

**Oregon 4-H Leader of the Year
2007-2008**

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The following 4-H volunteers were nominated for the 4-H Leader of the Year 2007-2008. Each received a certificate and was acknowledged for their outstanding contributions during the Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum, April 12, 2008 at Dallas.

Scott Furman, Linn County
Earl Graham, Union County
Kim McDonald, Washington County
Jonnie Martin, Josephine County
Connie Mobley, Lane County

Sandy Patterson, Lincoln County
John Nyberg, Yamhill County
Dick Stangel, Wallowa County
Jan Williams, Clackamas County

**Bruce Ashenbrenner, Benton County
Oregon's 4-H Co-Leader of the Year, 2007-2008**

Bruce Ashenbrenner has been an active volunteer 4-H leader for 11 years and has made a huge impact on Benton County 4-H Program. He encourages 4-H members in all clubs to be Junior Leaders, try meat animal judging and participate in community service projects.

Those who nominated him said, "*Bruce's most outstanding aspect of his leadership contribution is his positive way of working with adults and youth in the 4-H program. He uses humor, encouragement and positive words to get youth to try new things in 4-H. He uses his knowledge of livestock to teach others.*"

Bruce says, "*You have the opportunity to lift the child's self esteem or take down the last block in their life*". Bruce lifts up all the 4-H members around him.

**Marian Stratton, Douglas County
Oregon's 4-H Co-Leader of the year, 2007-2008**

Marian Stratton has been a volunteer leader in Douglas County 11 years. She divides her time between leading her own club, working on committees at the county and state level, as well as helping out any other club or members by sharing her knowledge at clinics/fairs.

Those who nominated her said, "Marian has spearheaded numerous activities successfully and has managed to gain the respect of hundreds of people in Douglas County. She has managed to take over 18 tasks throughout a single 4-H year and successfully followed through in leading many of them. Through countless hours of time she has not only exemplified her abilities as a leader, by being organized, motivated and hard working, but she is also caring and compassionate.