

Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Oregon 4-H Newsletter ~ May 2011

Calendar

May 2011

May 2: Registration opens for [Summer Conference](#).

May 2: State Dairy Judging Contest, OSU Dairy Center

May 6: Application deadline for [hosting 4-H Exchange delegates from Japan](#)

May 7-14: [Western Region Leaders' Forum \(WRLF\)](#) round trip cruise from Seattle to Alaska

June 2011

June 1: Registration closes for Summer Conference.

June 22 – 25: [Summer Conference](#)

June 23-24: State 4-H Recognition Committee meeting

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

4-H PROGRAM LEADER'S COMMENTS

Once again, the month of May will be a busy one as we all prepare for summer events and activities.

We begin the month with a late afternoon reception on Wednesday, May 4 for everyone who will be at OSU for Extension spring training days. Join us at 5:00 PM at the Alumni Center for an update on the Outreach Collaborative for a Healthy Oregon (OCHO) and how 4-H and FCH will function within its new structure.

Newer 4-H faculty and staff will be in Hood River from May 11-13 to participate in our orientation retreat. Mary Arnold, Virginia Bourdeau, Sally Bowman, and I will be there to lead the group through a series of learning experiences focused on program design, volunteer development, risk management, advisory councils, and youth development practice.

Immediately thereafter, we will host an external review team of camping and conference center professionals who will be in Oregon to conduct an external review of the Oregon 4-H Center and Oregon 4-H Camping Program. The team will arrive on Sunday, May 15 and present their exit report before departing on Tuesday, May 17.

I am also pleased to announce that, through the selfless dedication of several county 4-H faculty, we are able to reinstate the 4-H foods contests and presentations at the Oregon State Fair for 2011. Anne Manlove will be providing leadership for the foods contests. Wendy Hein will provide leadership for the presentations. Elissa Wells will handle registration for both events and Pamela Olsen will assist with logistics. These foods contests will be held August 26 through 29 at the Oregon State Fair.

Perhaps the most exciting news is that Oregon will be making a bid to host the 2014 NAE4-HA Conference in Portland. In 2014, it will have been 31 years since Oregon last hosted the NAE4-HA conference. Hosting a conference is a great team-building experience for all involved. Let's hope the wet weather is behind us and the sun is here to stay for a while!

~ Roger Rennekamp

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Monthly Meet-Ups

The next monthly meet up is scheduled for Weds, May 18th, from 10 to 11am. This meeting will be held via webinar; instructions on how to attend will be emailed to counties.

~Mary Arnold

PUBLICATIONS

Updates

- Horticultural Advancement Guide (4-H 2301R) is now available only online
- Darkroom Techniques Member Manual (4-H 774) has been declared out of print.
- The Oregon 4-H Shooting Sports Member Guide (4-H360) has been revised and renamed 4-H Shooting Sports Education Project. Contact puborders@oregonstate.edu for ordering information.

RECOGNITION

Hall of Fame

Please join in congratulating the following individuals who were selected for the 2011 Oregon 4-H Hall of Fame:

- George and Glendel Campbell, Clackamas County
- Miriam Lowrie, Polk County

These individuals will be honored at the [Summer Conference Recognition brunch](#), on Saturday, June 25. If you would like to attend this event, but will not be registering for Summer Conference, please let contact Helen Pease.

SCHOLARSHIPS

State 4-H Fair Scholarship Winners

The State and County 4-H Fair selection committee is pleased to announce the following winners for 2011 scholarships:

- Megan Biggi, Washington County: \$ 500 State Parks and Recreation
- Kiah Gourley, Benton County: \$ 1000 State Parks and Recreation
- Angela McGovern, Marion County: \$ 1000 State Parks and Recreation
- Rebekah Polacek, Marion County: \$ 1,000 Oregon Fairs Foundation
- Elli Vanderzanden, Benton County: \$ 1,000 Oregon Fairs Foundation

~ Helen Pease

SCIENCE

National 4-H Science Experiment

The 2011 National 4-H Science Experiment is *Wired for Wind*, an in-depth look at renewable energy technologies in the form of wind-power. This three-tiered experiment will help 4-H young people to enhance their science, engineering, technology and applied math skills by allowing them to:

- Design, build and test two different wind turbine models,
- Experiment with variables by examining three different blade pitch angles to determine the effect of pitch on rotor speed,
- Relate their scientific experiences back to their own lives by determining how their communities can harness the power of wind and create a more sustainable and clean energy system, and
- Determine the best location for a potential wind farm in their state or local area by calculating wind power and studying wind data and maps.



This year, *4-H National Youth Science Day* will take place on October 5, 2011.

Participation in *4-H National Youth Science Day* is meant to help spark an early passion for science, engineering and math and to encourage young people to consider these paths of study and future careers.

To learn more about *4-H National Youth Science Day*, how you can participate locally or to download program materials, go to www.4-H.org/NYSD

~ National 4-H Council

SUMMER CONFERENCE

2011 Summer Conference Registration Information for Counties

All Summer Conference forms and information are now available on the [state website](#). Members may register for Summer Conference between May 1 and June 1. All registrations must go through the county offices. Please forward registration material on to the State Office as soon as you receive it as we assign classes on a first-come, first-served basis. **If you are faxing forms to us, all we need are the actual registration form and the class sign up form.** Health forms, code of conducts, waivers, and payments can be sent later.

On the back of the registration form is a box to be filled in by county office staff. It includes where payment is coming from, a checklist of what needs to be included in the registration packet, and a place for the county to indicate if there is NOT a signed media release statement on record.

There is also a [county group registration](#) form to be filled in and signed by the county agent. This is a list of everyone from your county who will be attending Summer Conference, both members and chaperones. Keep this list in your county office, add people to it as they turn in their registration material, and then send in the completed list after June 1.

Counties handle payment in a variety of ways. If your county is paying some or all of the cost, it's easiest for us if you send in one check (or do a transfer) at the end for everyone. Please be sure to include a list of names the payment is covering with the amount going to each person. Personal checks made out to the Oregon 4-H Foundation can be sent in with registrations.

If you are copying things for participants, everyone should have the following:

- Registration form
- Class descriptions
- Class sign up form
- Schedule of events
- Map
- Packing List
- Dress Code

Members should also be given the letter to participants and chaperones should be given the chaperone position description.

Chaperones also need to fill out the registration form and class sign up form, and we need a health form and code of conduct for them as well. Remember, they pay \$125 if they register by June 1. After June 1, their cost goes up to \$200.

If you have any questions about registering for Summer Conference, please contact Roberta Lundeberg (phone 541-737-9295 or email roberta.lundeberg@oregonstate.edu).

~ Roberta Lundeberg