

Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Oregon 4-H Newsletter ~ January 2011

Calendar

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

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>

College! You can go...Here's how:

Introducing a new set of linked pages off of the state 4-H web site under the For Youth link or directly at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/college-you-can-go>. We hope you will share this link with all your high school age youth. It is NOT too early to begin planning for education after high school in grades 8 or 9!!!

We began development of these web resources in response to a survey of Summer Science Campers who were in grade 8 in 2007 and are now entering grade 11. These pages provide links to government and private web sites that can help youth prepare for college by taking required high school courses, taking required exams, finding and applying for grants and scholarships and locating information about community colleges and universities. There are also specific resources for Hispanic and African American youth.

You may wish to investigate the hot link **Mentoring** for the Aspire program. There are currently over 100 schools offering this program to help youth connect with education beyond high school. This is a great resource to be sure youth in your community are aware of.

Please check out these links and resources and share them with your youth. We have learned that parents and counselors are providing youth with very little of this information. This can make all the difference in a young person's future if they can find the tools to achieve their dreams.

~ Virginia Bourdeau

HORSE

Spring Horse Classic

To find all the information on SHC on our website, click on Projects, then Animal Science, then Horse, then Spring Horse Classic. From this page, you can find all the specifics about SHC plus all the information on the 2011 event.

SHC registrations are due by **April 8, 2011**. Forms and instructions are posted on the SHC website.

Counties that wish to participate in either Horse Bowl or Hippology at the 2011 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 any of the approved sources. 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.

Note: There will be not be questions from the new Ranch Horse manuals in either Horse Bowl or Hippology.

Dressage Information

New dressage tests are now in effect. The new 2011 tests are posted on the staff secure page on the website. These are copyrighted materials that U.S.E.F. very kindly lets 4-H use. Please be sure you follow the directions for printing them.

~ Roberta Lundeberg

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Monthly Meet-Ups

The next monthly meet up is scheduled for Weds, January 19th, 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 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, 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>

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!!!!

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).

~ 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

The Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association sponsors the recognition of one or more 4-H volunteers as "**Oregon 4-H Leader of the Year**" annually. Awardees are honored during the bi-annual Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum, scheduled at the Oregon 4-H Center, near Salem, April 8-9, 2011.

Nominations are due **Friday, Jan. 7 at midnight**. Use the attached form to fax or mail a nomination from your county.

~Marilyn Lesmeister