Profile: Oregon STMA

July was a busy month for the Oregon STMA. In addition to helping make the STMA Northwest Regional Conference a strong success, more than 25 chapter members participated in the chapter’s first-ever field make-over. The chapter is less than two years old yet has 90 members and is growing.

The field make-over was at Alpenrose Dairy in Portland, which hosts the Little League Softball World Series. During the series, the Softball World Series Challenger Game is played. This game helps mentally and physically challenged youth enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an environment structured to their abilities.

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The field that this game is played on is primarily for practice and often gets overlooked for consistent maintenance, so the goal of the field day was to get the field in excellent shape. The many hands of the Oregon chapter were able to sod cut high areas, re-grade and sod the back edges, foul base lines, home plate mound circle and coaches boxes. The chapter also worked on the game day fields, primarily on the irrigation system.

In addition to the chapter’s volunteers, the field day was directed by Little League Softball World Series Tournament Groundskeeper Mike Hebrard, Athletic Field Design, and had the commercial support of Ewing Irrigation, Oregon Turf and Trees, Pro Turf Solution, Profile Products, Target Specialty, EnviroLogics, Portland Parks, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation, Willamalane Parks, and other local citizens. Alpenrose hosted an ice cream social at the end of the work day. The Chapter was recognized for its field makeover during the Challenger game August 14.

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