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**Free Tax Help Is Back for Central Oregon Older Adults and Low-Income Residents**



Bend, OR, January 15th — Free tax preparation assistance is once again available to Central Oregon residents through [AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide Program](#), an all-volunteer-run program serving low-income and older adult taxpayers. Appointments will be offered at multiple locations across the region, including the Council on Aging of

Central Oregon's Senior Services Center in Bend and a new weekend location at COCC. The appointment lines for each site opened today, January 15.

Last year, Tax-Aide volunteers helped more than 2,300 individuals in the tri-county area file their taxes, resulting in more than \$2.2 million in refunds returned to the local community. "Our volunteers play a critical role in helping people navigate tax season with confidence," said Rebecca Von Stein, AARP Tax-Aide District Coordinator for Central Oregon. "We're proud to provide accurate, free tax preparation to those who need it most."

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon will host Tax-Aide for a third year at its Senior Services Center, located at 1036 NE 5th Street in Bend. Appointments begin February 2 and are available by appointment only, with limited availability. To schedule an appointment at this location, call 541-668-7597.

"AARP Tax-Aide provides an invaluable service for older adults and individuals living on fixed incomes," said Cassie Regimbal, Executive Director of the Council on Aging of Central Oregon. "We're grateful to continue this partnership and help reduce the stress and confusion many people face during tax season."

Additional Tax-Aide locations are available in Bend, Redmond, La Pine, and Warm Springs, offering a mix of appointment-based and walk-in services depending on the site. Each site has its own individual phone number, which is listed below.

### **AARP Foundation Tax Aide Locations in Central Oregon**

#### **Bend - COCC Campus Cascades Hall Room 118**

Address: 2600 NW College Way

Contact: 541-728-3053

Walk-in appointments available Saturdays starting at 9:00 AM

Friday appointments by reservation only

#### **Bend - Council on Aging of Central Oregon**

Address: 1036 NE 5th Street

Contact: 541-668-7597

By appointment only

**Bend - Latino Community Association**

Address: 2680 NE Twin Knolls Drive, Suite #110

Contact: 541-788-4831

Bilingual tax preparers available

By appointment only

**La Pine - La Pine Senior Activity Center**

Address: 16450 Victory Way

Contact: 541-536-6237

By appointment only

**Redmond - NeighborImpact Building**

Address: 2303 SW 1st Street

Contact: 541-526-3834

By appointment only

**Warm Springs - Community Action Team**

Address: 1136 Paiute Avenue, Warm Springs

Contact: 541-553-3148

By appointment only

**Online Tax Preparation**

Self-preparation with remote assistance from an AARP Tax-Aide Counselor

[aarpfoundation.org/taxaideseelfprep](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaideseelfprep)

Contact: 458-206-1821

For more information, please visit the [AARP Foundation Tax-Aide website](#) or contact your preferred location directly.

**About the Council on Aging of Central Oregon**

Since 1975, the Council on Aging of Central Oregon (CoA) has served as the designated Area Agency on Aging for Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties, offering adults aged 60 and older and their loved ones a range of support services. CoA advocates for, empowers, and guides older adults and their loved ones to live with independence and well-being. To find out more about the Council on Aging of Central Oregon, visit [www.councilonaging.org](http://www.councilonaging.org) or call (541) 678-5483.

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