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Calendar

July 2011

11-14 | Summer Institute - Blue River

August 2011

Another school year begins!

Join Classroom Law Project at the OCSS Fall Conference

Saturday, October 1

CLP is pleased to offer two workshop sessions at the 2011 OCSS Fall Conference. In one three hour session, CLP will debut the 2011 Youth Summit curriculum: *Civility & the First Amendment*, and hold the first professional development training for participating teachers.

An additional one hour session will target *Project Citizen*, which is a dynamic curriculum for upper elementary, middle and high school students, designed to promote responsible participation in local and state government.

See below for more information or contact Classroom Law Project at office@classroomlaw.org or 503-224-4424.

Oregon Council for the Social Studies

2011 Fall Conference: Oregon Crossroads

The Oregon Council for the Social Studies will be hosting its Fall Conference this year at Concordia University in Portland on Saturday, October 1st. This year's theme, "Oregon Crossroads," will seek to address the Social Studies discipline from multiple perspectives.



The featured workshop will be facilitated by Portland educator Jeff Creswell, who will lead a demonstration for educators of all levels on the Storyline Method. Additional breakout sessions targeted by grade level will allow you a more precise understanding of all the intricacies of teaching the Storyline Method.

September 2011

TBD | Fall Street Law Begins - Portland

26 | Golf Tournament - Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club

October 2011

1 | Youth Summit Seminar - OCSS Conference, Portland

4 | Youth Summit Make-up Seminar - Portland

4 | Courthouse Experience Program Begins - Portland

22 | *We the People* Coaches Workshop - Portland

November 2011

8 | Youth Summit for Middle & High School students - Portland

10 | Youth Summit Seminar - Portland

December 2011

2 | Oregon Civics Conference - Salem

9 | Metro Mini Mock Trial - Portland

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OCSS also will be hosting the First Annual Educational Maps and Globes Social Studies Awards Breakfast sponsored by Educational Maps and Globes (included in conference registration), and facilitating trips to the Oregon Historical Society, Fort Vancouver National Historic Park and a Portland Courthouse.

For those interested, there will be early conference sessions on Friday, September 30th, including a "Master Teacher" workshop with the state's best Social Studies teachers presenting their most effective lessons, a forum on School Reform and Social Studies involving civic leaders and elected representatives, and planned social events.

Special rates are available! More conference information (speakers, activities, presenters) will be posted on the OCSS web page as workshops are confirmed.

[Click here to view the conference flyer and register!](#)

Questions? Contact Shawn Daley, conference chair, at sdaley@cu-portland.edu.

UPCOMING REGISTRATIONS

For the 2011/12 school year

Youth Summit - Nov 8 (grades 6-12)

2011 Topic: "Civility and the First Amendment"

The Youth Summit is the culminating activity of a curriculum packed with lessons that directly relate to Oregon civics and other standards. Following a professional development session, teachers explore the selected topic with students during the 4-6 weeks leading up to the summit. While at the Summit, middle and high school students engage in discussions with civic leaders, local experts and elected officials.

SAVE THE DATE: 1st professional development session will take place on Sat, Oct 1 in conjunction with the OCSS Fall Conference **[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.**

Court Tours - Oct thru June (grades 5-12)

The Courthouse Experience Program provides students in grades 5-12 with an authentic opportunity to learn about the justice system by observing real cases and court procedures. Students watch the law come alive on these enriching and valuable visits to the Multnomah County Courthouse and the Justice Center.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Quote of the Month

"Individual rights were the most important idea to me because when we were little kids we did not know we had rights, but now we do."

--Elementary Student

Street Law - Fall & Spring (grades 9-12)

Marilyn Cover, CLP's Founder and Executive Director, teaches Street Law at Lewis & Clark Law School. This course places law students in Portland area high schools to teach practical law in coordination with the classroom teacher. Lessons cover a wide range of civil and criminal issues and emphasize the very real ways in which the law applies to our everyday lives.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Teacher + Attorney = Competitive Edge

Interested in starting a Mock Trial or Constitution Team at your school, but need a legal expert's helping hand?

There is nothing we at Classroom Law Project love more than to see students blossom from typical kids to leaders among their peers. This metamorphosis occurs every year through CLP's programs, especially Mock Trial and *We the People* (Constitution Team).

The secret recipe is one part inspirational teacher, one part experienced attorney, and one part ready to go materials (that's our part).

[Email us](#) with your name, school, and type of team (We the People, Mock Trial, or both) and we'll start searching for your secret ingredient!



CLP Board Member to be New Federal Judge!

The following excerpt is from the article "U.S. Senate confirms Portland attorney Michael Simon as Oregon federal judge," published in The Oregonian on Tuesday, June 21.

WASHINGTON -- The Senate on Tuesday confirmed Portland lawyer Michael Simon to be Oregon's next federal judge, ending a journey that was both longer and bumpier than expected and one that lawmakers said highlighted the dysfunction gripping the nomination process.

Simon cleared the Senate on a 64 to 35 vote. The divided outcome on a nominee who was praised as a legal authority and highly qualified, reflected the slow and frustrating pace as well as the sharp partisan nature of nearly all confirmations.

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