

# Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## January 2010 Newsletter

### AG IN THE CLASSROOM

January 2010 Picture



Elon G. ♦ Grade 4, C.S. Lewis Academy, Newberg

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

The following are a few January 2010 Calendar Facts:

- ♦ National Oatmeal and National Wheat Bread Month
- ♦ Dungeness crab can live up to 13 years.
- ♦ Oregon is #1 in U.S. Dungeness crab production.
- ♦ The average American eats more than 15 pounds of seafood each year.
- ♦ Oregon's pink shrimp fishery earned the first sustainable certification in the world.
- ♦ Oregon has 362 miles of publicly accessible coastline.

## Host an In-Service Day for Your Area Teachers

Agriculture in the Classroom offers training sessions for Oregon teachers. Consider hosting local teachers in your area where they can learn how to incorporate agricultural themes into their classroom via cross-curricular activities in reading, science, math, and language arts. AITC's sessions are about 3 hours long, PDU credits are available, and participants will receive a free *Grown in Oregon* map. Minimum class size of 12 teacher required, maximum of 30 teachers.

If you're interested in planting new seeds of knowledge in your areas classrooms, contact Tami Kerr at (541)-737-8629 or [Tami.Kerr@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Tami.Kerr@oregonstate.edu) to schedule a workshop in your area. To learn more about AITC visit <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu>.

~ Tami Kerr, Executive Director

## HORSE

### Spring Horse Classic

Final reminder: 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

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND ADVENTURE

### Outdoor Skills Rendezvous

July 20-24, 2010, at the Oregon 4-H Center in Salem, OR.

The Oregon 4-H Outdoor Skill Rendezvous is a residential camping opportunity for mature 9th through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth interested in enhancing their proficiency in shooting sports, sport fishing, outdoor survival, and challenge and adventure. Youth attending the Rendezvous can choose from a menu of outdoor skill classes that include: Safe and responsible use of firearms, Angling skills and tackle crafting, Orienteering with GPS and compass, Outdoor survival skills, and much more. Please see attached Topic Request form and Registration form for more information. ~ David J. White

## PUBLICATIONS

### Survivor Camp now Available Online and in Print!

Survivor Camp Leader Guide (4-H 664L) is now available online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/4-h664l.php> . Printed copies can also be purchased for \$ 18 from [puborders@oregonstate.edu](mailto:puborders@oregonstate.edu)

### Newly Revised!

Smoking Fish at Home Safely (PNW 238) has been revised and is now available at <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/PNW238/PNW238.pdf>

~ Helen Pease

## RECOGNITION

### 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

### 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**. Applications are located at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/the-state-4h-resume> In mid-March the State Recognition committee will select the Congress finalists who will be interviewed during 4-H Summer Conference in late June.

### Congress Fundraising Efforts Are Underway!

Many Congress delegates describe attending this event as the highlight of their 4-H career. Unfortunately, over the past few years, the number of Oregon delegates we have been able to send to National 4-H Congress has decreased dramatically. In 2004 we sent a group of 27 youth; in 2009 we could afford to send only nine.

Please keep National 4-H Congress in mind when sending out newsletters, discussing Leader's Association budgets, or if you are contacted by a private donor. We are hoping to send a delegation of at least 20 youth in 2010; so our **fundraising goal is \$32,000**. Please help keep alive the tradition of giving our outstanding Oregon youth this wonderful opportunity in 2010. Donate today at [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/2010Pledge\\_Sheet.pdf](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/2010Pledge_Sheet.pdf) !!!!

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### State 4-H and 4-H Fair Scholarship Applications due March 1, 2010

Over 15 college scholarships are available to Oregon 4-H members who are seniors in high school and planning to attend college in fall 2010. Applications **must be signed by county 4-H agents** prior to being submitted to the State 4-H office. All applications must be received by the State 4-H office no later than March 1, 2010. State 4-H Scholarship Applications are located at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/state-4h-scholarships>. 4-H Fair Scholarship applications can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/2009-state-fair-4h-scholarship-summary> . All applications are now available in an online fillable format!

~ Helen Pease

## SHOOTING SPORTS

### 2010 Oregon 4-H Master Shooting Sports Leader Training

The 2010 Oregon 4-H Master Shooting Sports Leader Training will take place April 16-18. The training will be held at the Josephine County Sportsman Park in Grants Pass. Disciplines offered will include archery, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. The registration fee is expected to be \$75 for each discipline, with the exception of archery, which will require an additional \$20. More information will follow in January.

~ David J. White

## STAFF 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.

## VOLUNTEERS

### Southwest 4-H Leaders' Forum coming Early 2010

A Southwest Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum has been planned by the counties in that area of Oregon for Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 9:00 AM at Roseburg High School. This training is open to leaders, teens, parents and judges from anywhere in the state, but probably most convenient for the people living in the southwest region.

The 4-H agents, leaders, judges and teens have planned a great selection of workshops which will be offered from 9:30 AM – 3:15 PM on February 6, See the link below for more information about workshops and registration form. **Deadline for registration is January 29** and the \$10 fee

includes lunch. <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/announcements/southwest-oregon-4h-regional-leaders%E2%80%99-forum>

If you have questions or need more information please contact Tracy Martz, Douglas County 4-H Agent at 541-672-4461 or Mona Easley, Program Coordinator at 541-737-1327 at the 4-H State Office.

~Mona Easley