

# Pathways to Possibilities



OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

**Oregon 4-H Newsletter ~ May 2008**

## AG IN THE CLASSROOM

### May 2008 Calendar Picture



**Alissa H. ♦ Grade 2, Home School, Woodburn ♦ Teacher: Mrs. Hans**

You will find daily agricultural facts with student artwork on our website at <http://AITC.oregonstate.edu>.

The following are a few May 2008 Calendar Facts:

- ♦ May is National Strawberry Month.
- ♦ May is National Barbecue Month.
- ♦ May is National Egg Month.
- ♦ May is National Hamburger Month.
- ♦ May is National Salsa Month.
- ♦ Strawberries were cultivated in ancient Rome.
- ♦ Malheur is the top county for beef production.
- ♦ Egg yolks are one of the few foods that naturally contain vitamin D.
- ♦ Tomatoes were once thought to be poisonous.
- ♦ In WWI, hamburgers were called Liberty Sandwiches.
- ♦ Historians believe that 15<sup>th</sup> century Aztecs made salsa.



## Volunteers Wanted!

Are you interested in reading to students? Volunteers connected and interested in agriculture are needed to read “Oh Say Can You Seed?” to students in grades 1-3. The project can be completed this spring, prior to May 31. Volunteers will read the book to the classroom, lead the students in a plant science activity, share information about your connection to the nursery industry and Oregon agriculture and leave materials with the classroom. Contact us for more details. The project is sponsored by the Oregon Association of Nurseries and the Agri-Business Council of Oregon.

## Calendar Contest Deadline – May 15



Submit artwork about Oregon agriculture by May 15. Every student that submits artwork receives a personalized certificate of participation and 13 students will be chosen for the 2008-09 school year calendar. These winning artists will receive a \$50 savings bond to be awarded during a reception held at the Oregon State Fair. An additional 40 honorable mentions will be selected and posted on the AITC website. Find more information on the AITC website, <http://AITC.oregonstate.edu>.

~ Tami Kerr, Executive Director  
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## OPERATION MILITARY KIDS

### Oregon 4-H Becomes Part of Operation Military Kids

Salem-News.com

**Oregon has more than 10,000 people in the military with more than 6,500 children.**

(CORVALLIS, Ore. ) - School-age children in Oregon who have a parent deployed in the military now have access to a program that provides support and activities through the Oregon State University Extension 4-H Youth Development program.

The mission of Operation: Military Kids is to support "suddenly military" children whose parents are deployed through the National Guard, military reserves or as active duty soldiers by creating networks of people and organizations where the children live.

The program is part of the 4-H/Army Youth Development Project and the Army Integrated Family Support Network. Although the program has been active since 2005, Oregon and 14 other states were chosen to begin an Operation: Military Kids program now because military families are "geographically dispersed" throughout the states, according to Joan Engeldinger, OSU Extension faculty member who coordinates the Oregon program.

"Oregon has more than 10,000 people in the military with more than 6,500 children," Engeldinger said. "Many of them live in remote places throughout the state and have little contact with other military families. The federal government has realized that its National Guard and military reserves, who are not affiliated with a military base, need the peace of mind that their families are being well taken care of."

Finding military families in Oregon can be difficult without a state military base, Engeldinger said. Therefore, 4-H leaders, teachers and school counselors will have the opportunity to attend three trainings on how to identify and work with military children over the next two years, conducted by a nonprofit organization called Military Child Educational Coalition.

"Operation: Military Kids is becoming another important program of 4-H in Oregon," Engeldinger said, "and will provide a sense of belonging for the children."

Families that relocate will find the familiarity of similar 4-H programs in other locations, she added.

Weekend family camps for five or six military families at a time will begin in September at the 4-H Center in Salem. Families will work with therapists and other specialists who can help with practical problems such as coping with lowered incomes and doing home repairs. The family camps also will be offered in other parts of the state.

In addition, 4-H will offer its third Operation Purple camp this summer for 300 military children from Oregon. The four-week, high-adventure camps are presented through another nonprofit, the National Military Family Association. The goals of the free summer camps are to bring together youth who are experiencing deployment of a parent and give them coping skills and a support networks of peers.

Oregon 4-H leaders also have been introduced to "Ready, Set, Go," a training tool kit offered through Operation: Military Kids to educate 4-H workers, educators, counselors and other community service agencies about military culture, the deployment cycle, fostering resilience in kids, influence of the media and building community.

Another program, "Speak Out for Military Kids," is being adopted in Oregon. Military and non-military students are trained to establish speakers' bureaus and advocate for military youth affected by deployment, especially those who lack support systems because of where they live.

Operation: Military Kids also provides a mobile tech lab that travels around the state, giving military children means to communicate with their deployed parent, wherever he or she might be. The equipment includes computer and video equipment for interaction through e-mail and websites and by printing cards. The mobile tech lab will be available at the Navy Reserve Family Day May 3 at Swan Island in Portland.

Contact Joan Engeldinger at [joan.engeldinger@oregonstate.edu](mailto:joan.engeldinger@oregonstate.edu) for more information.

Source: Oregon State University Extension

## PUBLICATIONS

### Online Fillable Project Records now available

The 4-H Animal Science Jr and Int/Sr. records (4-H 1001R and 1002R) are now available on the EESC 4-H web page (<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/>) as fillable Word documents. More project records will be made for online fillable use in the upcoming months.

~ Helen Pease

## RECOGNITION

### Oregon 4-H Hall of Fame nominations due

The Hall of Fame deadline for nominations has been moved to **June 30, 2008**. Honorees will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Recognition banquet during the Extension Outreach and Engagement conference in early December. Nomination instructions and forms are found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/recognition/HOFnomination.pdf>

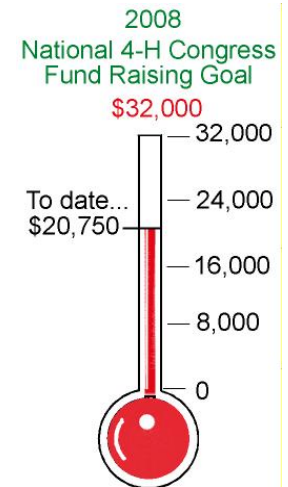
~ Helen Pease

## National 4-H Congress Fundraising Efforts Continue!

We have met *two-thirds* of our goal and have **only one month left** to determine the number of youth we will be able to send to 2008 Congress!!!!

We are hoping to send a delegation of at least 20 youth to Atlanta in 2008; so our **fundraising goal is \$32,000**. To date, almost \$21,000 has been donated to help send an Oregon delegation to National 4-H Congress this November. The final delegation to Congress will be determined and announced during the Recognition Banquet at the end of Summer Conference. We hope you will join us for that event.

***Thank you to those who have donated and/or helped spread the word about this fundraising campaign!***



~ Mary Arnold and Helen Pease

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### 2008 Babe Coe Memorial 4-H Scholarship Winner Announced

Please join us in recognizing this year's recipient of the \$1000 Babe Coe Memorial 4-H scholarship, Marley Winkelman, from Grant County. Congratulations Marley!

## SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

### Free Rocketry Materials Available

National 4-H SET has just announced a new partnership with the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) and the wonderful thing about that is FREE Materials!! The materials include the NAR Member Guidebook and two CD's on model rocket building and flying. Please let interested individuals know these materials are available.

To receive them, 4-H Volunteers should send their name, email address AND mailing address to [GetSETInfo@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:GetSETInfo@fourhcouncil.edu). More information about NAR can be found at:

<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/nar.aspx>.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

### Monthly Meet-Ups

The next monthly meet up is scheduled for Weds, May 28, 10 to 11am

## 4-H SUMMER CONFERENCE AT OSU (June 25 – June 28, 2008)

### Registration begins May 1

Registration for summer conference will begin on May 1, and will close on June 2. **All registration forms need to come via the County Extension offices**, so that counties are aware of how many chaperones are needed. Registration forms do not need to be sent all at the same time and classes are filled on a first-come, first serve basis. Registration payments can be made at the end of the month, in one lump sum from each county.

Please make sure each 4-H member who registers for summer conference has reviewed and/or completed:

- Summer Conference schedule
- Registration Instructions and Registration Form
- Class descriptions and Class Sign-Up Form
- Letter to participants
- Packing List and Dress Code
- Liability release forms if they have selected climbing or scuba classes

For more information, contact Roberta Lundeberg or Sara Miller

## VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

*Responding to the results of volunteer surveys and evaluations, watch for...*

### Four NEW Regional 4-H Leader Forums in 2008

**WHAT?** Three, in depth topics will be offered at four locations, between 9:00–3:00.

**WHO?** All 4-H volunteers, resource leaders, teen volunteers, parents, and staff are invited.

**HOW MUCH?** A pre-registration fee (*less than \$10*) will help cover costs for resources.

*LUNCH: Bring your own, or purchase at each Forum for about \$5.*

### September 27, Beaverton, Washington County

- 1) Focus on Food & Nutrition
- 2) Get SET for Learning Technology
- 3) 4-H: Business, Fun, Learning and Leadership!

### October 4, (TBD - Douglas County or Josephine County)

- 1) Focus on Food & Nutrition
- 2) Get SET for Learning Technology
- 3) Dog Clinic: Obedience & Showmanship

### October 11, Redmond, Deschutes County

- 1) Focus on Food & Nutrition
- 2) Get SET for Learning Technology
- 3) 4-H: Business, Fun, Learning and Leadership!



### October 25, La Grande, Union County

- 1) Focus on Food & Nutrition
- 2) Get SET for Learning Technology
- 3) Dog Clinic: Obedience & Showmanship

**Each educational track will include: interactive learning, sharing ideas and asking questions, discovering resources, applying learning, and connecting to communities.**

*Educational Partners: Each year, regional or state 4-H Leader Forums are planned and conducted in partnership with the Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association, Oregon 4-H Youth Development Program, and local county hosts.*

*Objectives for the State 4-H Volunteer Forums are to:*

- *Reach volunteers of all ages and interests in every county.*
- *Prepare volunteers to provide opportunities for 4-H youth to belong to a group, master skills, be generous and independent.*
- *Prepare participants to teach others in local programs.*
- *Provide educational resources and promote volunteer networks.*
- *Help 4-H volunteers enhance skills for their unique roles.*
- *Recognize and appreciate Oregon 4-H volunteer contributions.*

*Funding Partners: Monsanto and the Oregon 4-H Foundation continue to be funding partners for 2008-2009 4-H Leader Forums. Their generosity helps keep fees low.*

~ Marilyn Lesmeister



# WILDLIFE STEWARDS

## Trainings Offered in May

The following 4-H Wildlife Stewards trainings are open to all Oregon and 4-H staff. If you would like more information on how to bring 4-H Wildlife Stewards to your area, please contact Maureen Hosty at [maureen.hosty@oregonstate.edu](mailto:maureen.hosty@oregonstate.edu).

### **Wildlife Stewards Project Sustainability: Keeping & growing your site... safely & for years to come!**

For established Wildlife Stewards schools who need more information about maintaining and growing your program. Topics include:

- Maintaining your site year-round
- Preventing vandalism
- Record-keeping (including student journals)
- Promoting your program to others
- Steps to take to ensure the success of your Wildlife Stewards program

May 5th , 2008  
6:30-8:30 pm  
Sunnyside Environmental School (Portland)

### **Introduction to 4-H Wildlife Stewards: Getting started as a Wildlife Steward Volunteer**

May 10th , 2008  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
John Inns Keep Environmental Learning Center (Oregon City)

For more information on these trainings and others, visit the 4-H Wildlife Stewards website at [www.wildlifestewards.4h.oregonstate.edu](http://www.wildlifestewards.4h.oregonstate.edu)

