

OYA Bulletin

February Special Edition



Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Oregon's Statehood



In 2009, Oregonians will celebrate a once-in-a-lifetime birthday – the 150th celebration of Oregon's statehood. To help celebrate the 150th anniversary of our state, a number of activities are planning over the coming months.

1. Oregon Stories - One key theme is to make sure that all Oregonians are invited to tell their favorite stories about life in our state. Oregon Stories will gather stories from every corner of Oregon – stories that document who we are as Oregonians, how our state has developed and, where we hope it will go in the future. You can submit a story relating to OYA itself. The best of the Oregon Stories will become Oregon Minutes, a brief daily radio and television feature on the state's history, ideas, and people.
2. Oregon Dreams Blog - Oregon loves dreamers. All Oregonians are encouraged to visit www.Oregon150.org and share their hopes and dreams for Oregon for the next 50 years.
3. Write Agency Histories- OYA will create an Oregon 150 Planning Committee. One of the tasks of this group will be to create an agency history report to be shared in 2009 with all OYA staff and partners.
4. Oregon 150 Legacy Project- OYA will consider participating in a project that could involve both youth and staff.

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Take Care of Oregon Day, May 16, 2009

In every corner of the state, Oregonians will be rolling up their sleeves on a designated day (or days) to take care of Oregon. State committee planners anticipate this will be the largest day of volunteerism in Oregon's history. Take Care of Oregon (TCO) Day will be coordinated by SOLV, the Rural Development Initiative, and Oregon Volunteers. It is a way for all citizens to give back to Oregon in the year of our 150th birthday.

Look for more information on Oregon Birthday's Celebration in coming months of the Bulletin, or go to www.oregon150.org/index.html.

If you are interested in working on OYA's project committee, contact Amanda.Lowe@oya.state.or.us or Robyn.Cole@oya.state.or.us.

Safety Corner

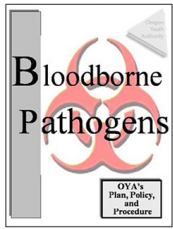


Above: John Cummings

John Cummings has served as a MYCF Safety Committee Member for over 7 years. During this time, he acted as Co-Chair for two years, and last year became Chair. Even after being promoted to YCUC in March of 2007, John had no intention of leaving the safety and health arena. With his dedication to a safe and healthy workplace, John is able to sustain strong membership in the MYCF Safety Committee, and foster a place where staff can bring ideas and see resolution to issues. His leadership and consistency has been of great contribution to the safety culture of OYA, though he is quick to say, "I couldn't do it without the support and dedication of his Safety Committee Members and Management." Thank you to the entire MYCF Safety Committee for your dedication: **Jayson Ellis, Mark Davenport, Kurt Garman, Kevin Mills, Darwin Crabtree, Tim French, Marilyn Budreau, Annette Guley, Andre Riley, Jim Johnson, Pam Livingston, Tracy Hall, Matt Hennick, Michelle Mintun, Steve Sedivy, Dan Ferguson, Karri Peterson and Stan Stegal.**

FROM THE TRAINING ACADEMY

Bloodborne Pathogen Training



The Training Academy has partnered with the Tualatin Fire District to present the new Bloodborne Pathogens DVD Training. This OSHA-man-

dated training is 20 minutes long and will fulfill training requirements for 2008. The DVD training will be distributed in February.

Along with the DVD, staff will receive a copy of OYA's new "Bloodborne Pathogens Pamphlet". The pamphlet details all aspects of the issue, from prevention to post-exposure management. It also includes procedure fill-in templates that are for both field and facility staff. The combination of this straightforward DVD training and the Bloodborne Pathogens Pamphlet will give staff the important information they need to be safe, and respond appropriately in the event of an emergency. The Bloodborne Pathogens Pamphlet is located in Public Folders as form YA 9580.

A last note - the Training Academy received a demand for more DVD training, so please provide feedback!


If you have questions about the training, please contact Lynn.Oliver@oya.state.or.us or Heidi.Olympius@oya.state.or.us.

2008 NEO/Basic Training Dates

The following are the 2008 New Employee Orientation/Basic Training start dates, as approved by the OYA Director's Group.

January, 1/7/2008	July-August, 7/21/2008
February-March, 2/11/2008	September-October, 9/15/2008
March-April, 3/31/2008	November-December, 11/17/2008
May-June, 5/19/2008	

For information about enrolling new employees in NEO/Basic Training, please contact Lynn.Oliver@oya.state.or.us.



Ideas or suggestions for future Bulletin features?

Contact Robyn.Cole@oya.state.or.us or Amanda.Lowe@oya.state.or.us.

Supervisor Course Update

The mandated OYA Supervisor Course is now two years old and 2007 saw the first group of supervisors complete the entire series of 11 classes. **David Molstad**, TM at MacLaren, was the first to complete the series in June. Since then, the following people have completed the course: **Alicia Baus, David Brooks, Catherine Byrne, Mike Conzoner, Darwin Crabtree, Doug Dryden, David Dusschee, Seantel Heisel, Dean Howell, Jim Kramer, Randi Labrousse, Frank Martin, Pete Roberts, and Griselda Solano.**

The 2008 schedule (classes listed below) for the OYA Supervisor Course is being finalized and will be released soon, including a new class on "Coaching". If you have any questions about the course or individual classes, contact David.Dusschee@oya.state.or.us.

- Assessing Your Supervisor Skills
- Legal Hiring
- Leave Laws in Oregon
- Documentation, Discipline & Discharge
- Harassment in the Workplace
- Safety and Ergonomics
- Risk Management
- Accounting, Budgeting/Contract Admin OYA
- Performance Appraisals
- Position Descriptions
- Labor Relations
- Coaching *NEW*

Food Drive Update!

The 2008 Governor's State Employees' Food Drive is underway, and already OYA staff are stepping up to help those in need!



NCYCF – "Battle of the Sexes." Who can get the most food? Girls have won the past 3 years!

Clackamas OYA – Coin drive, Office Assistant Auction (highest bidder gets a personal assistant for the day), pot-luck lunch, and food donations.

Lane OYA – Silent auction, bake sale, taco bar, and Valentine chocolate goodie sale.

Linn OYA – Breakfast sale, and baked goods at the Oak Creek Immersion Training!

Coos OYA – Food collection at the boys basketball game & local neighborhoods.

Support Central - Guitar Hero playoffs, Valentine balloon sale, Valentine basket auction, primrose sale, penny drive, food sales, Iron Chef OYA, mini golf, and OYA Idol.

Thank you, everyone, for working so hard to make this Food Drive a success!