

4-H Wildlife Stewards Youth Summit FAQ's

What is the 4-H Wildlife Stewards Youth Summit? The 4-H Wildlife Stewards Youth Summit is a one-day natural resource educational event that gives youth an opportunity to share the knowledge gained as a result of investigation, observations and research in their schoolyard habitat or local natural area. Project ideas include: native plants and animals, soils, water quality, sustainability, conservation, a science inquiry project to research or investigate a related project area.

Students work together in teams to create an educational display or Powerpoint presentation, give an oral presentation and receive an evaluation from a judge, (judging will be based on the 4-H scoring system with blue, red or white ribbons are given to all youth in grades 4-12th and green participation ribbons given to youth in grades K-3). Students attending the Summit also participate in many hands-on learning stations presented by our local natural resource agencies and organizations and a habitat tour.

When and where is the Summit held? The Summit will be held at **Philomath Scout Lodge** on **May 12, 2011**. The event begins at approximately 9:30 AM and ends at approximately 1:45 PM. Busing is provided to students enrolled in a Member School, other students are responsible for own transportation. Student presentations are held in the great hall and hands-on activities take place in the adjoining classrooms and outdoors if the weather permits. Students will also participate in a community service project helping with trail maintenance at the site.

Who can participate? The Summit is open to youth of all grade levels but the event targets grades 2-8. Older youth will assist in the planning, organization and activities (emcee's, greeters and ambassadors to visiting students and the community). Youth in 1st grade can also attend this event but evaluations show these students tire easily as it is a long, busy, day. **Registration deadline is April 12, 2011.**

How can I get involved?

If you are a parent of a student who will be attending the Summit consider volunteering prior to the event by helping students prepare their presentations, chaperoning a group, or supervising student greeters on the day of the event.

If you are a 4-H Wildlife Steward your expertise helping students with project ideas, display and presentation preparation, teaching at activity stations, judging poster presentations and other roles during the event is very valuable.

Community members are encouraged to help with learning stations, set-up and clean-up for the event, food preparation for community presenters, etc.

What happens after the Summit?

Posters remain at the scout lodge for community viewing from 2:30-4:00PM. Posters, judging scores, ribbons and evaluations can be picked up on Tuesday May 17 at the Benton County OSU Extension office at 1849 NW 9th St. Corvallis (phone 541-766-6750).

Students whose projects received a **Blue+** rating will advance to the Benton County Fair where they will compete to advance to the Oregon State Fair. **In order to be eligible to advance the poster to the Benton County Fair teams MUST register with 4-H by filling out an individual enrollment form.** These forms will be sent along with ribbons via the classroom teacher. Projects that are selected to advance to the Oregon State Fair will be held at the Extension office and transported via the county agent. Results of the State Fair will be presented at a school assembly in the fall or mailed to winners.