

**Oregon 4-H Leader of the Year
2008-2009**

Sponsored by: Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association Executive Council

The following 4-H volunteers were nominated for 4-H Leader of the Year 2008-2009. Each county Extension office will receive a certificate to acknowledge their outstanding contributions.

Rita Adams, Benton County
Tammi DelCurto, Union County
Yvonne Erickson, Lincoln County

Cammie Hale, Wallowa County
James "Jim" Walters, Klamath County

**Stuart Ramsing, Lane County
Oregon's 4-H Co-Leader of the Year, 2008-2009**

Volunteering as an 8th grader counselor for a Lane County 4-H Camp was Stuart's first 4-H volunteer experience and he has continued to be involved as a 4-H volunteer for the past 31 years. He is now the 4-H Camp Director and as his nomination stated, *"He is always providing an exceptional experience for each and every camper and counselor that attends the camp."*

He has gone on to be President of the Auction Committee to encourage donations up to \$18,000. He is a Lane County Leaders' Council member and is also a member of the Fund Development Task Force to raise \$83,000 to keep the 4-H program alive in Lane County.

His unique qualities that others see in him are *"his positive can-do attitude, his sense of fairness, his cool, calm, logical manner and his determination to see that things are done to the best of their ability."*

**Charles Sekafetz, Polk County
Oregon State University's 4-H Co-Leader of the Year, 2008-2009**

To make learning fun for 4-H members, Charles jokes with them, as they learn in a fun, fair and safe environment. He is not only a volunteer 4-H leader in computers, rockets and robotics, but he also judges Foods/Nutrition at 4-H State Fair. He assists with many other 4-H events, classes and several community service projects.

The leaders who nominated him said his greatest accomplishments were, *"sharing his knowledge and love of rockets with numerous students and adults. He has a unique way of encouraging youth to try new areas. He can get down to their level so they understand what he is talking about. He uses our 4-H techniques of hands on learning to make learning fun and exciting."*