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Portland NAWDP Conference Update

You still have time to register for the 15th Annual National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) Conference to be held at the Portland Hilton, **May 23-26**. The conference promises to be NAWDP's biggest and best featuring nationally recognized speakers, informative exhibits, engaging events, and eight breakout sessions filled with a wealth of timely workshop topics to choose from. The hospitality event on the evening of May 23 will be a great opportunity to meet workforce professionals from around the nation and welcome them to Oregon. We encourage you to wear your favorite OETA shirt or hat on Sunday evening to identify yourself as an OregonETA member.

The 2004 NAWDP Conference is the perfect opportunity to discover new ideas and learn proven practices in workforce development. To register online, go to <http://www.nawdp.org/conference.htm>.

Can't attend the full conference? Check out these Pre-conference sessions

You won't want to miss your choice of two pre-conference sessions sponsored by OregonETA on Sunday, May 23. Frontline staff will benefit from "The Psychology of Hope" with Teri Houde, while managers will gain insight from "Deliberate Success: Taking Talent to the Top" presented by Dr. Eric Allenbaugh. If you're unable to attend the full NAWDP conference, you can still register to attend one of these great pre-conference trainings.

Save the Dates - October 6 - 8, 2004

Mark your calendar for OregonETA's 2004 *Rendezvous for Workforce Development Professionals* to be held October 6, 7 & 8 at the Agate Beach Best Western Conference Center on the beautiful Central Oregon Coast.

This year's theme of "Coasting to Success: Becoming Employment Opportunity Scouts" focuses on how to connect with businesses to find jobs for workers before they come to your door. In keeping with Rendezvous tradition, the conference will provide knowledgeable speakers, outstanding workshops, signature events such as Blackjack Night and the Silent Auction, opportunities to gain certification credits, and a networking experience with Oregon's finest in the field of workforce development.

Presenter Proposals are now being accepted. Contact OregonETA for more information.

Spring Membership Special

The 2004 Spring Special membership application forms were emailed at the end of March. This year, new and renewing OregonETA members alike are eligible for membership discounts offered through the special. Members renewing before June 1 can save \$4 off the \$40 renewal fee.

Don't forget - your OregonETA membership expires June 30th. If you need a copy of the membership renewal form, please contact us at info@oregoneta.org.

OregonETA Regional Trainings

Watch your email for announcements and registrations to OregonETA's one-day trainings in your region. Our goal is to help you enhance your professional growth by offering the topics you identified in the 2003 Rendezvous survey. Remember that your membership privileges apply, making your participation in regional trainings an economical investment in continuing education.

Training Scholarships Available

OregonETA encourages professional development by providing several annual scholarship awards to its qualifying members. A member in good standing for the past two consecutive years is welcome to apply for a scholarship of up to \$500 value. For a complete list of guidelines and an application form, please visit us on the web at <http://www.oregoneta.org/oetaawards.htm>.