

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Enhancing Habitat – Protecting Our Hunting Heritage

BEND CHAPTER

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The Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association is excited to announce that we will hold our 34th annual Mule Deer Classic banquet/fundraiser on March 14, 2026 at the Bend Riverhouse Convention Center.

Oregon Hunters Association is a family-oriented organization and the largest non-profit conservation group in the state. OHA volunteers contribute thousands of hours, dollars, and miles driven in personal vehicles to benefit public lands and resources each year.

Among the objectives of the Bend chapter are habitat conservation and enhancement, hunters' rights and ethics, and hunter education. <u>All</u> funds from this banquet stay in Oregon. The proceeds from the Mule Deer Classic support:

- The Beckley Family memorial scholarships
- The annual youth upland bird hunt
- The annual youth and family outdoor day
- The TIP (Turn In Poachers) program which is sponsored statewide
- Numerous habitat preservation and improvement projects in Central Oregon and in conjunction with other OHA chapters, around the state
- Hunter education classes for all ages
- Funding for a full-time lobbyist to fight for hunters' rights and opportunities at the state level

Oregon Hunters Association, Bend chapter, gratefully acknowledges the support of <u>all</u> donors. As a donor your name will be listed in the banquet program, and you will receive a certificate of appreciation to display at your place of business. A donation of \$200 or more earns an advertisement in the big screen presentation which runs at the event. Donations of \$500 or more will also receive a one-year business card sized advertisement in our monthly newsletter. In addition, donations of \$500 receive a single bonus package and a \$1000 donation (or more) receives a couple bonus package to the banquet. We appreciate your contributions and in turn, we encourage our members to support all those who support OHA.

Sincerely,

The Mule Deer Classic Banquet Committee

OHA is a 501.c.3 Tax ID 93-1117963. Go to www.oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter for more information

2024 Bend Chapter Expenditures

\$3,000	Mt View High School Trap Club
\$3,690	Electronic targets for Three Rivers Archers
\$700	Jerseys for LaPine High School archery team
\$4,000	Beckley Scholarship
\$500	Ladies Hunting Camp
\$2,793	Youth and Family Day
\$3,531	Youth Pheasant Hunt
\$371	All Hands All Brands
\$324	Oregon Partners in Conservation
\$850	Billboard with anti-poaching message
\$10,000	Blue Mountain Elk Initiative (2023 pledge)
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\$4,708	Donation to wildlife officers with Oregon State Police (Purchase of thermal binoculars with
	video, 10 trail cameras and a metal detector]
\$2,000	Mentoring youth hunters through Outdoor Ministries
\$9,000	Bitterbrush planting within the Metolius Winter Range Restoration Project.
\$10,000	State OHA Mule Deer Plan for larger projects where critical low numbers of mule deer exist
\$65,407	

2024 Bend OHA Accomplishments

Oregon Partners in Conservation -1st ever event held at Deschutes County Fairgrounds initiated by Bend OHA and ODFW. A free event that involved numerous outdoor conservations groups with information sharing for the public.

Lava Butte and Gilchrist Wildlife Fence Maintenance. Ongoing throughout the year where members participate in patrolling the fence line and conducting maintenance where needed.

Tree falling on the EFM site off Hwy 31 where previous fencing was done to protect meadows.

State OHA SW Meadow Fencing where two miles of fence was built surrounding a meadow.

Western Beavers Coop. Bend OHA members assisted with the maintenance of several beaver dam analogs near Post.

All Hands All Brands for Your Public Lands. Several OHA members participated in this annual event building beaver dam analogs, doing guzzler maintenance and checking past projects.

Guzzler Maintenance on the Fort Rock District.

National Public Lands Day. Assisted USFS and BLM with the build of a wire friendly fence near Pine Mountain.

Annual Youth/Family outdoor day which is a hands-on activity event.

Annual Youth Bird Hunt.