

# *FOCUS* on Extension

## *Serving Clackamas County Citizens*

### **Youth forestry program improves the forest and lives**

The Forest Improvement Project at Hopkins Demonstration Forest, supported by a \$5,000 grant from Beneficial Finance is benefitting the forest and youth participants. Youth from two drug and alcohol treatment client populations participated this winter: one from DePaul Residential Treatment Center, the second an outpatient program facilitated through Clackamas County Juvenile Services.

Both groups visited Hopkins Demonstration Forest on multiple occasions to prune young conifer trees in a managed forest stand. Integral to the work, information was casually shared regarding tree and plant identification, forest management options, and careers in natural resources.

Based on reports from program partners, the engagement of youth in forestry activities at Hopkins Demonstration Forest has the following outcomes:

- Participants are provided opportunities to learn and practice new skills that are easily acquired with results readily evident.
- The sense of accomplishment and mutual satisfaction arising from the team effort contributes to feelings of satisfaction, which for many participants translates into improved self esteem.
- Some youth participants became more aware and interested in a career field and education not previously considered--in some cases the forestry experience appears to contribute to participating clients desire to plan for their futures.
- The residential program clients seem to have benefitted even more from the forestry experience. The assumption is that since these youth live in a closed community compared to the outpatient client group, something in the nature of that social dynamic influences the "take home" value of the forestry experience.

For more information on programs at Hopkins Demonstration Forest, contact Tim DeLano at 503-632-2150.



Young women residents of DePaul Treatment Center improved both a stand of trees and themselves at Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

### **Incredible Egg program returns to schools**



Students monitoring an incubator look forward to hatching day.

Again this April, schools around the county will partner with 4-H Youth Development to offer "The Incredible Egg" a national award winning program. The goal of this 4-H school enrichment program is to engage students in hands-on science using embryology as the topic. 4-H provides science based curriculum, teacher training, and equipment to hatch chicken eggs in the classroom. Over 500 students learn important science inquiry skills and knowledge each year through the program. Interested Clackamas County schools can contact Janet Nagele, 4-H Youth Development faculty member for information.

## After school program expands to Molalla Elementary

The 4-H Latino Outreach after school program has recently expanded to Molalla Elementary in partnership with the Molalla Police Activities League's Student Options to Achieve Results (SOAR) program. Students in Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are being offered a Mexican culture class and a natural science class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. The program is taught by Jorge Martinez, 4-H Latino Outreach Coordinator.

The Mexican culture class teaches youth the diversity and richness of the Mexican culture through hands on arts and crafts activities such as piñatas and tissue paper crafting. The natural science class focuses on teaching kids about trees through Ranger Rick's "Trees Are Terrific" activity guide. Both classes have been a success and keep youth engaged in hands on learning experiences. Great feedback has been received from youth, teachers, and SOAR coordinator Kim Knox.

The program will continue throughout 2009 and is looking for volunteers interested in working with youth to be trained as instructors for the program. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact the Extension office for more information.



Jorge Martinez and Molalla Elementary after school program students.





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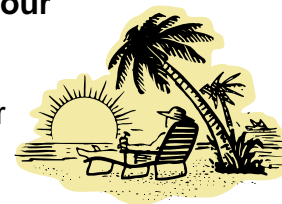
## A NIGHT IN PARADISE

4-H Fundraiser Dinner  
Saturday, February 21  
6:00 pm

Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby  
Join the Clackamas County Ambassadors  
for a luau feast and island games!

-  Hula-hoop Contest!
-  Chicken Limbo!
-  Tacky Tourist Relay!
-  Musical Beach Towels!

Tickets for this family-friendly, tropical mini-vacation are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for youth ages 5-12. Children 4 and under are free! **Please purchase your tickets in advance** by contacting the Extension office at 503-655-8635 or by contacting a 4-H Ambassador.



## What's Happening

**Managing Your Woodlands** – a basic forestry short course. Six evenings and one Saturday, February 16 through March 7. Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Beavercreek. Registration required: \$35 per family. Contact Mike Bondi, 503-655-8631.

**4-H Ambassador Team Fundraiser Dinner** – February 21, 6:00 pm. Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby. Contact Wendy Hein, 503-650-3122.

**4-H New Leader Orientation** – February 26, 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 6:30-9:30 pm. Extension office, Oregon City. Contact Wendy Hein, 503-650-3122.

**4-H Know Your Government Conference** – March 5-7. State Capitol, Salem. Registration required. Contact Wendy Hein, 503-650-3122.

**Community Forestry Day** – March 14, 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Beavercreek. Registration required. Contact Tim DeLano, 503-632-2150.

**Tree School** – March 21, 7:15 am - 5:15 pm. Registration required - \$55. Clackamas Community College, Oregon City. Contact Cheryl Keithan, 503-655-8231.

**Community Forestry Day** – April 11, 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Beavercreek. Registration required. Contact Tim DeLano, 503-632-2150.

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