

Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Oregon 4-H Newsletter ~ December 2010

Calendar

December 2010

December 1: NFAA Indoor, Oregon 4-H Mail-in Archery Tournament

December 10: Application deadline—[4-H Japanese Internship Program](#)

January 2011

January 1: Application Deadline for [4-H Foundation Grants](#)

January 1: FITA Indoor, Oregon 4-H Mail-in Archery Tournament

January 7: Application deadline (postmarked by)—[ALL 4-H International Exchange Outbound Programs](#)

January 15: Registration deadline to attend national "Citizenship Washington Focus" July 3-9, 2011

February 2011

February 1: Essays for [National 4-H Beekeeping Essay contest](#) due

February 1: NFAA Field, Oregon 4-H Mail-in Archery Tournament

February 8 – 11: [American Camping Association National Conference](#) – San Diego, CA.

February 14: Applications available for the [ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science camp](#) scholarships

February 15: Applications due for 4-H Youth Development Exchange Program to Finland

February 19: "4-H Project Workshop" for Volunteers - Deschutes Co.

February 21-24: FCH & 4-H Spring conference

For more 2010-2011 calendar events go to <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/calendar>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Monthly Meet-Ups

The next monthly meet up is scheduled for Weds, December 15 from 10 to 11am. This meeting will be held via webinar; instructions on how to attend will be emailed to counties.

RECOGNITION

4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

Essays are due in the State 4-H office by February 1, 2011.

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 2011 is "*U.S. Honey: A Taste for Every Preference*" 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.

Hall of Fame Nominations

The Hall of Fame nominations are due March 1, 2010. This is your opportunity to nominate a volunteer or former faculty member who has made a significant impact on the Oregon 4-H program, its members or leaders. Nomination forms are at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-hall-fame-0>

~ Helen Pease

SCHOLARSHIPS

More Scholarships Available in 2011

Information on 2011 State 4-H scholarships and County/State 4-H Fair scholarships has been updated and is now available at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-scholarships> A number of the scholarship values have increased temporarily for 2011, so please encourage your members who are heading to college in fall 2011 to apply! Applications must be approved and signed by county 4-H agents and are due in the State 4-H office March 1, 2011.

~Helen Pease

VOLUNTEERS

New Training Resources Available in December

As volunteer program managers, the “Everyone Ready” resources can be very helpful as we plan our work, recruit volunteers, and address challenges in 2011. New resources will be available in December, and are free to every Extension Office across the nation, funded by the National 4-H Council, through a grant from Monsanto. The resources are online for us to interact with experts in the field of volunteer development, for a brief time. A new self-instruction guide titled “*Middle Managers: Their Vital Role in Volunteer Success*” will be released on December 20 (see attached flyer for details). A new series of related fact sheets will be released at the same time, at www.4-h.org/volunteerism. I hope you can take advantage of these “Everyone Ready” opportunities in December, and every month during the coming year.

~ Marilyn K. Lesmeister

WORLD CITIZENSHIP

Intent to Participate Form

Attached to this newsletter is a "Intent to Participate Form". The form lets me know which counties are thinking of hosting various inbound programs during the summer of 2011. The form also lets me know who will be helping as a county coordinator(s). Please complete the form and return it by **January 4, 2011**, so that I will have a much better idea of where we are with exchange programs for the coming year. I currently have forms from the following counties: *Grant, Deschutes, Tillamook, Clatsop, Yamhill, and Harney.*

4-H Japanese Exchange—Internship Program

Applications are due to the State 4-H office by December 10, 2010

This is an opportunity to spend time living and learning in Japan. This is a year-long program that allows college-age (18-25) students to live with Japanese host families 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 complete Intern information and application materials check the following web sites:

- **Lex Intern** <http://www.lexlrf.org/Exchange%20Program/Internship%20Program.htm>
- **LABO Intern** (If applying for LABO internships, please follow information for U.S. applications, not Canadian or Australian) <http://www.labo-exchange.com/intern.html>

2011 Outbound 4-H International Exchange Programs

Applications are due postmarked by January 7, 2011.

We are offering opportunities to travel to Australia, Costa Rica, and Japan. Additional information and application materials are now available on the Oregon 4-H Web site. The following counties have expressed interest in potential outbound delegates: *Grant, Clatsop, Harney, Benton, Deschutes, Crook and Yamhill*.

NOTE: In order to obtain the best airfare prices, tickets are purchased by mid-February. The required deposit payment for 2011 will be: \$1500 for Japan and Australia, and \$1000 for Costa Rica. This deposit is required with the application materials. Anyone not selected by Oregon for the program will receive a full refund on their deposit.

American Youth Leadership Program in Mongolia—Enhancing Global Perspectives

Application deadline: January 15, 2011

This exchange will offer 29 youth and 6 adults the opportunity to explore the vast historical and cultural traditions of Mongolia in a four week exchange program beginning mid-June and ending mid-July, 2011. The educational theme during the exchange will focus on environmental issues that are common to the western U.S. and Mongolia: water quality, renewable energy and land restoration/reclamation. Youth and adults will be recruited from the 13 states which make up the Western Region of the Land Grant Universities Cooperative Extension Service: this includes Oregon!!

- At this time I have heard of interest by teens in Union, Coos, and Harney counties.
- Please remember that Oregon can have any number of applications submitted for this opportunity!!

Applications are submitted directly to the University of Wyoming. PLEASE also send a copy of your application to Lillian Larwood. For complete information review the November 16th email from Lillian Larwood.

4-H Youth Development Exchange Program to Finland

Applications are due postmarked by February 15, 2011

Older teens and young adults, at least 18 years of age as of January 1, 2011, are invited to apply to travel to Finland from mid-June to early-September, 2011. This opportunity is part of the Oregon 4-H International Exchange *Youth Development* Program. In addition to having the opportunity to experience living with host families in other countries, participants in *Youth Development* Programs will work with the cooperating youth program in their host country. Depending on the host country, this work could include helping with camping programs, studying youth development issues, or working with formation of 4-H type clubs in various settings around the country. *For complete information review the November 22nd email from Lillian Larwood.*

Hosting This Summer —Delegates from Costa Rica and Norway

Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by March 15, 2011.

- There will be **potential** hosting opportunities for Oregon families from mid-June to mid-July with delegates from Costa Rica, and during the month of July with delegates from Norway.
- 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", and 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.

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

Looking Ahead at 2011 dates:

- Coordinator Training: March 11-12
- Outbound Orientation: April 9

~ Lillian Larwood