

Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Oregon 4-H Newsletter ~ December 2009

HORSE

Spring Horse Classic

Spring Horse Classic will be held in Deschutes County on April 23-25, 2010.

Counties that wish to participate in either Horse Bowl or Hippology at the 2010 Spring Horse Classic must submit questions to the State Office by **January 15**.

For Horse Bowl: each county needs to submit 10 regular questions and 2 bonus questions from the **new** 4-H Driving Manual, PNW 229 (revised August 2009). Submissions need to include the question, the answer, and the source (including page number).

For Hippology: each county needs to submit 10 questions from any of the Horse Bowl sources. Five should be written, multiple-choice questions for the Examination phase. Five should be visual questions for the Station phase. (You do not need to include the actual visuals.) Each county should also submit one idea for the Team Problem.

~Roberta Lundeberg

OREGON 4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

At the fall meeting for the Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association Executive Council, the members requested that county staff and county leader association treasurers be reminded to [deposit all 4-H donations that come into the office before December 31, 2009](#). Last year donations were held over past January 1 of this year and therefore could not be included as tax deductible donations for the year that it was intended. Many donations come in at the end of the year and those donors expect the checks to be deposited this year and not after December 31. If you have any questions please contact Mona Easley or Marilyn Lesmeister.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Monthly Meet-Ups

The next monthly meet up is scheduled for Weds, January 27 from 10 to 11am. This meeting will be held via webinar; instructions on how to attend will be emailed to counties.

Next Step – Retirement!

On January 1, 2010, I will start a new phase of life. I am unsure exactly how this will play out, but I am ready to explore the possibilities. I want to take this opportunity to express the great satisfaction and sense of fulfillment I found in my career with the Oregon 4-H program and also how much I appreciated and enjoyed working with 4-H faculty and staff. The support, teamwork, and dedication of colleagues made my tenure with 4-H truly a pleasure.

~ Beverly Hobbs

RECOGNITION

World Citizenship/International Exchange Program Recognized Nationally

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs—**Outstanding Quality Programs 2009**. A framed certificate was presented at the National Conference of the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs in recognition of outstanding quality in all international exchange/world citizenship programs. Oregon was one of six states receiving this award. Team award to Larwood, L., Livesay, M., Wells, E., Withee, S., Carlson, S., Smith, J., Peters, J., Green, J., Waggoner, C., Cowan, J., Hohman, T., Manlove, A., McPeak, K., Rose, P., Hoynacki, D., Kershaw, N., Schreiber, D., Knutz, M., and fourteen 4-H volunteer county coordinators.

4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

The 4-H Beekeeping Essay is a great opportunity for 4-H members to research and write about honey bees. Cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded to the 3 top National winners. The essay theme for 2010 is "Is My Community Honey Bee-Friendly?" Contest details are located at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-beekeeping-essay-contest>

4-H members can also use the information they gather to make an educational display for the fair. Essay contestants are not required to be enrolled in a 4-H beekeeping project. Essays are **due in the State 4-H office by February 1, 2010.**

~ Helen Pease

SCHOLARSHIPS

2010 State 4-H and State/County Fair 4-H Scholarships

Information and applications for the 2010 State 4-H and State/County Fair scholarships is now available on the 4-H website at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-scholarships>. Application and eligibility guidelines are the same as they were in 2009. These college scholarships are for 4-H members who will be graduating from high school in 2010.

~ Helen Pease

STATE FAIR

2010 4-H State Fair Chair Opportunities

Plans are in full swing for the 4-H State Fair 2010. The Exhibit Building has a couple of openings for new chairs to work with the receiving, judging and display of exhibits. These project area chair vacancies include the Clothing chair and the Educational Display chair positions. This is the opportunity to make a real difference in the operation of the 4-H State Fair, plus meet and work with volunteers/staff from all counties who enjoy fairs. Volunteer leaders and teens are encouraged to apply.

Application form for the chair positions is found at these links:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/StateFairChairApplication.pdf>

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/StateFairYouthChairInformation.pdf>

If you have questions about these positions contact Mona Easley.

~Mona Easley

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

Volunteer Recognition

Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association Executive Council is seeking nominations for "Oregon 4-H Leader of the Year" which will be selected at the January meeting. All nomination forms must be received at the State Office by **January 1, 2010** to have them included in this year's selection process.

If your county has as selected a county leader of the year, just complete the nomination form and send it to Mona Easley at the State Office. This is the link to the form:

http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/LeaderOfTheYear_NominationForm.pdf

Nominees will have part of the registration fee paid to attend Oregon regional or state Leaders' Forums. The Oregon Leader of the Year will be announced this spring. The winner will receive a scholarship towards registration fees for the Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum. Their photo and information about their accomplishments as an Oregon 4-H leader will be posted on the State 4-H website.

~ Mona Easley

WORLD CITIZENSHIP

Last Notice: 4-H Japanese Exchange—Internship Program

This is an opportunity to spend a full year living and learning in Japan. This is a year-long program that allows college-age (18-25) students to live with a Japanese host family while working on an independent study project, studying the Japanese language and working with the sponsoring Japanese exchange organization assisting with workshops, camp, group activities for members in Japan, and orientation programs for 4-H Summer Exchange Program delegates in Japan.

For application due dates check the information below (December 15, 2009 is the due date).

Program includes:

- Airfare
- Lodging with a Japanese host family
- Medical insurance
- Monthly stipend

For complete Intern information and application materials check the following web sites

- Lex Intern <http://www.lexlrf.org/exchange/index.html>
- LABO Intern (If applying for LABO internships, please follow information of U.S. applications, not Canadian or Australian) <http://www.labo-exchange.com/intern.html>

2010 Outbound 4-H International Exchange Programs

Application materials for potential outbound 4-H international exchange delegates are now available on the Oregon 4-H Web site at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/node> . On the web site click on "Things To Do", then on Travel Abroad. This will bring you to the first page for the 4-H World Citizenship Project. Now go to the 4-H International Exchange Programs section.

This year we are offering outbound exchange programs to the following countries: **Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway.**

Application materials for all countries are due postmarked by January 7, 2010.

One reference must be from a 4-H staff member. Please check the information in the application materials related to references.

4-H Staff and County Coordinators:

- It would be helpful if you could let me know the approximate number of potential delegates you might have from your county (I know that this may change before the application deadline, so just get me a ballpark number at this time).
- You may advertise this opportunity to both current 4-H members and others who might be interested in the opportunity. If not already enrolled, all **selected** delegates must enroll in 4-H and pay the appropriate county/state fees.
- If you might know of adults interested in being a chaperone those application materials are also due postmarked by January 7, 2010.

Hosting This Summer —Costa Rican Delegates

- There will be **potential** hosting opportunities for Oregon families from mid-June to mid-July with delegates from Costa Rica.
- Complete details are on the 4-H website at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/node>. The web site is up and ready to use. You just need to go to the first page of the Oregon 4-H web site and click on "Things to Do", then click on "Travel Abroad/International Exchanges". Click on exchange program information and then look under Inbound Ambassador Programs.
- Delegates from Costa Rica will be matched with host families nationally. (There are a limited number of delegates coming from Costa Rica.) In 2008 and in 2009 Oregon families were selected to host Costa Rican delegates.

Interested host families need to have all of the application materials completed and sent to the State 4-H Office by **March 1, 2010.**

Please include information in newsletters or other ways that you are in touch with your 4-H families.

Training Scheduled

Training for faculty, staff and volunteers (county coordinators) related to 2010 international exchange programs is scheduled for **March 12-13, 2010**. Location to be determined. I would like to encourage you to attend this opportunity to gain the latest information and insights into youth from your county participating on an international exchange program. Most costs for the training are covered by the program. Please save these dates on your calendar, more information will be available in January.

~ Lillian