

Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

July 2010 Newsletter

4-H CALENDAR

July and August State 4-H Events

July 2010

June 21 - July 21: EVERYONE READY! Online professional development opportunity

July 15: Kavli Science Video Contest deadline

August

August 17 – 19: Oregon Youth Development Academy Summer STEM Conference

August 18: Monthly Meet Up

August 20-24: State Horse Fair

August 21: 4-H Archery Invitational

August 27 – September 5: State Fair

Check the State 4-H Calendar under the Staff section of the 4-H website

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/newsletters/2010-2011calendar.pdf>

for a more comprehensive list of 2010-2011 State 4-H events and opportunities.

4-H FOUNDATION UPDATE

New Director

As of June 1st, the Oregon 4-H Foundation has a new Executive Director and Director of Development - Scott Elmshaeuser! Scott previously worked as Assistant Director for Alumni Programs with the OSU Alumni Association. Scott is originally from Nebraska. He enjoys biking, reading, running and yard work, and spending time with his wife Tracy and two sons Henry and Ben. Welcome Scott!

~ Laura Campbell

CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

CWF is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19. Thousands of young people from across America stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., to participate in the program, which provides opportunities for young people to:

- Strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level.
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders.
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-Hers from across the country with diverse backgrounds.
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical classroom of our nation's Capital city, Washington, D.C.

This summer, almost 1500 young people are participating in the CWF program. Follow [#4HCWF on Twitter](#) to see up to the minute postings about what CWF 2010 is up to right now and visit the CWF website (www.4hcwf.org) to learn more about the CWF program. You can view videos under the media tab, read testimonials under the testimonial tab, or take a look at the CWF schedule under the registration tab.

Registration for CWF 2011 is now open! States and counties register for one of several weeks that the National 4-H Council offers a CWF experience. This summer, Wasco County 4-Hers will travel to Washington D.C. to experience all that CWF has to offer

This is a once in a lifetime experience that allows young people to see the world from a new perspective. Don't let your 4-Hers miss out on this national citizenship and leadership opportunity. All you need to do is gather a group of 5 or more participants (including both youth and chaperones), visit the Citizenship Washington Focus website (www.4hcwf.org) and click on the registration tab to follow the steps to register your delegation.

~ Marilyn Lesmeister

RECOGNITION

2010 -11 State Ambassadors Announced

Recently, we selected ten youth to add to the Oregon 4-H State Ambassador team. This year we had a fantastic group of teens to interview; it was very competitive and I am very excited about working with our new team.

Selected were:

Donielle Miller, Linn County
Kayla Thorsness, Benton County
Elli Vanderzanden, Benton County
Andrea Hunter, Yamhill County
Sarah Gordon, Douglas County

Josh Knutz, Yamhill County
Carly Lowe, Wasco County
Peter Baglien, Benton County
Jessica DeHaan, Josephine County
Marisa Owens, Lane County

This is in addition to our returning ambassadors:

Kerenza Martin, Benton County

Kiah Gourley, Benton County

Sam Meisenhelder, Clackamas County

This team serves as hosts for events like Summer Conference and State Fair, assists with our social media campaigns and creates promotional materials for the Oregon 4-H program. If you have teens that might be interested in being a part of next year's group, please encourage them to apply and let me know if they have any questions.

~Sara Miller

2010 National 4-H Congress Delegation Selected

Congratulations to the following individuals who were selected by the State 4-H Recognition Committee to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta this Thanksgiving.

Peter Baglien, Benton

Megan Biggi, Washington

Kory Blake, Yamhill

Rebecca Garner, Washington

Kiah Gourley, Benton

Shelby Henrikson, Douglas

Andrea Hunter, Yamhill

Josh Knutz, Yamhill

Maggie Means, Clackamas

Brooklyn Nelson, Clackamas

Marisa Owens, Lane

Emilee Patterson, Union

Kayla Thorsness, Benton

Elli Vanderzanden, Benton

Olivia Vollan, Clackamas

2010 State 4-H Leadership Award Winner

Congratulations to Katie Waldo, from Benton County, who was selected as the recipient of the 2010 State 4-H Leadership Award!

~ Helen Pease

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH

Kavli Science Video Contest

National 4-H Council is partnering with the USA Science & Engineering Festival, a national celebration of innovation in science held in Washington D.C. on October 23rd and 24th. The event is the country's first national science festival and promises to be the ultimate multi-cultural, multi-generational and multi-disciplinary celebration of the sciences in the United States. The culmination of the Festival is a two-day Expo that will provide more than 500 science & engineering organizations from all over the United States the opportunity to present hands-on, fun science activities to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Through this partnership, National 4-H Council has been alerted to a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase the innovative *4-H Science* work taking place across the nation. The **Kavli Science Video Contest** is looking for young people around the country to create and submit videos that answer the question "Why is science cool?"

Winning submissions will be creative, surprising, and "contagious" in terms of spreading youth enthusiasm about science to others. Videos might explore a specific scientific concept, demonstrate the wonders of nature, provide a glimpse into the future, show what scientific discovery has done for us in the past or simply explain why you think science is cool.

Cash prizes of up to \$ 1000 will be awarded. **Entries are due July 15.** More information can be found at <http://www.usasciencefestival.org/2010festival/contests/kavli-science-video-contest>

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Monthly Meet-Ups

The next monthly meet up is scheduled for Weds, August 18th, 10 to 11am.