SOLVE brings communities together to take care of our environment and enhance our waterways. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots initiative to a national model of volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon, and SW Washington, to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas, while empowering a community of environmental stewards for our state. Visit solve.org for more information or follow SOLVEPNW on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#).
