

# Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## Oregon 4-H Newsletter ~February 2012

### Calendar

#### February 2012

February 1: Essays for [National 4-H Beekeeping Essay contest](#) Due  
February 1: NFAA Field, Oregon 4-H Mail-in Archery Tournament  
February 15: Application deadline for [hosting 4-H Exchange delegates from](#) Finland and potentially Argentina

#### March 2012

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 2 - 4: Oregon 4-H Master Shooting Sports Leader Training, Klamath Falls  
March 3: State Horse Advisory meeting, Corvallis  
March 15-16: Recognition Committee Meeting  
March 16 - 17: 4-H International Exchange Programs Staff and Coordinator Training — Location TBA  
March 24 - 29: [National 4-H Conference](#) – Washington, D.C.  
March 28 - 30: [Activate Oregon 2012 State Retreat](#)  
March 30 - April 1: [Camp Leadership Conference](#)

For more 2011-2012 calendar events go to <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/calendar>

## CITIZENSHIP

### Oregon Delegates Attending National 4-H Conference

We are pleased to announce the selection of two Oregon delegates who will visit the National 4-H Center for National 4-H Conference between March 24-29, 2012. **Emily Brant**, Clackamas County and **Palmer Deedon**, Douglas County, will be sharing about their National 4-H Conference experiences back in Oregon later this year.

## LEADERSHIP

### Camp Leadership Conference with Michael Brandwein\* March 30 – April 1, 2012

Looking for a way to spice up your camp training and improve your camper outcomes?

Who should attend?

All staff, volunteers and older youth who work in Oregon's 4-H programs with junior and intermediate age youth.

Location: Oregon 4-H Center, Salem

Cost: \$40.00 per participant for meals. This fee would normally be MUCH more for a conference with a national speaker!

What is included? The camp committee will cover:

- The 4-H Center's lodging fee.
- 1 van or car per county to travel to the 4-H Center.
- All presenter and program costs.

Registration will be by county group to OSU Extension - Yamhill County. The registration deadline is March 2, 2012. Groups will be assigned lodging on a first come first serve basis, starting with the cottages. When the cottages are filled, groups will be housed in the cabins in gender groups.

\***Michael Brandwein** ([michaelbrandwein.com](http://michaelbrandwein.com)) is one of the top experts and trainers of persons in the fields of camp, education, and youth development. Michael is the number one national bestselling author in the camp field, with five consecutive bestsellers, including his 2011 book, *Skill of the Day: What Great Youth Leaders Do & Say*. He is a frequent keynote speaker for national organizations that serve youth, families, teachers, and others. Michael's camp experience includes everything from front-line counselor and supervisor to camp administrator.

For more information contact Virginia Bourdeau @ 503-371-7920, email [mombear@proaxis.com](mailto:mombear@proaxis.com) See [attached letter](#) and registration form for more details.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Monthly Meet-Ups

The next monthly meet up is scheduled for Weds, February 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to 10am. This meeting will be held via webinar; instructions on how to attend will be emailed to counties.

## PUBLICATIONS

*Oregon 4-H Shooting Sports Member Guide* (4-H 360) is no longer a state supported resource. If counties want to continue to use the guide, copies can be purchased at Purdue, <https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?itemID=19854> The Purdue title is 4-H Shooting Sports Education Project, 4-H-950.

*Oregon 4-H Shooting Sports Member Guide Answer Supplement* (formerly 4-H 360S) is no longer a state supported resource. It is still available online at <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/4H/4-H-1007-W.pdf>

## RECOGNITION

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

Congratulations to Sam Meisenhelder, of Clackamas County who was selected for the Design Team for 2012 National 4-H Congress. Sam is one of eight nationally selected youth who will help to plan this year's event. It is the third year in a row an Oregon 4-H member has been selected for this prestigious position!

### Hall of Fame Nominations

The Hall of Fame nominations are due **March 1, 2012**. 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. [For more information](#)

### 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 is limited to Intermediate members (grades 7 – 9) ONLY

### 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, 2012**. 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 2011 we could afford to send only 14.

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 2012; so our **fundraising goal is \$32,000**. Please help keep alive the tradition of giving our outstanding Oregon youth this wonderful opportunity in 2012.

[Donate today](#) !!!

~ Helen Pease

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### Scholarship Applications due March 1

Information on 2012 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> Please encourage your members who are heading to college in fall 2012 to apply! Applications must be approved and signed by county 4-H agents prior to sending to the State 4-H office.

## SHOOTING SPORTS

### Shooting Sports Webinar in February

A copy of the Shooting Sports Policies and Procedures manual was recently mailed to County 4-H offices in preparation for a Shooting Sports webinar. The webinar is scheduled for February 10 at 11:00 and is intended for county 4-H faculty/staff, volunteers, and Regional Administrators. Members of the State training Team, Marilyn Lesmeister, and I will provide some insight into recent changes in the shooting sports program, reporting requirements, risk management, contests, and advancements. I hope you will be able to join the webinar. The program will be archived.

~ Dave White

## STATE FAIR

### New Exhibit Opportunities in Science and Technology

Check out the 2012 fair book, when it is posted, for two new exhibits that should be of interest to youth.

There is a new exhibit display class for youth to share and display a Science Investigation they design and carry out in any project area. The purpose of this type of exhibit is for members to communicate the processes and outcomes of a scientific investigation they designed and conducted themselves. The display must include (1) a question or hypothesis, (2) an investigative procedure (What was done?), (2) the data collection or observation method (How was it collected/ observed), (3) a report of the data collected or observations made, (4) an analysis of the data collected or observations made (How do you interpret the data and evidence?), (5) a conclusion addressing the original question or hypothesis (Does the evidence support or refute your claim?). Intermediate and Senior Exhibits must include a data chart and a graph or other visual representation of the data.

The second new exhibit opportunity is for youth at any level that are in their first year in the Geospatial Science Project. Using the **Exploring Spaces, Going Places** curriculum on the project CD, youth will use the Level 1 "Take Me on a Tour" activity, to create a map showing four to six tour sites, geo-tools used to create the map, positional data for the sites, and information about the selected site. We hope this provides a way for entry level youth to gain recognition, and then progress on to the geospatial project or community map in their subsequent years.

~ Virginia Bourdeau

## SUMMER CONFERENCE

### New Talent Show

Please share this information with your youth.

Do you have what it takes to be a star?  
Have you always pictured yourself performing on the "Big Stage?"  
If so, the 2012 4-H Summer Conference Talent Show is for you!  
Here's your chance to show your skills, on stage, in front of fellow 4-Hers and 4-H faculty.  
So sing a song, do a dance, tell a joke, or just do something unusual.

- Participants must attend a Performing Arts and rehearsal class on Thursday.
- May enter as an individual or team of up to eight members.
- Participants must bring all props and supplies required for their performance. Only a CD player will be provided.

- All performances need to be less than five minutes since the major focus of the 4-H Talent Show is entertainment. Youth are encouraged to select music for piano and/or instrumentals that is entertaining. Youth who opt to perform classical numbers may need to do only one movement or part in order to fit in the time requirement.
- Categories:
  - Variety - this category is for dramatic and/or comedy readings, magic demonstrations, and other unique talent presentations.
  - Dance – ballet, jazz, tap, square dancing, etc.
  - Vocal – Solo or group singing act
  - Instrumental

## VIDEOS

### Oregon 4-H Videos Now on You Tube

The entire series of Oregon 4-H videos has now been posted on [You Tube](#) and [Vimeo](#). This series includes 10 videos on Dog Obedience, 12 videos on Dog Showmanship, 13 videos on the horse project, 3 videos on Educational Displays, 3 youth testimonials and 1 video each on Citizenship, the 4-H Center. 10 additional videos on the Science Inquiry process are also available at these sites. Funding for the Oregon 4-H videos was provided by an Innovative Grant from the Oregon 4-H Foundation.

## VOLUNTEERS

### Save the Date and Teach! April 13-14, 2012, Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum

Members of the state Association are inviting a key note speaker to motivate and challenge our thinking; workshops that will be useful in clubs; conversations about 4-H policies and guidelines that keep everyone safe; plus a celebration of volunteers across the state!

Save, print and share the attached flier for the 2012 Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum scheduled for Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14 at the Oregon 4-H Center near Salem.

The theme is: "Responsible, Respectable, Reliable, Provisional = The Revolution of 4-H"

The Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association is inviting workshop proposals for the 2012 State Leaders' Forum. Workshop proposals are due by February 15, 2012. We are looking for proposals that represent the many 4-H project areas. Presenters will be responsible for furnishing all their workshop materials and equipment. Workshop proposal form is attached and should be submitted to Association advisor: M. Lesmeister, 105 Ballard Hall, OSU, Corvallis, OR; [marilyn.lesmeister@oregonstate.edu](mailto:marilyn.lesmeister@oregonstate.edu); or FAX: 541-737-1332.

## Recognizing 4-H Volunteers Who Open Doors for Kids

ANNOUNCING: The Oregon 4-H Volunteer Association is launching a fun, new recognition opportunity for one volunteer in every county! Watch for more details soon.

The Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association is excited to announce an **opportunity for 4-H youth to honor the extraordinary contributions of volunteer 4-H leaders**. It will be simple to do, and fun to participate!

- 1) A committee of youth (two or more) may nominate one 4-H volunteer who has significantly impacted the 4-H program by opening a "door of opportunity" for youth.
- 2) The volunteer nominee from each county will be presented a symbolic 'doorknob' recognizing those great individuals who open doors for others.

This state recognition will be presented this spring at the Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum, Saturday, April 14 at the State 4-H Center.

4-H members, start talking about potential nominees NOW. Watch for a few details coming SOON! Nominations may be submitted to the: Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association, Attn: M. Lesmeister 105 Ballard Hall, OSU, Corvallis, OR; [Marilyn.lesmeister@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Marilyn.lesmeister@oregonstate.edu); or FAXED to 541-737-1332

## 2011 Outstanding Oregon 4-H Volunteer

Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association is looking for nominations for outstanding 4-H volunteers throughout Oregon. To simplify the nomination process during busy times, counties may forward an application that already exists in your county, rather than re-developing or re-writing the nomination onto the Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association Nomination Form. *Example: If the 4-H program in Clover County collected nominations for selecting an 'outstanding volunteer' this year, simply forward one or more nominees submitted for that process to the Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association, at the contact information below. **\*But, if you are just initiating an application, please use the attached form.***

Applications are due February 10, 2012. The individual selected as Oregon Outstanding Volunteer of the Year will receive a plaque and paid registration fee for the 2013 Western Regional Leaders Forum which will be held March 21-24, 2013, in Hawaii.

Nominations may be submitted to the: Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association, Attn: M. Lesmeister at 105 Ballard Hall, OSU, Corvallis, OR; [Marilyn.lesmeister@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Marilyn.lesmeister@oregonstate.edu); or FAXED to 541-737-1332

~ Marilyn Lesmeister