

News Release from: Oregon Office of Emergency Management
Media Advisory: TSUNAMI AWARENESS EVENTS PLANNED FOR OREGON COAST
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Oregon Emergency Management has scheduled the Tsunami Road Show at locations on the Oregon Coast in March. The event coincides with the two year anniversary of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami that struck off Japan's coast in March 2011.

The presentations will take place in Oregon coastal counties March 11-23. Residents will learn how to prepare for a tsunami should it strike the coast. Topics covered will include how to build an emergency kit, create an emergency plan, and prepare your family for a disaster.

"This will allow people to learn how to write their own survival story," said Althea Rizzo, Ph.D., Oregon Emergency Management geologic hazards program coordinator, who is scheduled to present at the events.

Nearly two years after the Japanese tsunami, Oregon continues to receive reminders of the devastation. A derelict Japanese vessel presumed to be Japanese tsunami debris washed up on Gleneden Beach in February and a 70 foot dock arrived on Agate Beach in Newport last June.

Oregon is at risk for a major earthquake similar to the Japanese earthquake and tsunami of 2011, because of its location on the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a 700 mile earthquake fault stretching from offshore northern California to southern British Columbia.

The schedule for the Tsunami Preparedness Presentations is below:

March 11: Seaside
Broadway Middle School Library, 1120 Broadway St. Seaside, Ore., from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

March 12: Astoria
Astoria Library, 450 10th St., Astoria, Ore., from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

March 14: Rockaway Beach
Neah-Kah-Nie High School, 504 N. Third Ave., Rockaway Beach, Ore., from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

March 15: Lincoln City
Driftwood Public Library, 801 U.S. 101 Lincoln City, Ore., from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

March 19: Florence
Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth Street, Florence, Ore., from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

March 21: Coos Bay
Hales Center Auditorium, 1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay, Ore., 7:00-8:30 p.m.

March 23: Brookings
Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elk Dr., Brookings, Ore., 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Media and public are invited to attend.

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