

# Pathways to Possibilities

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## Oregon 4-H Newsletter ~ September 2011

### Calendar

#### September 2011

September 17: Horse Leaders Forum, Lake County  
September 22: "Risks, Roles and Responsibilities" in-service, Josephine County  
September 23: "Risks, Roles and Responsibilities" in-service, Clackamas County  
September 24: Horse Leaders Forum, Clackamas County

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

## LEADERSHIP

### Camp Leadership Conference

Please save the dates of March 30 – April 1, 2012 to attend a Leadership Conference with Michael Brandwein, one of the top National experts and trainers of persons in the fields of camp, education and youth development. You can learn more about Michael at [michaelbrandwein.com](http://michaelbrandwein.com). See [attached flyer](#) for more details. The conference will be held at the Oregon 4-H Center and all staff, volunteers and older 4-H youth who work with Jr. and Intermediate youth are encouraged to attend.

## MARKETING

**National 4-H Week - October 2-8, 2011** - is a great time to promote 4-H in your community and encourage others to [Join the Revolution of Responsibility!](#)

You can find promotional collateral in the [2011 National 4-H Week toolkit](#) on 4-H.org.

Use these materials to celebrate 4-H'ers by sharing their stories and recognizing their commitment to making positive impact in their communities. This year the focus for [National 4-H Week](#) is on the new brand campaign *Join the Revolution of Responsibility*.

The Revolution of Responsibility is a movement for positive change in every community in America. The campaign illustrates how 4-H youth are breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live.

4-H Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the impact 4-H'ers make and draw more attention to 4-H in your community. During 4-H Week, encourage new youth, volunteers, and supporters to get involved with 4-H and to *Join the Revolution of Responsibility* by giving their time, energy, or dollars to help 4-H youth [make positive change in your community](#).

There's so much to be excited about during this year's National 4-H Week! Use [these materials](#) now to plan ahead, share or inspire Revolution of Responsibility stories, engage in the National Science Experiment, and spark enthusiasm about 4-H.

Questions? Contact [4hmarketing@4-H.org](mailto:4hmarketing@4-H.org).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Monthly Meet-Ups

The next monthly meet up is scheduled for Weds, October 19th, from 10 to 11am. This meeting will be held via webinar; instructions on how to attend will be emailed to counties. There will not be a monthly meet-up in September.

## **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. The in-service will be held in the following counties this fall: Josephine, Clackamas, Umatilla and Deschutes. 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

## **STATE 4-H DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES**

### **State Committee Openings Available**

Please let your members and leaders know about the State 4-H committee interest form available on the web. <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/staff-advisory-councils-and-committees>

Interest forms can be submitted at anytime, although there are priority deadlines listed. The information from these forms is used to populate a database that we reference when filling vacant positions.

~ Roberta Lundeberg

## SCIENCE

### Coming Soon: A Science Care Package

Your State Science Team (Jeremy Green, Jon Mayer, Pat Willis, Lynette Black and Virginia Bourdeau) will be sending a resource package to help with your science education endeavors.

- The team has created several videos as examples of science inquiry. These videos include lessons in various project areas including animal science, home economics, and the natural sciences. A copy of these videos is included in the package.
- A copy of select pages of the Wired for Wind Facilitator's guide explaining the 2011 4-H National Day of Science activity. The 4-H National Day of Science is scheduled for **October 5<sup>th</sup>** and your Science Team encourages all counties to participate in the event. This year's science inquiry activity is focused on wind power and uses every day, easy-to-find material. The material list includes: 2 protractors; 2 1" (i.d.) 6" length PVC pipe pieces; 2 1" PVC T's (that the 6" PVC pipe pieces will fit into); 2 sets of alligator clips with cords; 50 6" long, ¼" dowels; a Digital Multimeter; 2 Hubs with hub screws; and 2 Generators with 4' wires attached. All of the items with the exception of the hubs and generators can be purchased from a store like Home Depot. The generator and hubs will need to come from a hobby shop or Radio Controlled car shops. Please refer to the photo for a visual of the items needed.



To view a short video showing the activity please visit: <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/science-experiments-projects/how-to-video/>. Also included in the care package will be additional resources on how to teach science inquiry.

We appreciate all the efforts you have put forth toward National 4-H's goal of fostering 1 million new scientists and engineers. Feel free to contact any of us with questions or to request help and offer ideas.

~ Lynette Black

## VIDEOS

### New Videos on Educational Displays and 4-H Center

Thanks to an innovative grant from the Oregon 4-H Foundation, we were able to develop some educational videos for 4-H youth and volunteers. The newest series of videos is on [Educational Displays](#) and is listed on that project area page on our website. A new video on the [Oregon 4-H Center](#) is also available, and might be of interest to potential youth campers and their parents. Please share these with your youth and volunteers. Any feedback on these videos would be very welcome!

~ Helen Pease

## VOLUNTEERS

### 2012 Western Regional Leaders Forum

The 2012 WRLF will be held January 12- 15 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Early bird registration will be \$225 September 1 to November 1 and regular registration, November 2-December 15, will be \$325. Registration information links and additional details are available on the Wyoming State 4-H Web site at [http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF\\_12.asp](http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF_12.asp) Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more details.

~ Marilyn Lesmeister