

# SMILE Teacher Newsletter

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[Click Here for the 2023 Challenge Resources Google Drive Folder!](#)

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[Click Here for 2023 Winter Teacher Workshop Materials!](#)

## Upcoming Events

- Challenge Events Throughout April.
- Spring Teacher Workshop: May 11 - 13, at H.J. Andrews Experimental Research Forest.
- Summer Teacher Workshop: August 7 - 9, at OSU

[Check out our website:  
smile.oregonstate.edu](http://smile.oregonstate.edu)

## Challenge Updates

**Challenge paperwork is due Friday, March 24.**

[Click Here](#), for the Challenge Teacher Resources folder, which contains all of the necessary forms and your club's folder. Contact [Becca](#) if you have any questions.



### Paperwork includes:

- Completed adult and student waivers
- One registration spreadsheet for elementary clubs
- Two registration spreadsheets for middle and high clubs: one for adults and one for students.

The registration spreadsheets are in your club's Challenge folder. *Students can't attend without completed waivers and registration.*

**Important Note:** If you are unable to complete all or part of your paperwork by the end of day on March 24th, please contact Becca ASAP. [rebecca.harver@oregonstate.edu](mailto:rebecca.harver@oregonstate.edu)

**Chaperone Note:** Chaperones need to provide their email address on page three of their waiver. OSU will contact them for a background check, which takes about two weeks to process.

**Bus Driver Lodging:** If your bus driver needs a hotel room, please have your school district make the arrangements and SMILE will reimburse them for the cost.

**Student Information:** Let us know ahead of time if you have any students with limited mobility so we can plan accordingly. During the Challenge, ensure that you have access to any pertinent student medical information in case of a medical emergency.

### Bedding:

For those staying in the dorms at Western Oregon University, you and your students will be provided with a linen pack that includes: a pillow, blanket, two flat sheets, towel, and washcloth.



*You will get a detailed schedule at the event, contact [Becca](#) if you need more details at this time.*

# Challenge Continued

## Challenge Schedule

- **HS – April 18, at WOU, April 19, at OSU\*** - Cave Junction, Four Rivers, Forest Grove, Medford, Nyssa, Ontario, Siletz, Willamina, Woodburn
- **MS – April 4, at WOU, April 5, at OSU** - Lebanon, Woodburn
- **MS – April 11, at WOU, April 12, at OSU\*** - Cave Junction, Grants Pass, Nyssa, Ontario
- **ES – April 7, at BSU** - Four Rivers and Nyssa
- **ES – April 15, at OSU** - Chiloquin, Dayton, Forest Grove, Willamina, Woodburn
- **ES – April 22, at SOU** - Grants Pass and Cave Junction's 5th graders

\* *Distance clubs have the option of staying a second night in the dorms at WOU.*

## Challenge Logistics for Middle and High School Clubs

### Day 1 -

On the first day of the Challenge, if your group arrives before 2 pm, you are welcome to take a self guided tour of Western Oregon University (WOU).

### Buses park in Lot J at WOU.

**2 pm at Lander's Lawn Tent** - Dorm check-in and t-shirts

**2:45 - 3:15 pm in the Werner Lobby outside the Pacific Room** - Registration.

Kami will provide a detailed schedule for the day at registration, but let us know if you have any questions about the itinerary.

### Day 2 -

In the am, clean and pack up (unless you're staying a second night), eat breakfast, and participate in activities until 10:30 am.

**10:45 am at Lot J, WOU** - Buses load and depart for OSU.

**11:30 am at SEC Plaza, OSU** - Buses drop students of at OSU's Memorial Union, SEC Plaza area. Buses can check for parking along 26th St, outside of Gill Coliseum/Reser Stadium. If no parking is available, they can park at the [Benton County Fairgrounds](#).

**11:45 - 11:55 am at SEC Plaza** - Welcome

**12 - 4 pm** in various locations - Lunch and activities throughout the day.

**4:15 - 4:30 pm at the SEC Plaza** - Awards and load buses (same as drop off location). For those staying a second night in WOU dorms, your students will get dinner and be on campus at OSU, until loading buses at 7:30 pm to return to WOU. Your buses will depart from WOU the next morning.

[Click Here](#) for a Campus Map of WOU

[Click Here](#) for a Campus Map of OSU

**Elementary Clubs - Stay tuned for timing and drop off details.**

# Spring Teacher Workshop

## May 11 – 13, 2023

### Join us at H.J. Andrews Experimental Research Forest!



SMILE is pleased to invite you to attend the 2023 Spring Teacher Workshop! Registration is now open until Monday, April 24. [Register Here](#)

During this workshop, we'll engage in hands-on activities both indoors and out and reflect on the year in SMILE. There will be a Share Fair, where teachers can share a favorite activity with each other. We'll also have an awards ceremony to honor the efforts of SMILE teachers. This workshop will take place in a scenic forest setting. Lodging and meals are provided, and travel and sub costs will be covered. Please contact [Becca](#) or [Kami](#) with any questions. We look forward to spending time with you at the workshop!

### Nominations for the 2023 SMILE Leadership and Service Award

We are currently accepting nominations for the **2023 SMILE Leadership and Service Award**. This award celebrates an educator who has consistently provided outstanding leadership, service, and engagement in SMILE. See the next page for a list of past winners!

SMILE teachers may nominate candidates for the award, or teachers may self-nominate. To receive this award, the individual must be a current SMILE Club teacher or advisor and have demonstrated excellence in the award criteria below. The award is not based on longevity, but on contributions to SMILE's overall mission and vision. Nomination letters should list specific examples of how the nominee meets the criteria below.

The individual receiving the **SMILE Leadership and Service Award** should demonstrate:

- **Engagement in the SMILE teacher learning community** by participating in workshops, sharing best practices, and mentoring new SMILE teachers.
- **Exceptional service to their SMILE Club students**, by attending Challenge events, utilizing innovative activities, taking students on Club related field trips, and by achieving consistently high rates of student participation in Clubs.

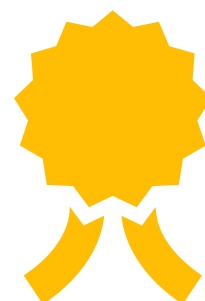
Nomination letters may be submitted in Word or PDF documents, and sent via email. Send nominations to Kami Hammerschmith: [kami.hammerschmith@oregonstate.edu](mailto:kami.hammerschmith@oregonstate.edu). **Nominations are due on Friday, April 28, 2023.**

The award will be presented at the **Spring Teacher Workshop**. The recipient, or recipients, will receive \$300, a certificate, and their name will be added to the award plaque housed in the SMILE Program office at Oregon State University.

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Kami at 541-737-0534.

### Longevity Awards and More!

During the 2023 Spring Teacher Workshop, we'll also present "Longevity Awards," to teachers who have served with SMILE for 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years! Additionally, during the workshop we'll also feature a few new awards to recognize the efforts of our amazing SMILE teachers!



# SMILE Leadership and Service Award

## Past Recipients

**2009**

Dave Curtis - Sunridge Middle School, (Pendleton)

**2010**

Glenn Johnson - Pendleton High School

**2011**

Ken Dickey - Nyssa High School

**2012**

Sandy Smith - Willamina High School

**2013**

John Moyes - Nyssa Elementary School

**2014**

Tonya Jones - Forest Grove High School

**2015**

Randy Wiese - Toledo High School

**2016**

Tim Talty - Lorna Byrne Middle School, (Cave Junction)

Mary Trammell - Lorna Byrne Middle School

**2017**

Cori Wilkinson - Dayton Grade School

**2018**

Dan Gray - Forest Grove High School

**2019**

Tiffani Sagmiller - Willamina High School

**2020**

Jesica Haxel - Siletz Valley Early College Academy

**2021**

Ken Bee - French Prairie Middle School, (Woodburn)

**2022**

Martha Lazo - Nyssa High School

***Congratulations to all past winners!*** SMILE would love to see lots of nomination letters this year! Please refer to the previous page for instructions.

**Photo:** Martha Lazo, receiving the 2022 SMILE Leadership and Service Award from Jay Well, SMILE Associate Director.



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