

# SMILE Challenge Newsletter

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## Important Deadlines

- **Monday, January 30** -  
Deadline for registering  
SMILE members in Ideal-  
Logic.
- **Friday, March 24** -  
Challenge waivers and  
registrations must be  
received by this date.

## Questions?

Contact Becca at:  
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smile.oregonstate.edu](http://smile.oregonstate.edu)



## What is a SMILE Challenge?

***Challenge events provide SMILE members with an opportunity to experience life on a college campus first-hand, to connect with other clubs, and to work together in groups on cutting edge STEM projects. Challenges are non-competitive and open to registered SMILE members.***

*Which Challenge do I attend? See page three for a full schedule. We haven't held in-person Challenge events since 2019, and are absolutely thrilled to bring them back! The SMILE team is currently planning awesome events across the state that will take place throughout April. Each participating student will receive a t-shirt at the Challenge. We appreciate you reading this special edition newsletter for important information on reserving buses and substitutes, submitting waivers and registrations, and more!*

***Now is the time to  
reserve your buses  
and substitutes!***

You'll need to go through your school district to reserve buses and substitutes. SMILE will cover these costs by reimbursing the district.



# Waivers and Registrations



**There is a 1 to 10 adult to student ratio.**

Please plan accordingly.

Chaperones will need to complete a liability waiver that includes their email address. OSU will email chaperones with information to complete a background check.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students must be registered as SMILE members in Ideal-Logic to attend the Challenge. The registration cutoff is Jan. 30.

**Waivers:** Each teacher, chaperone, and student attending a Challenge event must complete an OSU liability waiver. Chaperones will need to complete an OSU background check as well. If the student is under 18, a parent or guardian signature is required. **Waivers can be found in the Challenge Google Drive folder, link below.** (A Spanish version of the waiver will be posted soon). *To turn in completed waivers, you can print them off and either bring the physical copies to the Winter Teacher Workshop, or scan them/take photos and upload them to your club's folder in the Challenge Google Drive folder.* Teachers attending the Winter Teacher Workshop are welcome to sign their individual waiver at that time.

**Registration:** Each Club will complete a registration form that will be made available in mid February. When available, this will also be located in the Google Drive folder (link below).

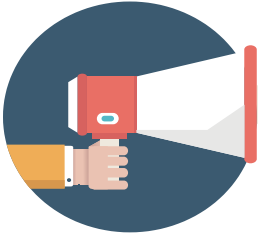
**All waivers and registrations must be received by Friday, March 24.**

*Reminder: Students cannot attend the event unless they are registered in Ideal-Logic, they have completed a liability waiver, and they are included on the registration form.*

**Visit the Challenge Resources Google Drive Folder:**

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tIXiOca6NAuoGwurIc6iLit3NxpnkItE?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tIXiOca6NAuoGwurIc6iLit3NxpnkItE?usp=share_link)

# 2023 Challenge Schedule



## *Attention Distance MS and HS Clubs:*

If you plan on staying at Western Oregon University a second night, please let Becca know at: [rebecca.harver@oregonstate.edu](mailto:rebecca.harver@oregonstate.edu)

This includes MS and HS clubs from the following communities:

Cave Junction, Four Rivers, Grants Pass, Medford, Nyssa, and Ontario

## High School Clubs



*Cave Junction, Four Rivers, Forest Grove, Medford, Nyssa, Ontario, Siletz, Willamina, Woodburn*

**Tuesday, April 18 - Western Oregon University.** *General Schedule:* Arrive by 2 pm - check in to dorms. 2:45 to 3:15 pm - registration. 3:15 to 4pm - intro/activities. 5 pm - dinner.

**Wednesday, April 19 - Oregon State University.** *General Schedule:* In AM - pack up dorm (for those not staying an additional night), activities, depart for OSU. Arrive to OSU by 11:30 am. 12 to 1 pm - lunch. 1 to 4 pm - college connection events. Buses are loaded and depart by 4:30 pm.

*Distance schools have the option to stay at the WOU dorms on the night of the 19th, to travel home on April 20th.*

## Middle School Clubs



*Dayton, Forest Grove, Lebanon, Monroe, Siletz, Woodburn*

**Tuesday, April 4 - Western Oregon University.** *General Schedule:* Arrive by 2 pm - check in to dorms. 2:45 to 3:15 pm - registration. 3:15 to 4pm - intro/activities. 5 pm - dinner.

**Wednesday, April 5 - Oregon State University.** *General Schedule:* In AM - pack up dorm, activities, depart for OSU. Arrive to OSU by 11:30 am. 12 to 1 pm - lunch. 1 to 4 pm - college connection events. Buses are loaded and depart by 4:30 pm.

*Cave Junction, Four Rivers, Grants Pass, Nyssa, Ontario*

**Tuesday, April 11 - Western Oregon University.** *General Schedule:* Arrive by 2 pm - check in to dorms. 2:45 to 3:15 pm - registration. 3:15 to 4pm - intro/activities. 5 pm - dinner.

**Wednesday, April 12 - Oregon State University.** *General Schedule:* In AM - pack up dorm (for those not staying an additional night), activities, depart for OSU. Arrive to OSU by 11:30 am. 12 to 1 pm - lunch. 1 to 4 pm - college connection events. Buses are loaded and depart by 4:30 pm.

*Distance schools have the option to stay at the WOU dorms on the night of the 12th, to travel home on April 13th.*

## Elementary School Clubs



*Four Rivers, Nyssa*

**Friday, April 7 - Boise State University, from 9 am to 2 pm**

*Chiloquin, Dayton, Siletz, Willamina, Woodburn*

**Saturday, April 15 - Oregon State University, from 9 am to 4 pm**

*Grants Pass*

**Saturday, April 22 - Southern Oregon University, from 9 am to 4 pm**



Elementary groups will do a combination of hands-on activities and campus tours, lunch will be provided.

# Overnight Groups

## ***An important note for groups staying in the dorms:***

Please consider the responsibility level of individual students before registering them for the Challenge. The dorms at Western Oregon University open up to the outside. Students will be staying overnight in groups of two or three without an adult in their room. Help us promote a safe environment by inviting students who will behave responsibly in an overnight setting. SMILE will have one female and one male staff member staying in the dorms, who will be available should your group need assistance.

## Challenge Checklist



- Reserve your buses and chaperones now.
- Ensure all your members are registered in Ideal-Logic by January 30.



- Submit student, teacher, and chaperone liability waivers. We recommend turning in waivers as soon as possible, they must be received by March 24.



- Registration opens mid-February. Registrations must be received by March 24.

- Have an amazing time at your event in April!



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