

Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

February 2010 Newsletter

HORSE

Denver Results

Congratulations to all of Oregon's representatives to the Western National 4-H Horse Classic in Denver. Overall, Oregon placed fourth out of the 32 states that participated. Marta Andersen, Baker County, placed fourth in the Individual Demonstration contest. Katie Merrill, Washington County, placed third in Public Speaking. The Deschutes County Horse Bowl team (Michelle Gant, Madison Mills, Anna Shoffner, and Amanda Smalenberg) finished ninth. The Hippology team (Chrystal Bates, Lindy Perry, and Kayla Vincent) was also from Deschutes County, and they placed tenth with several other top ten placings in subdivisions of the contest. The Coos County Horse Judging team (Lois Hannah, Katelyn Reeves, Hannah Swenson, and Brenna Hurley) placed sixth. They also had many subdivision placings in the top ten.



Oregon delegation to Western National 4-H Horse Classic

Spring Horse Classic

All materials related to this year's Spring Horse Classic are now posted on the website <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/2010-spring-horse-classic>
Registrations are due by April 2.

If your county has members that would like to compete in Horse Bowl or Hippology but you don't have enough to form a full team, they can combine with members from another county to form a team. Please let Roberta Lundeberg know if you have members that need a team, and she will help connect and combine counties.

~Roberta Lundeberg

LEADERSHIP

4-H Project 2010: Take a Stand Now, For a Better Tomorrow World Forestry Center, Portland, April 23rd and 24th

Youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited to participate in Activate Oregon Year 2010 Youth Summit for Sustainability. Through hands-on experiential learning that emphasizes team-work, group participation, and simulations; youth from across the region and state will come together to...

- Understanding and expand their awareness of sustainability as it applies to environmental, economic and social issues at the local level and beyond.
- Explore the concept of place and community, as well as the interdependency of diverse communities upon each other.
- Collaborate with city and regional government, NGOs and other organizations to understand the political process and the transfer of youth voice and ideas into action and results.
- Investigate diverse and often conflicting messages as they relate to sustainability and gain critical skills in evaluating information and research.
- Develop both personal and team sustainability action plans designed for immediate engagement in their local communities as well as long-term steps at the regional and state level.
- Explore careers and academic programs in the fields of sustainability Enjoy a variety of recreation, group movement, dance, workshops, media and art.

Learn more at Extension.oregonstate.edu/metro4h

SPECIAL FUNDING FOR RURAL 4-H YOUTH: There is no charge for 4-H'ers from rural communities in Oregon. Meals, transportation, and lodging provided. Transportation scholarships and host family stays are available for teams of youth from rural Oregon communities. If you would like more information on these scholarships, please contact Maureen Hosty at maureen.hosty@oregonstate.edu or visit our website at www.4hwildlifestewards.org and go to Oregon programs.

PUBLICATIONS

Drying Fruits and Vegetables (PNW 0397) has been relocated and is now available online at <http://www.cals.uidaho.edu/edComm/pdf/PNW/PNW0397.pdf>

Canning Tomatoes and Tomato Products (PNW 300) has been revised and is now available online at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/jspui/bitstream/1957/13728/1/pnw300.pdf>

~ Helen Pease

RECOGNITION

Oregon 4-H Youth Selected for National 4-H Congress Design Team

Please join me in congratulating Rebekah Polacek, from Marion County, who was nationally selected as one of eight youth from across the country to help plan National 4-H Congress 2010!

National 4-H Congress Applications due March 1!

Member applications for National 4-H Congress need to be forwarded by counties to the State 4-H office by **March 1, 2010**. In mid-March the State Recognition committee will select the Congress finalists, who will be interviewed during 4-H Summer Conference in late June.

State 4-H Awards Applications due March 1

Applications due in the State 4-H office, and must include the [nomination form](#), signed by county 4-H agent. Note that eligibility for State 4-H Awards in Citizenship, Communication and Leadership changed, and these awards are now ONLY for Intermediate members (grades 7 – 9).

~ Helen Pease

SCHOLARSHIPS

State 4-H and State Fair Scholarships Available

In memory of Robert M. Ohling, one new \$1800 OSU scholarship will be offered in 2010. Over 15 other college scholarships (worth more than \$20,000) are available to 4-H members who are seniors in high school and college bound in 2010. Scholarship applications and guidelines can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-scholarships>. All applications must be approved by the county 4-H agent and are **due in the State 4-H office by March 1, 2010**.

~ Helen Pease

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Monthly Meet-Ups

The next montly meet up is scheduled for Weds, March 24, 10 to 11am.

Spring Staff Conference

The Oregon 4-H annual Staff Development Conference will be held May 10-13 in Wilsonville, Clackamas County. Learn about other professional development opportunities at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/mea-professional-development-conferences>

SUMMER CAMPS

Multnomah and Washington County 4-H are pleased to announce our 2010 camping season is open to all 4-H members across Oregon. These camps combine exciting, hands-on learning, science inquiry and stewardship with fun activities that inspire and engage children of all ages at a very affordable price. Our theme for 2010 is Healthy Kids, Healthy Planet. We hope you will join us.

Mar 26-28	Family Camp	\$55/\$45(< 5 free)	youth & adults	4-H Center, Salem
May 15-16	Teen Counselors	Free	15-18y	4-H Center, Salem
June 25-26	Ocean Discovery	\$70/person	youth & adults	Beverly Beach State Park
July 12-16	Eagle Trek	\$275/person	9-13y	Beverly Beach State Park
July 19-23	Farm and Garden	\$125 (Day only)	6-13y	SE Portland
Aug 3-7	Wildlife Stewards	\$275	8-13y	4-H Center, Salem
Aug 9-13	Farm and Garden	\$125 (Day only)	6-13y	SE Portland
Aug 16-20	Super Science	\$275	8-13y	4-H Center, Salem

Contact Maureen Hosty for more information.

SUMMER CONFERENCE

June 23-26, 2010

Thank you to everyone who submitted a class proposal for this year's Summer Conference. If you haven't done yours yet, there is still time! The form can be found on the Summer Conference website. Remember to recruit talented leaders from your county.

T-shirt Design Contest

We are also beginning our annual Summer Conference t-shirt design contest. The winner receives a \$100 scholarship to Summer Conference (sometimes we combine designs and split the scholarship). Our theme this year is "Dare to be Green." The theme plus 4-H Summer Conference and the year should be incorporated into the design. All contest submissions should be sent to Sara Miller by March 19.

Flyer Coming Soon!

It's also time to start promoting Summer Conference to your 7th -12th grade youth. A flyer will be available for you to use by mid-February. The dates for Summer Conference are June 23-26, and the cost will remain at \$200.

~Roberta Lundeberg

VOLUNTEERS

Oregon 4-H Leaders of the Year Named

The Oregon Leaders' Association Executive Council had a very difficult job in January to select the two Oregon 4-H Leaders of the Year from a great group of nominees. The following leaders were nominated: Lana Drew, Yamhill County; Kelly Makinson, Lane County; Wendy McPherson, Morrow County; Bruce Moos, Benton County; Ken Patterson, Union County; Judy Thomsen and Teri McElroy, Gilliam County; Tami Wightman, Wallowa County. Each of them will receive a certificate as a thank you for all of their contributions through the years to their county 4-H program and the state 4-H Program.

Congratulations to the two leaders who were selected to be 2009-2010 Oregon 4-H Leaders of the Year. They are **Bruce Moos, Benton County** who is a 34 year Benton County 4-H Leader who instills confidence in 4th -12th grade 4-H members as they learn how to judge animals and give oral reasons. He changes the way youth look at themselves and helps them to meet difficult challenges and situations. He has impacted the state livestock judging program, overall state livestock program by being a member of the State 4-H Animal Science Development Committee. He was inducted to the Oregon 4-H Hall of Fame in 2008. **Ken Patterson, Union County** was also selected as Oregon Leader of the Year. He is a 15+ year 4-H Leader who leads a small animal club and helps with a livestock club, as well as taking a week off from his job each year to help approximately 100 youth at the tri-county 4-H camp. He is advisor and sponsor for youth from New York during the newly formed New York Exchange Program. He helps at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, Union County Fair and Oregon State Fair. He serves on many community committees in addition to being on the Oregon State 4-H Recognition Committee which took him to National 4-H Congress as a chaperone. Ken is always willing to help youth succeed and continually gives of his time and talents. All nominees and the two winners will have their registration paid to the next Oregon State 4-H Leaders' Forum in April 2011 by the Oregon Leaders' Association. Bruce and Ken will have partial scholarship paid to the WRLF. We applaud all of these very dedicated volunteers for the endless hours of service that they have contributed to Oregon 4-H.

~Mona Easley and Marilyn Lesmeister

WORLD CITIZENSHIP

County Coordinator Training Scheduled

Training for faculty, staff and volunteers (county coordinators) related to 2010 international exchange programs is scheduled for **March 12-13, 2010**. This training will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Albany (next to the Linn County Fairgrounds). 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, and families in your county hosting delegates from other countries. Most costs for the training are covered by the program.

Attached you will find the registration form for the training. PLEASE return the form before February 24, 2010. If you have questions, give me a call. Additional details related to the training will be available in mid-February.

Outbound Delegates Selected

The following youth have been selected as 4-H International Exchange Ambassador Programs Delegates for 2010. The delegates selected for Japan have the final approval to travel. The delegates selected for Australia, Costa Rica and Norway are waiting for the final national approval that should be coming in early February.

Delegates are:

Japan (4-week program)

- Ra Hopkins—Coos County
- Annmarie Earl—Coos County
- Samantha Brawley—Clatsop County
- Jocelena Cate—Harney County
- Alyssa Stinnett—Harney County
- Lila Kaye—Benton County

Australia

- Sam Meisenhelder—Clackamas County
- Chloe VanGilder—Sherman County

Costa Rica

- Miriam Creach—Deschutes County

Norway

- Michael Dabulskis—Sherman County

Congratulations to all, a big thank you to the staff and volunteer coordinators in the counties listed, and now the orientation process begins.

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>. 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 February 22, 2010.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

~ Lillian