



Calendar of Events

February '09

5 th	6 p.m.	Auction Committee Mtg.
9 th	5:30 p.m.	Small Animal Committee Mtg. – Conference Room
	6 p.m.	Teen PAC - Auditorium
	7 p.m.	Leaders' Council Mtg.—Auditorium
23 rd	6 p.m.	Fair Committee Mtg. (NEW DATE!)

March '09

2 nd	6 p.m.	Horse Committee Mtg.—Auditorium
6 th	12 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Beef Weigh-In – Lane County Fairgrounds, Livestock Building
7 th	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Camp Counselor Training (9-12 th graders)
9 th	5:30 p.m.	Small Animal Committee Mtg.—Conference Room
	6 p.m.	Teen PAC Mtg.-Auditorium
	7 p.m.	Leaders' Council Mtg.—Auditorium
13 th	7 p.m.	Teen PAC Dance (4 th grade and up)
30 th	6 p.m.	Fair Committee Meeting (Superintendents)

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

The OSU Extension Service Lane County 4-H Program is sponsoring an interactive **Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on February 25 and 26th**. Performance begins at 6 p.m. Come early and participate in the silent auction. The performance will be held at the Santa Clara Grange located at 295 Azalea, Eugene. Cost for is \$15 for one or \$25 for two and must be paid at the time of ticket purchase. Tickets are available for purchase at the Lane County office of the OSU Extension Service.

What is Interactive Dinner Theater? it's a play, it's improve, it's dinner, it's chatting with the guests, it's murder, it's all of it and more! In interactive dinner theater there is a script, just as there is in any other play. But the actors aren't on stage. They are seated with the guests, talking, eating, and dropping clues. Sometime during the evening, a dastardly deed is done. The remainder of the evening will be spent with the cast AND guests pointing out clues and trying to identify the dastardly deed doer. Everyone has a great time and receives a good meal at the same time. Contact Devonne Maxey, play coordinator, for more information at whodunitnow@rocketmail.com.

Lane County 4-H Teen PAC St. Patrick's Theme Dance

Friday, March 13th

OSU Extension Service in Lane County
Auditorium

950 W. 13th Ave., Eugene
Refreshments will be served!

Bring your friends!

(Must be in grades 4-12th)

4-H'ers \$3, non-4-H'ers \$5

OSU Extension Service – Lane County 4-H Camp!

Overnight 4-H Camp
for grades 3rd -6th

Monday, June 29 –Friday, July 3, 2009
4-H Center – Salem,
(more information coming soon)

OPPORTUNITIES

WANTED: 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS!

Interested in spending a fun week in the beautiful Eola Mountains in Salem, OR 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, June 29 – Friday, July 3, 2009. Counselors would need to be available beginning Sunday, June 28th. 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 which will be held on:

- * Saturday, March 7, 2009, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Saturday, April 11, 2009, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteer Camp Counselor applications should be brought to the training on Saturday, March 7th. If you have any questions, please e-mail the Camp Director, Stuart Ramsing at stuart@theramsings.com.

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT – MARCH 5 – 7, 2009

The KYG Planning Committee will host a great 2009 Know Your Government (KYG) at the State Capitol and Phoenix Grand Hotel, March 5-7, 2009, in Salem.

Teens between the 8th grade and High School graduation are invited to attend. The registration fee is \$140. Registration deadline is **Friday, February 20th**. 4-H members and non-members are invited. Registration forms, promotional flier, and other information are available at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/know-your-government>. KYG Scholarships are available and applications can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/KYG09Scholarship.pdf>. Scholarship applications are also due on **Friday, February 20th**.

This is a great opportunity to meet legislators, watch state government in action, consider 4-H legislation, and play the role of a legislator, lobbyist, or journalist. Take a stand, persuade others, use parliamentary procedure and make policy. Meet a reporter, talk in sound bytes, see yourself on “4-H New!” A sample agenda of the conference is attached. The registration fee covers the cost of:

- Two nights lodging (*3-4 delegates are assigned to every hotel room*)
- All meals (except Friday evening and Saturday noon),
- A theater production Friday evening (see below), and
- Program materials.

Register early and be guaranteed a ticket to the National Public Radio, “Wha’d Ya Know?” Live production, at the Ellsinor Theater. If theater tickets “sell out,” late 4-H registrants may not receive a ticket. Costs to individual KYG delegates, include:

- Meals while traveling on Thursday; and beginning Saturday noon enroute home.
- Friday evening for “County-Night-Out” at a restaurant of the county’s choice.

HOSTING THIS SUMMER —FINNISH, NORWEGIAN, AND COSTA RICAN DELEGATES

- There will be *potential* hosting opportunities for Oregon families from mid-June to mid-July with delegates from Finland and Costa Rica, and during the month of July for delegates from Norway.
- Complete details are on the 4-H website at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-world-citizenship-project-overview>.
- All delegates will be matched with host families nationally. (There are a limited number of delegates coming from each country.)
- Interested host families need to have all of the application materials completed and sent to the State 4-H Office by February 15, 2009.

CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS! VOLUNTEER WITH THE AITC LITERACY PROJECT

AITC is looking for members of Oregon's agricultural community to help with this literacy effort and volunteer to read to a classroom. The AITC Literacy Project improves the literacy of Oregon's young readers and their knowledge of agriculture.

Volunteers are needed to read this spring (March 16 – May 31) in their neighborhood schools. This year's book is *Apples to Oregon*, a perfect fit to celebrate Oregon's 150th birthday. *Apples to Oregon* is a fun-filled tall tale about how Oregon's first orchards began and the courageous efforts of Oregon's pioneers.

Volunteers are asked to read to a classroom, do a short activity with the class, and talk to the students about agriculture in their lives. Training is available for volunteers. AITC will provide books, and all the necessary materials. To get more information visit their website at <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu> or call Tami Kerr, Executive Director, (541) 737-8629, <http://AITC.oregonstate.edu>.

4-H NATIONAL CONGRESS

National 4-H Congress applications due into Lane County 4-H Office by **Thursday, February 19th, 2009**.

National 4-H Congress is held each Thanksgiving weekend in Atlanta, Georgia. Over 1,300 4-H members from all 50 states and Puerto Rico attend Congress. At Congress, delegates hear inspirational speakers; participate in cultural workshops, a large-scale community service project, and other fun activities. Oregon Congress trip winners typically demonstrate a considerable breadth and depth of 4-H experience.

The State 4-H Recognition Committee selects Congress delegates based on the member's overall achievement in 4-H projects, leadership, communication, citizenship, community service and readiness to benefit from Congress.

National 4-H Congress Eligibility Requirements:

- Members must have at least three years of 4-H participation, including the current year.
- The 4-H member must be an active 4-H participant during the current 4-H year.
- Members must be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades at the time of application.
- Selection is based on the member's record to February 1 of the current year.

National 4-H Congress Application Procedures

* Applicants complete and submit a final copy of their State 4-H Resume to their county Extension office by **Thursday, February 19, 2009**.

SUMMER CONFERENCE

June 24-27, 2009 on the beautiful OSU Campus. Registration fee is only \$200 (many counties cover all or part of this cost). Registration begins May 1, 2009. Summer Conference is an opportunity for over 300 4-H members, grades 7-12, to travel to Corvallis, explore campus life, make new friends, and have a lot of fun. While there, participants attend classes on a wide variety of subjects; just a few classes from last year include a marine trip, rifle, knitting, Greek life, and a tour of OSU.

Members arrive on campus early Wednesday afternoon, either through their own transportation or on the summer conference charter buses (available to more distant counties for a small fee). The conference begins with an engaging speaker and then fun activities in the evening. Thursday and Friday are full of classes, a community service project, and more fun evening activities including a pool party and a dance. The program is capped off with a closing brunch Saturday morning where new ambassadors and national congress delegates are announced. Shortly before noon everyone packs up and heads for home.

HORSE

SPRING HORSE CLASSIC

Mandi Hanson, one of our AMAZING 4-H volunteers, has taken on the Spring Horse Classic Coordinator position to prepare for the 4-H Spring Horse Classic in April, 2009.

EVERYONE who is an Intermediate (grades 7-9) or a Senior (grades 10-12) in the 4-H Horse Project and wants to be involved as a part of the Spring Horse Classic Team can participate! The Spring Horse Classic (SHC) is the state competition for the following six events: Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology, Individual Presentations, Team Presentations, and Public Speaking. You can learn more about it at this Web site: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/spring-horse-classic-0>. If you are interested in participating in the Spring Horse Classic, please contact Mandi Hanson, the SHC Coordinator at: a_hanson123@hotmail.com. Adult volunteers are needed to assist at the actual event, especially to score Oral Reasons and to work at Horse Bowl. Volunteer applications are available on the Web site. Be sure to turn them into the Extension Office if you are interested.

FAQ - 4-H Horse Leases

Sometimes 4-H members choose to lease instead of buying their 4-H horse project. This is common place and perfectly acceptable. However, parents and 4-H members 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 needs to be turned in to the 4-H Office by **Wednesday, 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.

FAIR

2009 WEIGH-IN DATES

Beef - Friday, March 6th, 12-7 p.m., Livestock Arena.

Contact Person: Tammy Linn, tammy@mistycreekranch.com

Swine - Friday, April 17th, 5-7 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 18th, 8 -11 a.m., Livestock Arena.

Contact Person: Wendy Elkins, winkee5@hotmail.com

Sheep & Goats - Saturday, April 25th, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Livestock Arena.

Sheep Contact Person: Paige Boyce, Fabsix@aol.com

Goat Contact Person: Autumn Caulkins (formerly Baker), audijeanspygmygoats@live.com

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 represents 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 Web site. You will need to submit your cover design/theme by **Thursday, February 19th, 2009**. Entries should be on 8½ 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.



**2009 4-H/FFA
Youth Fair
July 11-July 18**



C.O.O.L.

The State 4-H Office has determined that 4-H participants of **market** steers or heifers, lambs, swine and poultry projects are required to comply with the following United States Department of Agriculture program.

Here is information about Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)

- 1) What you need to do as a 4-H member.
- 2) Some background information on COOL.
- 3) Some resources for more information.

Compliance for Lane County 4-H Participants

1. *Lane County 4-H members will be e-mailed the COOL affidavit form. This affidavit form will also be available when you arrive at spring weigh in with your market animal.* This affidavit form states the origin of your market animal. It is the same affidavit that is accepted by the livestock industries and the United States Department of Agriculture. Lane County 4-H members will need to turn in a signed affidavit with their fair entry forms by the fair entry due date of June 1, 2009.
2. You will need to keep records to verify the statements on the affidavit you sign. This would include any affidavits you received with the animal and other records to help verify your claims should an audit take place. Lists of suggested records, many you already keep, are available from the 4-H office or off the websites listed below. They should be retained for at least one year.

** If you purchase or are gifted your market animal, you **MUST** obtain from the seller an affidavit that states the country of origin of the animal.

PUBLICATIONS

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Foods of the Pacific Northwest Project 2, Leader Guide (4-H 9314L, PNW 336) is available on the EESC 4-H webpage at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/4-h9314l/index.html>. This publication can be downloaded in a single large file, or in individual sections/units.

SCHOLARSHIPS

STATE 4-H AND STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Over 15 college scholarships are available to 4-H members who are seniors in high school and college bound in 2009. Scholarship applications and guidelines can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-scholarships>. The guidelines are the same as they were in 2008, and require only a brief, topic specific essay and an application form. All applications must be approved by the county 4-H agent, and turned into the OSU Extension Service Lane County 4-H Office by **Monday, February 16, 2009**.

SHOOTING SPORTS

OREGON 4-H MASTER SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center, April 17-19, 2009.

The Oregon 4-H Youth Development Education Program recognizes and supports these Shooting Sport discipline tracks at this time: archery, shotgun, rifle, hunting, pistol, hunting dog.

The Master 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will provide leaders with information on:

- Age appropriate equipment and activities.
- Risk management.
- Equipment storage requirements.
- Teaching skills for classroom and range.

All equipment and materials for the workshop will be provided. Safety will be a primary concern. Leaders may attend only **ONE** of the tracks at each 4-H Shooting Sports Master training weekend. Registration form is attached, and is *due March 7, 2009*.

For more information, contact Todd Williver, OSU Deschutes County 4-H Program Coordinator, 541-548-6088, extension 7970, todd.williver@oregonstate.edu.

AWARDS

OREGON 4-H LEADERS OF THE YEAR NAMED – STUART RAMSING, LANE COUNTY 4-H LEADER

Congratulations to the Oregon 4-H Leaders of the Year who were selected by the Oregon 4-H Leaders' Association Executive Council when they met in November. We again have Co-Leaders of the Year, since two leaders were selected from the 7 nominees. Each nominee will receive a certificate for their award, which will be mailed to the county office. More information is available about the winners on the State 4-H website at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/LeaderOfTheYear2008-2009.pdf>.

Congratulations go to those selected as Co-Leaders of the Year:

- **Stuart Ramsing, Lane County!**
- Charles Sekafetz, Polk County.

County leaders who were also nominated include:

- Rita Adams, Benton County.
- Tammi DelCurto, Union County.
- Yvonne Erickson, Lincoln County.
- Cammie Hale, Wallowa County.
- James "Jim" Walters, Klamath County.

4-H'ER RECEIVES TOP HONOR!

Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce Announces 2008 Future First Citizens. For only the second time in the Eugene Chamber's history, the Future First Citizen selection committee has decided to grant two full awards for Future First Citizen and our very own Brett Deedon was one of them. Each year the chamber honors six area high school students who have made outstanding contributions to the community and their respective schools.

Excerpt from the Eugene Chamber of Commerce Press Release by Susan Miller

"T. Brett Deedon, Winston Churchill High School. "Dedication" is the word that best describes Brett Deedon. Brett is an extremely determined Lane County 4-H member who has been involved with the organization for nine years. He has participated in a multitude of projects and has developed solid skills in leadership, community service and communication skills.

Brett has been involved with the Lane County 4-H Program on the county, state and national level. In Lane County, he has been selected for several positions, including 4-H Livestock Committee youth chair, Lane County Leaders' executive council, Teen Program advisory committee and as an auction representative. At the state level he was selected to participate on the 4-H Oregon State summer conference committee.

Brett has also served as vice president of the Eugene 4J International High School, site council youth representative from Churchill High School and as senior class president. Brett also works as a case presenter and defendant advisor for the Lane County West Eugene Teen Court.

After high school, Brett plans to attend a four-year college, majoring in either pre-med or biochemistry with a minor in animal science. He plans to eventually become a neurosurgeon, vascular surgeon or, perhaps, a cardiologist."

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

NEW ONLINE GAME WITH SCIENCE FOCUS

National 4-H Council has partnered with Nickelodeon's "Big Green Help" to create a brand-new, interactive online game-- "Flip N' Flow"--featuring the network's animated boy-genius Jimmy Neutron. The game is in support of 4 H's Science, Engineering and Technology communication campaign to spark youth interest in science and prepare one million new young people for America's technology workforce. Nickelodeon's "The Big Green Help" is a kid-led movement that provides information and tools to help explain climate change to young people, and connects them to energy-saving and earth-friendly activities in their everyday lives.

The "Flip N' Flow" game is available online at <http://4-h.org/>. Youth can play the game and access materials to share with friends. Check out this fun activity which gives youth and mentors the opportunity to learn about water conservation and challenges them think about steps they can take to participate in going green!

FYI

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION

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

HORSE TACK SWAP

The 2009 Lane County Tack was bigger than ever! We rented out all 55 booth spaces and had over 300 buyers. Sue Lowe from Applegate's 4H club put together some wonderful raffle baskets with items she purchased and donations from WILCO farm store. Together we raised over \$1,200 for the Horse Program!

CARING CLOVER

The "Caring Clover" cards in the Extension office for your club to pick up. They are packaged in lots of 50. We need every club to participate in this fundraiser. The cards are to be sold for a minimum donation of \$1. Make sure that you have a sharpie pen to have the donor write their name on the card.

When you have sold out of your cards, please bring all the ones you have names on to the Extension office. We are taping them to all the windows.

For the club that raises the most money with the Caring Clover Cards your club will be awarded a \$50 cash prize.

For more information, please contact Kelly Makinson at: kelly.makinson@oregonstate.edu.

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 at least 2-weeks prior to the scheduled meeting time.

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Program in Lane County