

Portland, Oregon

Joys of Portland

The largest city in Oregon, with a population of 650K residents (3 million metro area), Portland, aka PDX, is oriented into five major areas: North, Northwest, Northeast, Southeast, and Southwest. JV homes are located in Southeast and North Portland. PDX is known for its scenic views and proximity to outdoor recreation, including the Columbia River Gorge, Mount Hood, the Oregon Coast, and the Cascade Mountain Range. Residents are known to foster a culture of artistic curiosity, community-based learning, and social and environmental justice. There is much to do, see, and learn on foot, by bike, or via TriMet, the public transit system.

About Portland

In Portland since 1971, JVCNW's presence can be seen in 2 JV houses and the Main JVCNW Office in the suburb of Milwaukie. Many former JVs elect to stay in or move to Portland after service, which enables current JVs to connect to a broader community easily. Many FJV/JV gatherings occur in PDX to continue conversations on the four values and strengthen a sense of community. It is essential to recognize that the state of Oregon has an intense history of racism, colonialism, and gentrification, all of which are currently feeding into the national housing crisis Portland has fallen victim to. Since Portland houses multiple higher educational institutions such as the University of Portland, Oregon Health & Sciences University, Portland State, etc., many folks living in Portland's city limits lead progressive, solutions-oriented lifestyles and career pursuits that aim to respond to the city population's needs directly.