

# Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## Oregon 4-H Newsletter ~ October 2011

### Calendar

#### October 2011

October 2 – 8: National 4-H Week

October 5: [4-H National Youth Science Day](#)

October 20: "Risks, Roles and Responsibilities" in-service, Umatilla County

October 21: "Risks, Roles and Responsibilities" in-service, Deschutes County

October 22: Horse Leaders Forum, Wheeler County

October 29: Horse Leaders Forum, Umatilla County

#### November 2011

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

November 5 – 7: Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup – Louisville, KY.

November 5 – 16: National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest – Louisville, KY.

November 12: Horse Leaders Forum, Josephine County

November 25-29: [National 4-H Congress](#) – Atlanta, GA.

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

## 4-H YOUTH IN ACTION AWARD

National 4-H Council is now accepting applications for the annual *Youth in Action* award, to be presented at the 4-H *Legacy Awards Gala* in New York City on April 17, 2012! This award recognizes an outstanding young person from your 4-H program who is realizing 4-H's vision for youth driving positive change in their communities.

The 4-H *Youth in Action* award is open to 4-H youth and alumni ages 14-19. Applicants should have lead a project, service or event that:

- Identified a problem in their community,
- Included 4-H as part of the solution, and
- Made an impact in resolving the issue.

If you know of an outstanding 4-H member that fits this criteria, please nominate them online at the 4-H.org *Legacy Awards Gala* Website. Once you have nominated a 4-H youth, please encourage them to apply for this distinguished award. Both the nominations and applications can be submitted here: <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/youth-in-action-awards/> Application deadline is November 1.

## HORSE

### Horse Leaders Forums

Please remind your horse leaders about the three remaining regional forums:

Oct. 22 in Fossil

Oct. 29 in Pendleton

Nov. 12 in Grants Pass

Registration forms are available on the state website. We urge at least one leader from every county to attend.

### Spring Horse Classic

Spring Horse Classic will be held in Baker County on April 27-29, 2012.

Counties that wish to participate in either Horse Bowl or Hippology at the 2012 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 Horse Bowl source. 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.

~ Roberta Lundeberg

## LEADERSHIP

### Camp Leadership Conference

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

March 30—April 1, 2012 is the **Oregon 4-H Camp Leadership Conference** with Michael Brandwein\*

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, October 19th, from **9 to 10 am** (NOTE the new time). This meeting will be held via webinar; instructions on how to attend will be emailed to counties.

## New Curriculum Development Website

National 4-H has been working on creating a comprehensive [Curriculum Development website](#) . The website will be completed in 2012, but within the next few months plans to release resources on Developing, Reviewing and Publishing 4-H Curriculum. Some resources (PDF builders, an interactive activity builder and a Curriculum Development toolkit) are already available. Trainings on using these resources will be offered over the next nine months.

~ Helen Pease

## Everyone Ready

**Everyone Ready** is an ongoing, web-based opportunity to learn about volunteer development with 4-H colleagues and other youth development professionals across the nation. You have access to many experts in the volunteer development field. Watch for e-mail announcements and plan to join us this year. Monsanto is funding this opportunity through the National 4-H Council so that it is available to you and all Extension employees in Oregon, at no cost.

Year two of **Everyone Ready**® concluded in September. A survey is being conducted to gather information regarding participation, knowledge gain, and impact as a result of participation in **Everyone Ready**® over the past year. The survey monkey link is posted on the web site at [www.4-h.org/volunteerism](http://www.4-h.org/volunteerism); the actual survey link is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/everyoneready2>. Entry into a drawing for two \$50 4-H mall gift certificates is being offered to those who complete the survey. Deadline for the survey is **October 18, 2011**.

## Risk, Roles & Responsibilities In-service

All Extension staff and key volunteers, who have responsibilities to manage county or state 4-H programs, are invited to attend a one day professional development in-service. In-services will be held in Umatilla and Deschutes counties in October. See the calendar at the beginning of the newsletter for specific dates and locations.

The agenda will include, but will not be limited to, the following topics:

- Review roles of 4-H staff, 4-H volunteers, advisory committees, County 4-H Leaders' Associations and Auction Committees;
- Sample documents and recommendations for: clubs, County 4-H Leaders' Association Bylaws and Operational Procedures;
- Understanding IRS guidelines, financial responsibilities, grant writing, fund-raising, donors, and reports from clubs, county and state roles;
- Q & A about MOUs and contracts and sample volunteer role descriptions;
- Documenting medical insurance and liability coverage, processes for accident/incident reports;
- Documentation for volunteer selection, teen volunteers, background checks, and adequate supervision for events; and
- Making decisions for accommodating disabilities to meet nondiscrimination requirements, educational expectations, and communicating with the public through promotional materials.

Please RSVP to [Marilyn Lesmeister](#) with name of attendees, location, and whether or not you want to purchase a \$ 5 bag lunch.

~ Marilyn Lesmeister

## PUBLICATIONS

### 4-H Sporting Dog Project Member Guide (4-H 368)

A new publication on the 4-H Sporting Dog project is now available online only at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/23189/4-h368.pdf>

### 4-H Colt and Horse Training manual (4-H 1303)

Is now available online only

<http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/23186/4-H%20Colt%20and%20Horse%20Training%20Manual.pdf>

### Tractor Training Certificate (WH-5) (formerly 4-H 4246)

Is now available only in electronic format. Please contact Helen Pease to request the e-file.

## RECOGNITION

### Upcoming Training on State Level Recognition Opportunities

A webinar reviewing the State Level Recognition Opportunities for older 4-H youth will be offered on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Instructions for connecting to the webinar, plus a handout will be mailed out on Tuesday, October 11. Save the date!

~ Helen Pease

## SCIENCE

### Tips to Make Your NYSD Event a Success: *Engage Your Local Media*

Having local reporters cover or attend your *4-H National Youth Science Day* (NYSD) event is a free and easy way to get publicity for your 4-H group and science event. Make the most out of your 2011 *Wired for Wind* event and check out the [Event Planning Toolkit](#) on the *4-H NYSD* website. Tools include:

- Template Press Release
- Template Media Alert
- Event Invitation Letter
- Navigating the Newsroom Tutorial
- Story Mining Tutorial

Visit [www.4-h.org/nysd](http://www.4-h.org/nysd) and click on 'Event Planning and Promotional Toolkits' for more resources and tips for promoting your event. Toyota is sponsoring [awards](#) for innovative NYSD activities; these three awards are worth \$ 3,000 - \$ 4,000 each!

## STATE FAIR

### State Fair Exhibit Hall Thank You!

Salute to our colleagues! We are grateful for the State Fair contests leadership provided by Wendy Hein for Presentations, Anne Manlove for Foods Contests, Nancy Kershaw for Fashion Revue, Maggie Livesay/Carolyn Ashton for Iron Chef, and Elissa Wells for Contest Scheduling. The contests went very well and were a great experience for our 4-Hers. Thanks for stepping in and leading the efforts which made it possible to have these contests at State Fair this year!

~ Pamela Rose

Also a huge thank you to those who provided a day of fun activity in the Exhibit Building for youth at the State Fair: Todd Williver and Dave White with fly tying and casting; Lynette Black with Science experiments; Barb Brody with gardening, Jan Williams and Janet Nagel with solar cars; Tracy Martz with Cloverbuds; and Lillian Larwood with International Exchange students. You all helped to make the Exhibit Building an exciting place to be!

~ Roberta Lundeberg

## SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS GARDEN TRAINING

### October 14, 15 & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Portland Metro Area

Multnomah and Washington County 4-H are proud to announce the 4-H Sustainable Schools Teacher and Volunteer Training. This is a perfect opportunity for beginners and those who have some skills in school gardens to gain knowledge and critical skills in integrating sustainable school garden projects into both school and club settings. This conference is specifically designed for teachers, 4-H Leaders, parents, high school youth and community members who wish to engage youth in hands-on sustainable living concepts and curriculum; develop and manage school gardens; and to implement youth focused green infrastructure projects in school and community settings. Workshops include: project management, lessons for working with youth, grant funding for your project, urban gardens and farms, working with school districts, building community support, funding your project through grants, cooking with local foods and more! For more information, or to register, please go to <http://www.4hwildlifestewards.org/Oregon%20Programs/Trainings%20and%20Workshops/SustainableLivingConference.htm>

~Maureen Hosty

## VOLUNTEERS

### 2012 Western Regional Leaders Forum

Join Oregon friends and co-workers at the 2012 Western Region 4-H Leaders' Forum in Cheyenne, WY. "4-H Western Rendezvous: Under Cowboy Skies" is the theme for the WRLF, January 12-15, 2012. Early-Bird Registration (\$225) will be available through November 1, 2011. Registration will CLOSE as of December 15, 2011.

Note: The Historic Plains Hotel will be the Conference Site. Call 307-638-3311 to reserve a room at \$99 per night for the WRLF. For more information, go to [http://4h.uwyo.edu/WRLF\\_12.asp](http://4h.uwyo.edu/WRLF_12.asp), see the [attached flyer](#), or contact Marilyn Lesmeister: [marilyn.lesmeister@oregonstate.edu](mailto:marilyn.lesmeister@oregonstate.edu)

~ Marilyn Lesmeister