

It's Spring 2026!

FRIENDS OF YAQUINA LIGHTHOUSES

NEWSLETTER

Coming in 2026!

Director's Corner

Exciting Beginnings in 2026

We're off to a fantastic start this year! We've welcomed five Tidepool Guides back to our team, and we can't wait to reconnect with some familiar faces while also meeting the newcomers. The enthusiasm of these students, many of whom are embarking on their first job, is truly inspiring. It's always a delight to see them enhance the visitor experience and help protect the resources here at Yaquina Head.

Be sure to look for them during your visits this summer.

In addition, we are planning celebrations for the 250th birthday of the USA! Stay tuned for more details. And as always, thank you for your continued support - Amy



Yaquina Head enthusiasts, your moment has arrived! We're on the hunt for fresh faces to join our Board of Directors. Imagine this: three of our dedicated Board members have been rocking their roles for over a decade each! But don't worry, serving on the Board is as breezy as a coastal walk. We gather for a Zoom meeting every other month in the early evening, so you can pop in from your couch with your laptop.

Intrigued? Send a quick email to our president by clicking below, if you're game to join the team!

I Am In!



Embracing Change: A New Chapter for Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses

Since 1986, the Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses (FOYL) has been a beacon of support for the Newport area's cherished public lands. Born from a collaboration with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to support the historic Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, our organization expanded its wings in 1997 to also embrace the iconic Yaquina Head Lighthouse. Thus, the Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses came into existence—a testament to our dedication to these beloved landmarks.

A New Dawn: Friends of Yaquina Head

Today, as we stand on the brink of a new era, our mission is evolving. Our focus is now centered solely on partnering with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to support the entire Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area (YHONA). To more accurately reflect this refined mission, we are excited to announce that we are changing our name to the Friends of Yaquina Head.

Streamlining for the Future: Reorganization

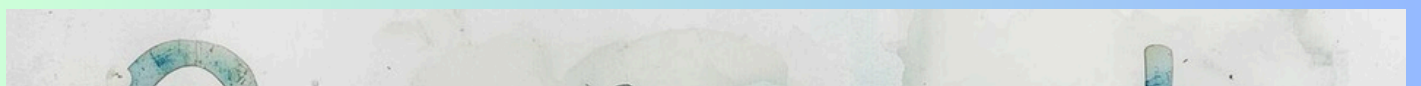
As part of this transformative journey, we've taken the opportunity to update our bylaws and streamline our organizational structure. After careful consideration and in-depth discussions about program costs and strategic directions, the FOYL Board of Directors and staff have proposed a pivotal change: transitioning to a non-member organization. While we will continue to be governed by an elected Board, we will no longer have voting members. Rest assured, all current members will still enjoy the benefits they've come to appreciate, but this change aims to simplify our governance and enhance our efficiency. We believe this shift will enable us to focus more on our core mission and less on administrative processes.

Your Continued Support: Sincere Appreciation

As we embark on this exciting new chapter, we remain deeply grateful for the decades of unwavering support from our community. Your enthusiasm and dedication have been the foundation of our success, and we are eager to grow stronger together in the years to come.

For those with questions or comments, we welcome your input. Please direct your thoughts to Amy at foyl@yaquinalights.org. Your feedback is invaluable as we navigate these changes.

Thank you for being part of our journey. We look forward to illuminating the future of Yaquina Head together!





Spotlight on Staff & New Products

Join us in celebrating America 250 with our special birthday merchandise!



We offer cozy hoodies and bold tees for adults, as well as matching shirts for kids, perfect for showcasing your patriotic spirit. Shop conveniently in-store or online to find items for the celebration.

Help us to make this July 4th unforgettable by participating in the festivities, and while you are at it enter our Coloring Contest! Entries due by the end of June...All ages welcome.

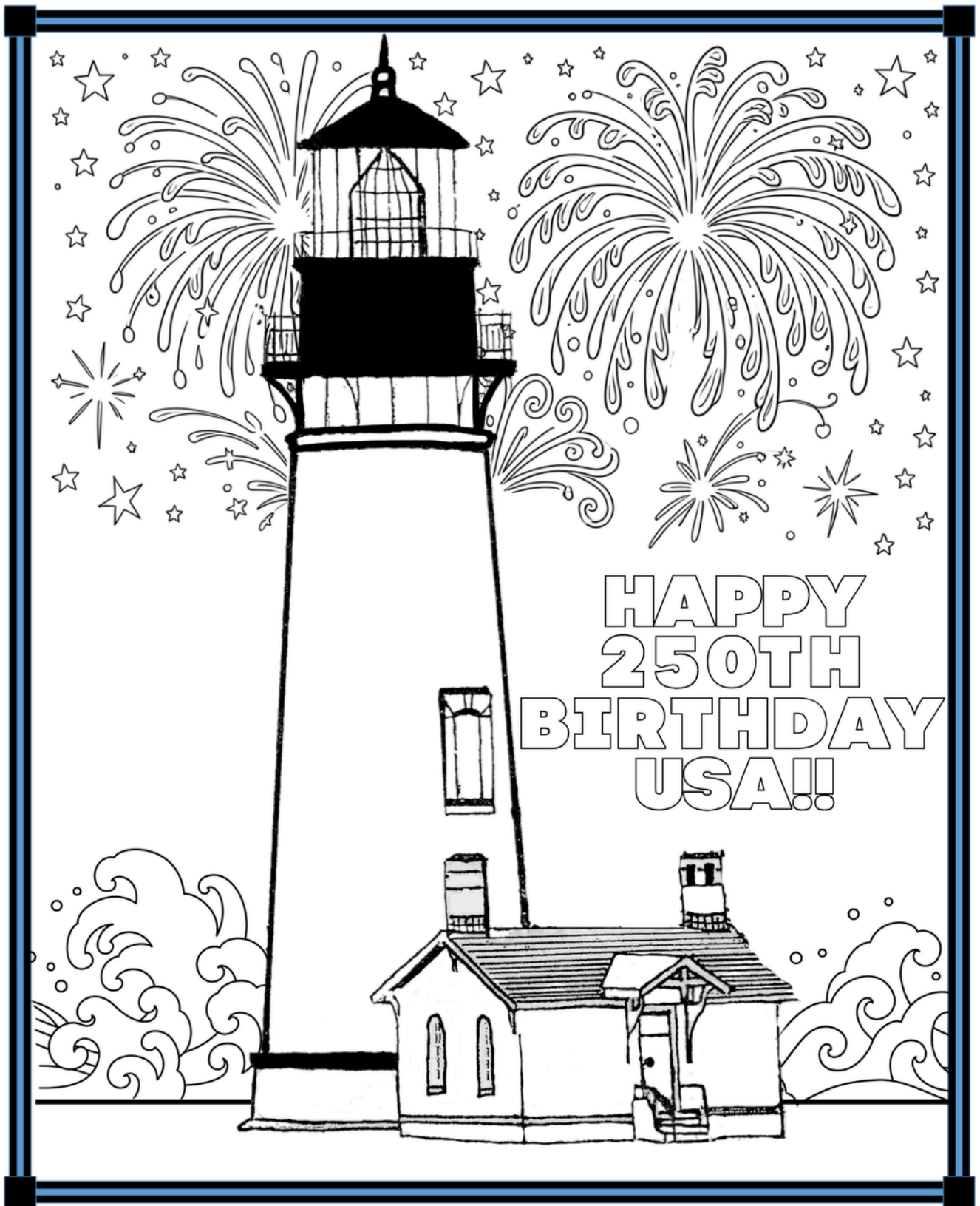


Hey there! I'm George, your ever-chipper FOYL sales guru, here to peddle wares and sprinkle joy like confetti on every visitor. Born and raised in the legendary land of North Dakota, I packed my bags at 21 and set off for the equally epic Oregon, where I've been living the dream ever since.

When I'm off the clock, you'll catch me scanning the horizon for majestic whales or just soaking in the jaw-dropping beauty of the Oregon coast.

Favorite Motto: "Quoth the Raven, 'Have a S'more.'"





Name: _____

Age: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Deadline: 06/30/26

Age Groups: 0-5, 6-11, 12+

The winners of each age group will be determined by random drawing and the winners will be notified by July 4th. All entries will be displayed in the Yaquina Room during the month of July in celebration of the U.S.A.'s 250th! Return entry in person at YHONA Interpretive Center or by mail to:

FOYL Coloring Contest 750 NW Lighthouse Dr., #7 Newport Oregon 97365

Wild and Wonderful YH Life



Photo by Kathy Koester

The Birds are Back, the Birds are Back, the Birds are Back in Town!

Picture this: a feathery fiesta! Common murrens turn rocky ledges, slopes, and cliff faces into bustling birdy block parties, with tens or hundreds of thousands crammed in tighter than a can of sardines. At Oregon's Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, it's a murre-palooza with up to 65,000 of these black-and-white party animals showing up each summer. They swoop in every late spring, ready to rock, roll, and raise a chick from a single egg till the little ones are ready to fly (or rather jump from!) the coop by late summer.

Swing by Yaquina Head in summer, and you'll spot their dark-and-white "bridled" get-up, or watch them cruise the ocean in long, sleek lines—common murrens doing their thing!

Orcas off Cobble Beach (but not by much!)





Want to take your own dazzling snapshot of Yaquina Head's feathered celebrities? Let's flaunt it by joining the [CoastSnap](#) Community Science Project!



Next time you swing by YHONA, strike a pose at the snazzy new photo point on the tide pool deck. Snap away and submit your masterpiece using the QR code!

Your pics are like treasure maps for Oregon State University researchers, helping them uncover the secrets of seabird hangouts on those offshore rocks. It's super crucial in spring before our winged pals start their egg-laying fiesta.

With climate change, bald eagle cameos, and wild weather in the mix, every pic helps decode the seabird breeding saga!

Photo point stand and directions on tide pool deck.

Focus on Volunteering:
find out about more opportunities to help at
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[Facebook.com/GreentheCoast](https://www.facebook.com/GreentheCoast)



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