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To: 4-H Wildlife Stewards Member School/Teacher/ Steward

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Subject: 2011 4-H Wildlife Stewards Youth Summit

The 4-H Wildlife Stewards Youth Summit is a one-day natural resource education event for student teams from 4-H Wildlife Stewards Member Schools and affiliates in Benton County. Students who participate in this event prepare an educational display and give an oral presentation or give a performance presentation related to a project they have researched or conducted in their schoolyard habitat or nearby natural area. In addition to giving their presentation students also participate in a series of hands-on natural resource activities provided by agencies and organizations in our community, take a habitat tour of the host site, meet students from other Member schools, and have fun!

This year the Summit will be held on **May 12, 2010** at the Philomath Scout Lodge in Philomath. This popular event fills quickly so register early to ensure a space for your team. **Entries are due April 12, 2011.**

In the enclosed packet you will find the information you need to help your students prepare to participate in this event. Projects should focus on a natural resource topic that relates to your schoolyard habitat or local natural area, (see attached list for ideas). Your students will give an oral presentation to a judge and will receive oral and written feedback and a ribbon. High scoring presentations will be eligible to advance to the Benton County and Oregon State Fair. Over the years many students have received Champion ribbons at the Oregon State Fair in the 4-H Natural Resource category.

**Bus transportation will be provided to students and chaperones from Member schools to this event. All other students must provide their own transportation.** To facilitate arranging transportation, we require that entry forms are complete with chaperone information and provided by the due date on **April 12, 2011.**

Extensive evaluation of this event has shown students gain skills in organization, teamwork, leadership, and public presentation. Students that participate in the 4-H Wildlife Stewards program also report they get better at science and like science better after participating in this program.

If you have any questions please contact: Maggie Livesay at 541-766-3550, [maggie.livesay@oregonstate.edu](mailto:maggie.livesay@oregonstate.edu) or Liz McGovern, Benton County Extension Service, 541-766-3557 or [elizabeth.mcgovern@oregonstate.edu](mailto:elizabeth.mcgovern@oregonstate.edu).