**Oregon22: The World Athletics Championships**

April 6 marked 100 days to go until the start of the World Athletics Championships Oregon22, which will take place July 15-24 at the University of Oregon’s reimagined Hayward Field. The World Athletics Championships is one of the largest global sporting competitions in the world, and will be on U.S. soil for the first time. Oregon22 will join a historical list of past hosts including Doha, Qatar, London, Beijing, and other international cites. The 10-day event will draw over 2,000 of the best track and field athletes from over 200 countries to Eugene, Oregon!

Over the next 100 days, the World Athletics Championships Oregon22 (WCH Oregon22) encourages schools, classrooms, and families across Oregon to learn about, celebrate, and become engaged with this special moment in our state’s history by participating in activities provided by [**Making Tracks**](https://www.worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-championships/oregon22/making-tracks?utm_source=April14&utm_medium=E-mail&utm_campaign=ODE+Newsletter), a youth engagement program.

Making Tracks offers a [digital activity library](https://www.worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-championships/oregon22/making-tracks/library) of free downloadable lesson plans and activities designed for educators or parents to use with K-12 youth to introduce and explore the World Athletics Championships, and other featured opportunities for classrooms or youth programs to get involved with virtual and in-person experiences connected to WCH Oregon22. Feature events taking place before the end of the school year will include new contests, a virtual career exploration event highlighting the industries involved in hosting a global sporting event, opportunities to meet the Oregon22 mascot, and more! Sign up on the [Making Tracks website](https://www.worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-championships/oregon22/making-tracks?utm_source=April14&utm_medium=E-mail&utm_campaign=ODE+Newsletter) to access all digital activity materials for free and receive email updates about upcoming live contest and event opportunities.

**Join In! How Your Classroom or School Can Participate in the World Wide Welcome Youth Relay!**

One featured activity of Making Tracks is the World Wide Welcome Youth Relay presented by The Daily Mile. This fun and easy to participate-in initiative invites **200+ classrooms and youth program groups to help welcome the world to Oregon by taking on a one-mile leg of the** [**WWW Youth Relay!**](https://www.worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-championships/oregon22/making-tracks/worldwidewelcome)

Participants can jog together, race together, break up their leg into a sprint relay and use other adaptations or accommodations as needed to participate. Each one-mile leg of the relay is dedicated to a global track and field team on its way to the championships.

The first 200 registered groups will be assigned a nation to welcome, receive a relay leg kit including an official WWW relay baton, banners and flags; and have the chance to submit a welcome message for a paired nation that will be shared with those athletes at the championships!

Over 7,000 youth are currently participating in the WWW Youth Relay, which kicked off on April 8and will continue across the 100-day countdown to the World Athletics Championships Oregon22.The finale of the WWW Youth Relay will take place at the opening session of WCH Oregon22. **Registration is still open and participation is highly encouraged from any school in Oregon!** [**Register to select a participation date for your group.**](https://www.worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-championships/oregon22/making-tracks/worldwidewelcome)

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