

## WHAT DO SMILE TEACHERS DO?

- Recruit students to be club members
- Lead weekly after-school club meetings with hands-on STEM activities
- Take your club on STEM field trips
- Engage parents and community in a Family Math & Science Night
- Attend three annual Professional Development Workshops
- Bring your club to Challenge & College Connection Days on University campuses around Oregon



*“Seeing the labs and opportunities at OSU was amazing to the kids. They rarely get out of town to see the world and its possibilities.”*

Tyler Lindsey, Dayton MS in Dayton, OR  
on the College Connection

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*Envision... Believe... Succeed!*



# The SMILE Program

## Becoming a New SMILE Teacher

STEM opportunities  
for rural  
communities

**Oregon State**  
UNIVERSITY

# Engage...Believe...Succeed

Data shows the longer a student is in SMILE, the more likely they are to go to college.



Students and teachers learn about STEM opportunities at OSU during College Connection event.



## SMILE TEACHER BENEFITS

- Make a difference in your students' lives and academic success
- Earn 50 hours of Professional Development each year
- Learn about exciting scientific research from OSU faculty
- Free hands-on STEM materials and curriculum
- Clubs are a great place for testing new activities and honing teaching skills
- Receive a stipend for your work and a budget for materials
- Join an active community of experienced teachers from around Oregon where you can exchange information and network
- Visit [smile.oregonstate.edu](http://smile.oregonstate.edu) to learn how to join!

## WHY SMILE WORKS

**Teacher Professional Development:** Annual workshops as part of a Community of Practice

**The Pipeline:** a continuous program spanning 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade including weekly club meetings and annual events

**College Connection:** Links students to Oregon public universities and promotes college and career awareness

**Statewide Community:** Network of clubs in rural communities across Oregon



Teacher workshop at H.J. Andrews Research Forest

## WHAT IS SMILE?

A rural after-school program that:

- Helps underrepresented students gain STEM skills and get to college
- Engages 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students statewide in science, math and engineering year-round
- Provides professional development to a community of teachers
- Has worked with more than 400 teachers and served over 8,000 students
- Has nearly three decades of proven success

*"I was happy to do SMILE because I knew it would give me a chance to be valuable to students outside the classroom."*

Ken Dickey, Nyssa HS in Nyssa, OR