



3 DAYS OF
EDUCATION
INSPIRATION
OPPORTUNITY

for the next generation of tradeswomen



Oregon Tradeswomen Inc.'s

2007 Women in Trades Career Fair



2007... BY THE NUMBERS



821 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
576 PUBLIC DAY JOB SEEKERS - 41% were women
between the ages of 17 and 34.
62 SCHOOLS from Portland and Vancouver to Bend and
Astoria - and as far away as Bandon.

165 WORKSHOP PRESENTERS in
73 HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS including carpentry,
heavy equipment operation, plumbing, electrical,
automotive, masonry, sheet metal, roofing, utility line
work, and many others.

80 EXHIBIT BOOTHS representing industry, education,
apprentice training centers and government agencies.

71 VOLUNTEERS contributed
361 VOLUNTEER HOURS.

THEY WANT MORE! 40% of middle and high school
girls asked for extra time at next year's Fair so they could
participate in more workshops.

92% of educators rated the level of career-related learning
as Very Good or Excellent.



The Women in Trades Career Fair, an annual event produced by Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., encourages women and girls to explore high-paying, highly-skilled careers in the building, mechanical, electrical and highway trades. The Fair provides opportunities for participants to

“The whole idea behind this fair is fantastic and is vital to making and keeping

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COMMENTS...

FROM THE GIRLS:

"I LOVED that I got to use tools!"

"I liked the workshops and being in a group of strong independent women."

FROM WOMEN SEEKING TRADES CAREERS:

"What I found interesting were the women behind the jobs and their enjoyment of them."

"I did not realize there were so many job opportunities for women!"

"The fair showed me that I'm on the right track to my NEW CAREER!"

FROM EXHIBITORS AND WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

"My team members have already put their names in for next year - they had so much fun."

"You have an outstanding concept plus a crew that is time-tested. (It) came together flawlessly - I look forward to next year's adventure."

"Excellent attendance with applicants who have a strong interest in the trades."

AND FROM EDUCATORS ACROSS THE REGION:

"Our girls absolutely loved the fair and can't wait for next year's fair to explore different trades."

"Thank you Oregon Tradeswomen for a wonderful day!"

"We'll be back! We brought freshman students who are leaving with enthusiasm and new information about career opportunities."

"Thanks for putting this together!"

meet employers, apprenticeship training programs, and tradeswomen role models through interactive, hands-on workshops and exhibits. The Fair is made possible through the generous support of our industry sponsors and hundreds of volunteers who support the mission of Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.

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Hundreds of people and organizations contributed to the success of the 2007 Women in Trades Career Fair. We are indebted to our amazing volunteers, to the many and talented workshop presenters who contributed so much time and energy, and to our exhibitors and generous sponsors. *We are particularly grateful to the staff and members of NECA/IBEW Electrical Training Center for again hosting this amazing event.*

To everyone who participated, we thank you.
- the Board and Staff of Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.

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