



It's Getting Closer

The Rendezvous begins in less than a month!

The dates are *October 1st, 2nd, & 3rd* at the beautiful Seven Feathers Conference Center in Canyonville. The brochure (with registration form) is on our website (www.OregonETA.org) or is available from your local board member.

Here are a few more reminders:

CRC Credits and NAWDP Competencies – This year's Rendezvous has once again been approved for CRC Credits – there are a total of 12.25 CRC credits available at this Rendezvous! Or, if you are trying to become a Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWDP) through the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP), or if you are already certified, but need to get the Professional Development hours necessary to maintain your certification, all 12 Competency Areas are covered at some point during the Conference. As an added bonus, this year you will receive a certificate at the completion of the Rendezvous that will assist you in tracking your Credits and/or Competencies.

Awards Night – The presentation of the All Star Team Awards and the Commitment in Action Awards will occur after dinner on Thursday evening. Even if you are not able to attend the Rendezvous, whether due to workload concerns or economic limitations, you are still invited to attend the Awards Presentation at no cost. Better yet, if you are available and would like to join us for dinner, you can reserve a spot for \$35 with advance reservations to be received by Wednesday, 9/24/03. You can make reservations by e-mailing Donitta at donitta@mccog.com or calling her at (541) 298-4101, ext 208.

Membership - we're still accepting applications for the 2003-04 membership year; even if you can't attend this year's Rendezvous – you don't want to lose all of the benefits of being an OregonETA member! For example, do you know that if you are an OregonETA member, you will save \$100 on the NAWDP Conference Registration next May? Talk about a good investment - - pay \$40 and then save \$100!!! We will be offering regional trainings throughout the year, at a discounted rate for members. There are also scholarship opportunities for anyone who has been a member for 2 consecutive years . . . so it's definitely worthwhile to keep up your membership. Also - don't forget – if you know of others in Workforce Development, let them know of the opportunities available through OregonETA and give them a membership application as well! Membership applications are available from your local board member!

All Star Team - there's still a little (very little!) time to get in those nominations - they are due by 9/15! We will be recognizing 12 All Star Team members from around the state at the Rendezvous. If you're working with someone who should be acknowledged for all of their hard work and their **enthusiasm, skills, knowledge** and **commitment** to their job – just submit an All Star Team nomination to OregonETA by 9/15 so they can be recognized at the Rendezvous! Your nominee does not need to be an OregonETA member.

Silent Auction - we still need to gather items for our Silent Auction. This is an annual fund-raiser, held at the Rendezvous, to raise money for our scholarships. Scholarships allow recipients to attend professional development activities that they may not be able to access otherwise. If you have items you would like to donate, or know of someone who does, please contact Linda Draper, OregonETA President, at (541) 476-1187 or at lindad@jobcouncil.org

Door Prizes - if you've ever been to a Rendezvous, you know that the most anticipated activity is the door prize drawing (thanks to Wally's enthusiasm!); so, to ensure that this year is just as fun, we are still requesting that you bring door prizes for the drawings that we have at every meal. If you haven't yet, you still have time to contact your sources and gather up some door prizes and bring them with you to the Rendezvous!

See you there!

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Rendezvous Chairperson