

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FEBRUARY

4 BEEF ENROLLMENT

DEADLINE BY 5 PM

- 4 Horse Meeting - 6 pm
- 7 Auction Meeting - 6 pm
- 8 4-H Dance 8-10pm
- 11 Teen PAC 6pm
Leaders Council 7pm
- 12 Fair Committee meeting 6pm
- 13 New Leader Trng 6-9 pm
- 18 PRESIDENTS DAY- Open**
Livestock Seminar 5:30 -7pm
Livestock Comm. Mtg. 7pm
- 25 Small Animal 5:30—6:30pm
HAS meeting 6:30—7:30

MARCH

- 3 Horse Meeting - 6 pm
- 5 Livestock Clinic—6—9pm
- 6 Auction Meeting - 6 pm
- 7 Beef Weigh-In 12pm—8pm
- 7 Teen PAC Movie Night 7-10pm
- 8 Camp Couns Trg 10 am-4pm
- 10 Teen PAC 6pm
Leaders Council 7pm
- 17 Fair Meeting—6pm
- 24-28 Spring Break— No school!**
- 27-29 Know Your Gov. – Salem**

Cloverpatch

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1 FEBRUARY/MARCH 2007-08

Carolyn 's Corner...

Dear 4-H Families and Friends, I hope that your new year is off to a GREAT start! Our year sure is! We had a very successful Super Saturday on January 26th where the public was able to come and learn about the wonderful opportunities 4-H has to offer. There were numerous hands on activities—focusing on projects from the Home Economics, Arts and Sciences area, including sewing, photography, bread-making, beading, cookie decorating, arts and crafts and more! Super Saturday was held along with the annual Horse Tack Swap Sale which was also a big success! Thanks to the wonderful adult and youth volunteers who made the day run smoothly. Teen PAC and the Lane County 4-H

Ambassadors came out in full force to assist. Some upcoming opportunities for 4-Her's to get together and have some fun are: the 4-H Dance, at the Extension Office on February 8th! Teen PAC is sponsoring it, and wants all 4-Her's to come get to know youth from all over the county, while you boogie down! The last New Leader Training until fall will be held on Wednesday, February 13th. Please tell your friends and family who want to become leaders to attend.

It's time once again to start preparing for our 2008 Lane County Extension 4-H Camp! We are looking for a few good counselors to help us run an extraordinary camp in August, so please

spread the word to all 9-12th graders who might be interested in applying to be a counselor. And of course, it's NEVER too early for 4-Her's and their non-4-H friends to start thinking about attending summer camp from August 4—8, 2008. They just need to have completed the 3rd—6th grade by the time camp rolls around.

9-12th graders—save April 27-29th is when the Know Your Government event will take place. It's been changed from Know your State Government to include a wider perspective of government by looking at the national level too! Also for 9-12th graders—Summer Conference is right around the corner—It will be held June 25-28th on the OSU campus.

Carolyn

BEEF DEADLINE

If you plan on being eligible for special awards at Youth Fair, and eligible to participate at State fair, you will need to have your member enrollment form and your \$10.00 fee turned into the OSU/Lane County Extension Service office by:

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
BY 5 P.M.**

If you have any questions please contact Kelly or Carolyn at the 4-H office.



Become part of a Great Team!

Interested? The opportunities are endless!

As an Adult Volunteer 4-H Leader you can make a difference in the lives of our youth in Lane County!

Just imagine being part of a 4-H members favorite childhood memory. You can make it happen!

There are lots of leadership opportunities available ranging from area superintendent to office help or project activity coordinator.

Let the office know what you are interested in doing and we will match you up!

~Making a difference in our Lane County Youth!

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE DATES:

TO STAY ON THE MAILING LIST FOR ALL RETURNING 4-H MEMBERS AND LEADERS YOUR ENROLLMENT DEADLINE WAS **DECEMBER 31ST**.

ANYONE NEW TO 4-H OR NEW TO A PROJECT AREA HAS UNTIL **APRIL 1ST** TO ENROLL.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE DATE IS APRIL 1ST.

IF YOU DO NOT ENROLL BY

THESE DATES YOU WILL BE **DROPPED** FROM THE MAILING LIST AND YOUR GROUP WILL NOT BE COVERED BY THE YEARLY INSURANCE. GET THOSE ENROLLMENTS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALL INSURANCE COVERAGES STARTS FOR YOUR GROUP AS SOON AS YOU TURN IN YOUR FORMS.

INFORMATION IS BEING SENT OUT VIA EMAIL. IF WE DO NOT HAVE A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESSES OR YOU ARE NOT

ENROLLED, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE IMPORTANT MEETING AND EVENT NOTICIES.

PROJECT SERVICE FEE: FOR THE 2007-08 4-H YEAR IS \$10.00. THIS FEE COVERS THE YEARLY INSURANCE FEE, MAILINGS, POSTAGE, AND SUPPLIES.

ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE MEMBERS OR CLUBS.

Oregon Leaders' Forum 2008

Polk County is hosting the Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum, Friday, April 11—Saturday, April 12 at the Dallas High School in Dallas, OR.

Polk County volunteers are working with surrounding counties, the Oregon Leaders' Association and the State 4-H Office to bring you a great learning experience for adult and teen 4-H volunteers!

Registration will be available on the state 4-H Office website soon!

Wanted: 4-H Camp Counselors!

Interested in spending a fun week in the beautiful Eola Mountains as a volunteer camp counselor? Become a wonderful part of a child's life by applying to be a 4-H Camp Counselor. Our overnight camp starts Monday, August 4th and runs through Friday, August 8th. Counselors would need to be available from Sunday, August 3rd. Becoming a counselor is a competitive process, not everyone that applies, gets selected, but the training is a GREAT experience!

You will need to attend two leadership trainings that will be held on:

- * **Saturday, March 8, 2008**
- * **Saturday, April 5, 2008**

Volunteer Camp Counselor applications are due on Tuesday, March 4th in the OSU/Lane County Extension Service office and can be found on our website:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/4H/>



2007-08 New Leader Training

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Lane County 4-H Volunteer Leader, please encourage them to RSVP to the office and attend **the LAST** 4-H New Leader Training until next fall.

It will be held on:

- **Wednesday, February 13th, 6-9pm** at the OSU/ Lane County Extension Service office in the Auditorium.

Pre-registration is required! If we do not have enough people that pre-register, the class will be cancelled. Please call ahead and make sure you reserve your spot as soon as possible! Call 682-4243 today!

You can download forms from our website at:
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/4H/index.htm>

Lane County 4H/FFA Youth Fair Theme & Cover Design Contest

Here is your chance to show off your artistic talent! Each year drawings are submitted by our wonderful artistic 4-H members. All entries are voted on by the Fair Committee as to which picture and theme best represent the 4-H/FFA Youth Fair. If your picture/ theme is selected to be our 2008 Fair Book Cover you will have your picture in the April Cloverpatch edition and your drawing will be posted on the 4-H Website. You will need to submit your cover design/theme **by February 18, 2008**. Entries should be on 8 1/2 X 11" paper in dark pencil or dark ink. Make sure your drawings have all the project areas represented to the best of your artistic ability. The date and year also need to be on the front cover, plus the theme. If you have any questions please contact the 4-H office.

2007-08 YOUTH FAIR SUPERINTENDENT TEAMS

Beef & Dairy

Tammy Linn
Max Hansen
Barry Owen
Patti Smith
Tracy Engholm

Goats

Autumn Baker
Josh Wesley

Small Animal

Teri Pilaczynski
Kirsten Albright
David Sledge

Sheep

Sheryl Zettle
Will Hansen

Swine

Shari Johnson
Wendy Elkins

Horse

Jean Sirotek
Cliff Kelley
George Slusher
Kari Shafer

Dog

TBA

Foods

Fiber Arts & Clothing

Mary Mosier

Ed Display, Misc.

Wendy Gangwer

Photography

Denise Sturgill

Food Contest

Mary Mosier

Horticulture

Renee Ross

Expressive Arts

TBA

The next time you see one (or any) of these wonderful volunteers, thank them for the long hours they spend to make your 4-H program the best it can be. The 4-H/FFA Youth Fair would not be possible without them!



KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT (KYG)

What is KYG? It stands for Know Your Government. Teens from all over Oregon will come together on March 27 – 29, 2008 to learn how the media influences our civic involvement. The program will take place in Salem at the Phoenix Grand Hotel and Capitol Building.

Educational goals for participants in *Know Your Government* program include:

- Understanding how local, state and national government works.
- Exploring and debating issues. *Applying skills for civic engagement.
- Having fun, new experiences in a safe environment.



Who can go? 9-12TH GRADERS - do not need to be a 4-H member to attend (8th graders can attend with permission from the 4-H Agent)

Dates? It will be held MARCH 27 - 29TH (Thursday - Saturday) - starting at about 3pm on Thursday and ending at about noon on Saturday

What does it cost? Registration Fee for the KYG Judicial Conference is \$140. for all youth or adult participants. Fee includes: all program materials, lodging (4 teens per room), breakfast each morning, dinner Thursday evening, entertainment Friday evening, snacks, and lunch on Saturday.

When are registrations due? **Registrations due to the Lane Co. 4-H Office by Monday, March 3rd with your payment of \$140.**



Transportation will be provided by the Lane County Extension Office.

I am interested in becoming more involved

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Areas of Interest

_____ I would like to become a 4-H Member Grade in School: _____

_____ I would like to become a 4-H Volunteer

_____ I would like to donate to the 4-H Program

_____ I am interested in the 4-H School Enrichment program for my classroom

_____ I am interested in older youth opportunities and trainings

_____ I am interested in becoming a Camp Counselor (requirement 9th – 12th grade)

_____ I would like a 4-H Guest Speaker to give a presentation to our group

**Come visit us at the OSU/Lane County Extension Service, 4-H office located at
nue, Eugene, Oregon 97402 or phone (541) 682-4243 or (800) 872-8980.**

950 West 13th Ave-

We will endeavor to provide public accessibility to services, programs, and activities for people with disabilities. If accommodation is needed to participate at any meeting, please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Lane County office of OSU Extension Service at 682-4243 or 1-800-872-8980 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time.

Agriculture, Family and Community Development, 4-H Youth, Forestry, and Extension Sea Grant Programs. Oregon State University, United States Department of Agriculture, and Lane County cooperating. The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

State Fair Positions

It is never too soon to be thinking about state fair. This year we have job openings for positions at State Fair. If you are interested in applying here are the websites you can go to and download the forms.

Application Form are available for adults at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/resources/pdf/statefairchairapplication06.pdf>

Application Form for teens at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/resources/pdf/StateFairTeenStaffApplication06.pdf>

Positions are available in: Clothing/Sewing and Fashion Revue. We will keep you posted as positions become available.

A Taste of College

This exciting program for high school students is available once again this summer from June 24 to July 4*. Students live on the Oregon State University campus, explore college disciplines, and learn college academic and survival skills. Critical thinking, learning styles, career investigation, college writing, personal growth, and study skills are emphasized. Students earn two college credits. The program fee is \$990 and registration starts March 17, 2008. For more information go to the program website at: <http://p12.ecampus.oregonstate.edu/atoc/>.

**Please note dates conflict with 4-H Summer Conference at OSU*

FAQ - 4-H ANIMALS AND LEASES

Sometimes 4-H members choose to lease instead of buy their 4-H project animals. This is common place and perfectly acceptable. However, parents and 4-H member's should be aware of how a leased animal fits into the 4-H program. First and foremost the 4-H program is based upon the concept of learning by doing. Therefore, it is essential that the 4-H member be the person who is actually working with the animal. This means, that except for rare occasions, the 4-H member is the only person who shows and cares for the leased animal. A copy of the lease should be included in the members 4-H records and received by the 4-H office by April 1st. Examples of leases are available on the web. We also have a sample lease available in the 4-H office. In general, the lease stipulates whoever pays for feed and other costs associated with the animal's care, where the animal is housed, and who is responsible for the care of the animal (this should be the 4-H member). If you have questions call the 4-H office.

T-BONE BEEFERS 4-H CLUB MINI-SHOWMANSHIP SHOW JANUARY



BEEF MINI-SHOW APRIL 12—WATCH FOR DETAILS

Changes to State 4-H Scholarship and State Fair Scholarship applications

ALL State 4-H scholarship, State Fair Scholarship and Congress nomination forms and applications are due in to the Lane County Office by Monday, February 18th by 5pm.

Changes to State 4-H Scholarship applications:

The major State 4-H scholarship change made for 2008 is that the State 4-H resume is no longer required for applying for a State 4-H scholarship. Instead, we are requesting that members submit:

- A two page essay describing their growth in 4-H, with an emphasis on how 4-H has contributed to the development of their sense of **Competence, Confidence, Connection, Character, Caring & Compassion AND**
- A single page highlighting activities in their 4-H career. This can include a description of projects, programs they were involved with, community service activities or other 4-H events. Format can be written or in photos, drawings and other creative endeavors. The goal is for the 4-H member to represent his or herself and what they have learned and accomplished in 4-H.

Scholarship application form with instructions can be downloaded from the State 4-H website (<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/recognition/ScholarshipApplicationForm08.pdf>). Please make sure that members apply **ONLY** for scholarships they are qualified for.

Changes to State Fair 4-H Scholarship applications:

State Fair 4-H Scholarship applications are due into the Lane County Office by Monday, February 18th, 2008. Minor changes in wording have been made to the State Fair scholarship application, but the process is essentially the same as it was in 2007. The **application requires a brief essay, summaries of fair participation and two letters of recommendation.**

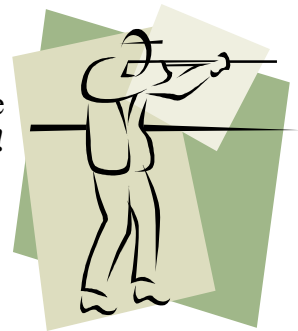
Application form with instructions can be downloaded from the State 4-H website (<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/recognition/SFScholarshipApplication2008.pdf>).



SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING



The next shooting sports leader training will be April 12-13, 2008 at the Oregon 4-H Center in conjunction with the State 4-H Leader Forum in Polk County. Remember that you must have completed the New Leader enrollment process – **including the background check!** – before you can register for the State training.



If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Ashton or Kelly Makinson at the 4-H office.

Weigh-in Dates

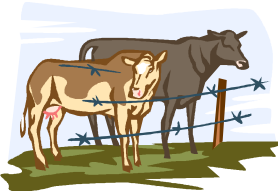
2008 Weigh-in Dates

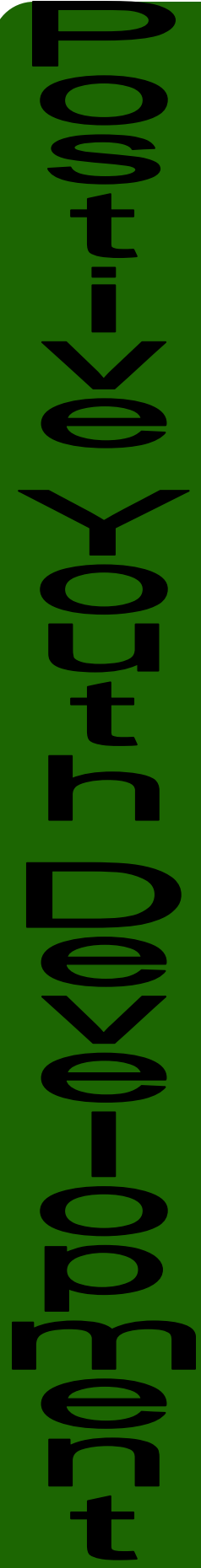
Beef - Friday, March 7th, 2008 12–8pm

Swine - Friday, April 18 Set-up—volunteers needed—contact Wendy Elkins @937-2097. Weigh in on Friday from 4-7pm

Saturday, April 19 Weigh-in 8am–11am

Sheep & Goats - Saturday, April 26th, 8 a.m. to 12 noon





SAVE THE DATE! SUMMER CONFERENCE!

June 25-28, 2008

Each summer, Oregon State University hosts the State 4-H Summer Conference for youth completing grades 7-12. Conference participants come from all parts of Oregon. Students attend a wide range of exciting classes taught by OSU faculty and other community volunteers.

Classes are designed to be informative, interesting, and inspiring. They cover a wide variety of subjects from technology and business to foods and dance. While at Summer Conference, youth have an opportunity to explore OSU, learn independence in a safe setting, examine career possibilities, make friends, learn new skills, and have fun. Look for registration information in the near future...

Positive Youth Development Tufts Study Update

Oregon 4-H is partnering with National 4-H Council and Tufts University to participate in the National 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development. The study is entering its 6th year, and early results are indicating that 4-H does a particularly good job of helping youth develop into healthy and contributing citizens. To date, the study does not include any 4-H youth from Oregon, but we would like to change that!!!

This year, the study will look primarily at youth who are in the 10th grade-but we can also include 8th and 9th graders as well. Letters of informed consent were sent to parents of 4-H members in this age group in late January. This consent needs to be signed and returned to the State 4-H office. Once consent is received, county 4-H agents will work with the youth to set up a time to complete the survey. We would like to receive all signed informed consents by mid-February.

A word about the survey: because of the complex nature and national scope of the study, the survey is quite long (36 pages). It will take youth about 90 minutes to complete. The study is trying to establish the impact of 4-H on positive youth behavior, but in order to do so, it needs to ask about risk behaviors as well (such as substance use and sexual behavior). We want to be sure that parents and youth understand the complete nature of the survey. Please know that these types of questions are very common in the world of adolescent research and that this survey has been used with thousands of youth without any problems.

Questions about the study can be directed to Mary Arnold, 4-H Youth Development Specialist (541) 737-1315 or Roger Rennekamp, State 4-H Program Leader (541) 737-1737.

Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum April 11-12, 2008

This year's Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum will be held on April 11th and 12th at the Dallas High School in Dallas Oregon. Information about the Forum will be distributed SOON.

Workshop registration for the Oregon Leaders' Forum will be assigned on a first come first served basis. There are size limits for some workshops.

Special Youth Tours will be offered to K-3rd graders and another for 4th – 8th graders. Please register your child/children on page 2 of the registration form. The cost will be \$15.00 for each child and that fee includes transportation costs, admission into the tour destinations and lunch at noon. **All other meals for youth who attend the Forum will need to be paid for in addition to the tour fee and be paid at the time of registration, not at the Forum.**

A few of the workshops have a small **supply fee which needs to be included in the check paid at the time of registration.** We are very excited about the variety choices of workshops for this year's Forum and Polk County with the help of Yamhill and Marion Counties are working hard to plan a great event for 4-H leaders, teens and youth.



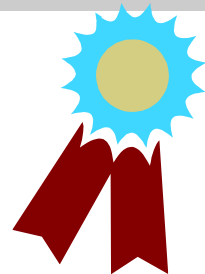
If you have questions about the Oregon Leaders' Forum call Mona Easley at 541-737-1327 or email at mona.easley@oregonstate.edu



2008 4-H/FFA YOUTH FAIR DATES!



**SATURDAY, JULY 12
THROUGH
SUNDAY, JULY 20
2008**



Lane County Extension 4-H Camp!



Reserve these Dates:

Overnight 4-H Camp for grades 3-6
will be held
August 4-8th, 2008
at the 4-H Center – Salem,
(more information coming soon)!



Teen PAC Clover Corner

Submitted by Kara Hansen and Mandara Matson-Bell



Winter Weather Information
All meetings and other activities will be cancelled if the Eugene Schools, U of O, or OSU are closed. Check local TV and Radio updates for more information on 4-H/ Extension Service closures.

4-H in Oregon started in 1904 when L.R. Alderman, the Yamhill County School Superintendent, organized the first industrial club in the small community of Dayton. Industrial clubs are what we now call 4-H. By 1905, there were industrial clubs in Yamhill, Benton and Polk counties. They were done through the schools, and the highlight of the year was the fair where boys and girls could showcase the articles which they had made throughout the year, and animals they had raised.

In 1914, the State Superintendent agreed to let the extension service hire the first 4-H club leader, F.L. Griffin. Later in 1914, they also hired Helen Cowgill and L.J. "Doc" Allen. The 4-H clubs were to be conducted in cooperation with the county school superintendents and teachers. The first year they had true leaders for the clubs, they completed ten activities. The projects included corn, potato, and vegetable growing, poultry and pig raising, dairy herd record keeping, sewing, cooking, canning, and woodworking. Over 11,000 kids participated in the clubs.

In 1916, Griffin resigned as the state leader, and H.C. Seymour was named the state leader. He joined a team that would define and shape 4-H in Oregon for many years to come. It's because of Seymour's dedication that Oregon was able to be the first state to offer 4-H in a metropolitan area. Portland school grounds were used for victory gardens during World War I, and the Portland School District provided funds to help hire an extension agent to do 4-H work in the city.

Seymour, Cowgill, and Allen worked to establish 4-H Summer Week on the Oregon State University Campus. We now call it Summer Conference. The first Summer Week was held in 1915. In 1965, Summer Week held its 50th anniversary, and the three wonderful leaders who started the tradition were honored with a park bench that sits on campus.

Involvement with the state's public schools continued to be an important part of 4-H until the 1950's. Teachers often served as 4-H leaders and gave instruction in the classroom. However, at the same time there was a growing movement toward the organization of 4-H clubs outside the schools, and gradually the role of the schools in 4-H clubs diminished.

Over the years, enrollment numbers show that 4-H is truly a popular program with young people. In 1936, enrollment was at about 22,000 members. In 1960, more than 33,200 kids were enrolled, with at least 5,400 volunteer leaders. By 1985, enrollment numbers had reached more than 45,000 boys and girls with more than 7,500 leaders. As of 2005, there were around 100,000 4-H youth members, and 5,600 leaders in the state of Oregon.

Different businesses, organizations and individuals sponsor various awards and prizes given out at fairs and other events throughout the year. Thanks to them, more Oregon 4-H'ers are able to attend national and statewide events that are offered. We also don't want to forget our volunteer leaders. They have been very important throughout the years because they give their time and talents to help young people learn. Presently, Oregon's 4-H program is organized around project clubs, which meet regularly throughout the year.

Questions? Ask the 4-H Staff

Carolyn Ashton - 4-H Faculty
carolyn.ashton@oregonstate.edu

Kelly Makinson - 4-H Program Assistant
kelly.makinson@oregonstate.edu

Kerry Glass - 4-H Secretary (part-time)
kerry.glass@oregonstate.edu

Visit Us on the Web at:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/4H/>

