

# Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## Oregon 4-H Newsletter ~February 2011

### Calendar

#### 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

#### March 2011

March 1: [Applications for State 4-H Scholarships](#) due

March 1: Applications for [State 4-H Fair Scholarships](#) due

March 1: Applications for [State Awards in Leadership, Citizenship, Communication and Team Community Service](#) due.

March 1: Applications for [National 4-H Congress](#) due

March 1: Oregon 4-H [Hall of Fame](#) nominations due

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

March 1: Novelty Animal, Oregon 4-H Mail-in Archery Tournament

March 11-12: State Coordinator and Staff Training/[4-H International Exchange Programs](#)

March 15: Application deadline for hosting 4-H Exchange delegates from Costa Rica

March 17 – 18: Recognition Committee Meeting

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

## 4-H STATE AMBASSADORS

### Seeking Applicants for 2011-2012

It's time to start thinking about applying to be a 2011-12 Oregon 4-H State Ambassador. The Oregon 4-H State Ambassador team is made up of 12-18 fantastic 4-H members and serves as the public relations arm of the 4-H program. The role of the State Ambassadors varies from year to year, but typically they do things like moderate the Oregon 4-H facebook page, serve as hosts at State Fair, and emcee Summer Conference and other events.

Interested members should be in the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2010-11 school year. They need to attend a training and interview at Summer Conference as well as submit an application. Applications are **due June 1** to the State 4-H office and can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/ambassador-program> Any questions contact Sara Miller at [sara.miller@oregonstate.edu](mailto:sara.miller@oregonstate.edu)

## HORSE

### 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 8.

If your county has members that would like to compete in Horse Bowl, Hippology or judging 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.

### Horse Leader Forums

We will be conducting five forums for horse leaders around the state next fall. Our hope is that most leaders will be able to attend one of them. There will be a small registration fee. All forums will be one-day events. Topics will include general 4-H information and philosophy, planning your 4-H year, insurance, conflicts in the horse program, opportunities for horse members, riding meetings, and horse shows. There will be time to share information and ask questions.

The dates and sites of the Horse Leader Forums are:

September 17, Lake County  
September 24, Clackamas County  
October 22, Wheeler County  
October 29, Umatilla County  
November 12, Josephine County

~ Roberta Lundeberg

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Monthly Meet-Ups

The next monthly meet up is scheduled for Weds, February 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 11am. This meeting will be held via webinar; instructions on how to attend will be emailed to counties.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Newly revised

“Facts About 4-H” (4-H 0244L) has been revised and is now online only at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/19848/4-h0244L.pdf>

### Now Online

The following titles are now online:

Poultry Project Member Guide (4-H 150)

<http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/19887/4-h150.pdf> ,

Poultry & Pigeon Advancement Program (4-H 1501R)

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/4-h1501R.pdf> ,

Archery Member Manual (4-H 361)

<http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/19888/4-h361.pdf>

~ Helen Pease

## RECOGNITION

### Hall of Fame Nominations

The Hall of Fame nominations are due **March 1, 2011**. 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>

### 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 are ONLY for Intermediate members (grades 7 – 9).

## 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, 2011**. 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.

## National 4-H 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 2010 we could afford to send only 15.

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 2011; so our **fundraising goal is \$32,000**. Please help keep alive the tradition of giving our outstanding Oregon youth this wonderful opportunity in 2011. Donate today at [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/newsletters/2011pledge\\_sheet.pdf](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/newsletters/2011pledge_sheet.pdf) !!!

~ 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.

## SUMMER CONFERENCE

### Class Proposals

Please consider submitting a class proposal for Summer Conference. The form can be found on the Summer Conference website. Remember to recruit talented leaders from your county. Forms are due to Roberta Lundeberg by the end of March, but the earlier, the better.

It's also time to start promoting Summer Conference to your 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade youth. A flyer will be available for you to use by mid-February. The dates for Summer Conference are June 22-25, and the cost will remain at \$200. Buses will be available. The northeast, central and southern routes will remain the same. A new northwest route will run from Astoria to Washington County, then Yamhill and Polk counties before arriving in Corvallis.

## T-Shirt Contest

It's time again for our annual OSU Summer Conference T-shirt design contest! For all you creative 4-H members out there try your hand at graphic design. If your design is selected you will receive a reduced rate on your OSU Summer Conference Registration cost.

### Guidelines for Contest

- Design is to include the theme of "4-H Write Your Own Story"
- Must be created and submitted electronically to the email address below
- The T-Shirt design should include no more than three colors
- Include your first and last name as well as your phone number in your email

T-Shirts designs are due by Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and should be sent to [Jamie.Davis@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Jamie.Davis@oregonstate.edu). If you have any questions please contact Jamie Davis, at the Lake County Extension Office, at 541-947-6054.

~ Roberta Lundeberg

## VOLUNTEERS

### Volunteer Representation at All Levels of 4-H

The Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association is one of many partners involved in the overall success of the Oregon 4-H Youth Development Program.

The purpose of the state Leaders' Association is to:

- Promote and support youth development.
- Sponsor volunteer development (and recognition) programs.
- Serve on advisory committees as needed, including the 4-H Foundation, State Fair Board of Trustees.
- Serve as a sounding board and advisory group in any other way, as needed.
- Be an advocate for the Oregon 4-H program.

Association President, [John Nyberg](#) lives in Newberg. He is interested in visiting County 4-H Leader Association/Council meetings, and sharing information about how the Leaders' Association benefits Oregon volunteers, youth and staff. You may contact him at: [jnnyberg@juno.com](mailto:jnnyberg@juno.com) or 503-538-3464.

Teamwork among staff, volunteers and youth help achieve a great Oregon 4-H program. [Paul Hardzinski](#) (Clackamas County) is the current secretary of the state Association. **Please share his invitation (below) in county newsletters and on websites.**

Oregon 4-H Volunteers,

By now I am sure that all of you have experienced and have learned that it is volunteers that keep 4-H active and thriving in the counties and the State of Oregon. This is through your efforts as 4-H club leaders, and your service on advisories and committees. Since you have already made a commitment to working with the 4-H program, your expertise would be extremely valuable in helping guide and direct the Oregon 4-H programs through service on the Executive Council of the Oregon 4-H Leaders'

Association. There are several positions on the Council open, so with your welcomed help we can be part of making and keeping something of value happening.

State-wide representation is needed. Adult and teen volunteers are invited. Go to the State 4-H website to obtain a 1-page application form to submit if you are interested in serving.

*Paul Hardzinski, Secretary  
Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association*



## **Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum – April 8-9, 2011**

Join us at the Oregon 4-H Center for the 2011 state-wide 4-H Leaders' Forum, "Clover Fun for Everyone!" This educational Forum is designed for volunteers. Adult and teen volunteers can attend, learn, and then teach or share information with others.

Fun activities, such as a camp-wide scavenger hunt and a 4-H carnival including "tack-a-horse" and making a 'felted' project will happen on Friday evening. You can use these ideas in club and county programs! Saturday will include over 25 educational workshops to choose, such as:

Aloha Redworms!	Call a Veterinarian: Or not?	Traditional Mexican Dance
Videography	Dutch Oven cooking	Creating a Great Display
Fun with Speaking	Cultivating Cloverbuds	Outdoor Adventures with Your Horse
Games & Icebreakers	Science in 4-H Projects	How to Manage a Small Animal Show
LEGO Robotics	How to Re-Use Denim Jeans	New Sewing Machines, Tools, Notions
Fun, Effective Leader Associations		Getting Financial Literacy into 4-H Projects
All the Ways 4-H Foundation Supports 4-H		
And more...!		

Watch for registration materials soon. The cost will be under \$50 per person for registration, 3 meals, and lodging for one night at the camp. Come and have "Clover Fun!" Talk with 4-H acquaintances and meet new friends!

## **Western Regional Leaders' Forum – January 12 - 15, 2012**

4-H Western Rendezvous: Under Cowboy Skies  
Cheyenne Wyoming

Proposals to teach a workshop at the 2012 WRLF are due March 1, 2011. Here's a direct link to the workshop proposal:

[http://4h.uwyo.edu/State\\_Leaders\\_Council/West\\_Regional/2012\\_WRLF\\_Workshop\\_Proposal\\_Form.pdf](http://4h.uwyo.edu/State_Leaders_Council/West_Regional/2012_WRLF_Workshop_Proposal_Form.pdf)

Over the next few months, you will be able to find more information about the forum on the Wyoming 4-H web site at <http://4-h.uwyo.edu/>

Please share this opportunity to teach at a Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum with your colleagues and 4-H volunteers.

~ Marilyn Lesmeister

## WORLD CITIZENSHIP

### Exciting Opportunities Available

#### Argentina—2011 Summer 4-H Outbound International Exchange Program

Application deadline is Monday, February 7, 2011 (postmarked by)

If you know of individuals interested in applying for this opportunity (both youth delegates and adult chaperone), please note the following information:

- Complete information and application materials related to this opportunity are available on the following website:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/argentina%E2%80%94summer-outbound-program> (youth delegate information)

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/chaperones%E2%80%94outbound-4h-exchange-programs> (chaperone information)

#### Hosting This Summer—Delegates from Norway, Finland, Argentina or Costa Rica

Interested families need to have all of the application materials completed and sent to the State 4-H Office as follows:

- ✓ Argentina, Finland, and Norway: **February 15, 2011**
- ✓ Costa Rica: **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, Finland or Argentina.
- Complete details are on the 4-H website at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-world-citizenship-project-international-exchange-programs> . Look under the section on Inbound Ambassador Programs—Hosting Opportunities.
- Delegates will be matched with host families nationally.

#### 4-H Youth Development Exchange Program to Finland

*Application deadline is February 15, 2011 (MUST be postmarked by this date).*

Older teens and young adults, at least 18 years of age as of January 1, 2011, and not over 25, from around Oregon are invited to apply to travel to Finland from mid-June to early-September, 2011. 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. During the two-three month program to Finland, delegates will be involved with Finnish 4-H groups, will have the opportunity to present workshops on selected topics, and will participate in other 4-H activities/events. It may also be possible to arrange for school credit for this experience. Individuals who travel to Finland this summer will have the chance to make life-long international friends as they live and explore Finland with Finnish host families.

**About the Program:** Delegates will fly from Oregon to Helsinki, Finland

**Who:** Older teens and young adults, at least 18 years of age and not over 25 as of January 1, 2011

**What:** 4-H International Exchange Youth Development Program

**Where:** Finland

**When:** Between Mid-June and Early-September, 2011

**Cost:** Approximately \$2,500 (depending on airfare at time of purchase).

- A deposit of \$750 is due with the application on or before February 15, 2011 (must be postmarked by)
- The approximate total cost amount will cover the cost of the flight, T-shirts for delegate, resource materials, insurance, and the orientation session.
- Scholarships are available to help cover some costs

To be eligible, participants and families are required to participate in an orientation session in the spring of 2011 and be willing to share 4-H skills with the Finnish youth and bring back and share information on 4-H in Finland to groups in Oregon.

**Additional Information and Application Form (check toward the bottom of the webpage):**

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-world-citizenship-project-international-exchange-programs>

~ Lillian