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Call for Oregon Talent at the Oregon Fairs Talent Search

A competition showcasing the state's best talent; deadline August 22, 2010

SALEM, Ore. – Oregon has talent and the Oregon Fairs Talent Search is the perfect place to showcase it. Preliminaries will be held at the Oregon State Fair on September 4, 2010. Residents in Wasco County and other Oregon counties that are not participating in the Oregon Fairs Talent Search and who are at least 5 years of age are eligible to apply to compete in the Preliminaries. There are three divisions: Children (ages 5-9), Youth (ages 10-17) and Adults (ages 18+). The first place winner in each division will proceed to the Oregon Fairs Talent Search Finals on September 5, 2010. More information about applying to enter the preliminaries and detailed rules are at: <http://www.oregonstatefair.org/competition/talent-show>.

The deadline to apply to enter the preliminaries is midnight Sunday, August 22, 2010. To apply for the preliminaries or for questions regarding the Oregon Fairs Talent Search please e-mail Sara Hamler-Dupras, the Talent Coordinator, at: OFTS2010@yahoo.com or call 503-947-3273.

This is the first year the Oregon Fairs Talent Search is holding preliminaries. The preliminaries were created to give talent living in counties that do not offer talent contests the opportunity to still compete in the Oregon Fairs Talent Search Finals; before the preliminaries, talent could only participate in the finals by winning first place at the county-level talent contest. The first place winners at the preliminaries will proceed to the statewide Oregon Fairs Talent Search finals on Sunday, September 5,

2010 for the opportunity to showcase their talent and win big prizes. Details about the finals are also at: <http://www.oregonstatefair.org/competition/talent-show>.

2010 OREGON STATE FAIR DATES:

August 27 to September 6, 2010 (Labor Day)

LOCATION:

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem

HOURS:

Sundays-Thursdays: 10 AM-10 PM

Fridays and Saturdays: 10 AM-11 PM

About the 2010 Oregon State Fair

With more than 9,000 things to do, see and taste, the 2010 Oregon State Fair is too big to miss. It truly has something for everybody, with events and activities that are classic and cutting-edge. The 2010 Fair will feature Days of the Dinosaur Exhibition, the STIHL® TIMBERSPORTS® Series 2010 US Championships and Dogs & Logs World Championships. Where else could you, in one day, go to a lumberjack competition, walk through Jurassic park, enter a watermelon seed spitting contest, ride a Ferris wheel, taste Oregon's finest wines, and see country star Dierks Bentley in concert?

To find out more about Oregon State Fair events too big to miss, visit www.oregonstatefair.org.

About Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department manages more than 200 state parks and the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center, plus programs for Oregon's ocean shores, scenic waterways, the Willamette River Greenway and recreation trails. The department provides grants to local governments, and oversees state heritage preservation efforts through the State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon Heritage Commission and Oregon Commission for Historic Cemeteries.

