Clackamas County 4-H Handbook
Updates for the 2007-2008 Program Year

Page 10 addition
Guidelines For Re-enrolling Leaders With Interrupted Service To 4-H And Leaders Transferring From Other Counties Or States:

Clackamas County 4-H leaders whose service has been interrupted for one or more years must complete a new 4-H Leader Application. A Clackamas County leader with interrupted service of three or more years must also attend a New Leader Orientation session.

A leader transferring to Clackamas County from out-of-state must complete a New Leader Application and attend a New Leader Orientation session.

A leader transferring from another Oregon County must attend the New Leader Orientation session. He/she must also complete a New Leader Application if a complete and current application is not available from the previous county where he/she served as a 4-H leader.

Page 12 correction
“4-H Volunteer Roles: Which Role is Right For You?”. Under Teen Leader should read: “The adult advisor must be present during all club meetings and activities.”

Page 18 correction
The statement at the bottom of the page, “The following projects are considered high risk and are not to be offered to youth below 4th grade: Horse, Livestock (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Goats, Pygmy Goats, Llamas), Snowmobile, White Water Rafting, and Shooting Sports.” Should also include all other Goats and Dogs.

Page 19 addition
Under “Who Is A 4-H Member”, number 1 add the following:

h) Youth who are accelerated to a higher grade during the school year will remain in the 4-H age division that they were enrolled in at the beginning of the current 4-H program year.

Page 22 clarification
Under Enrollment Policies: Though youth may join 4-H at anytime from October to May, there are strict enrollment deadlines that apply to participation in County Fair, Horse Fair, and Dog Fair. The deadlines are January 1st for Horse Fair and May 1st for County and Dog Fairs.

Page 22 change
The Metro 4-H Clubs Annual Financial Statement, now called Clackamas County 4-H Annual Financial Statement is due December 1st each year. It will no longer be sent with enrollment packets. Instead it will be sent under separate cover to every club and advisory in October.

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Three types of insurance are now available. They are “accident insurance for clubs”, “leader liability insurance”, and “volunteer injury coverage”. Enrolled 4-H leaders may apply for optional “Volunteer Injury Coverage” (VIC) Insurance. The coverage is free to enrolled leaders who complete and sign the “Authorized State Volunteer Partial Waiver” form. Coverage begins at the time the completed form is returned to Extension Office, and is not retroactive. “Short-term volunteers” who have not completed New Leader Orientation and application are not eligible for VIC. VIC only covers those injuries incurred while carrying out your 4-H volunteer role.

Judging Contests: judging contests for Food & Nutrition and for Clothing may vary during the time of year they are offered. In some years they are held at Spring events, and in other years at County Fair. Watch your 4-H newsletter for scheduling or contact the Extension office.

The livestock program also includes Fiber Goats and Meat Goats. Under Market Animals: Meat Goats, Rabbits, and Chickens are also included in the auction. Weigh-Ins usually occur in March (steers), May (hogs), and June (lambs, goats, rabbits, and chickens).

Under Dual 4-H/FFA Membership: Documentation is no longer required for 4-H members who are also showing in FFA. However, a 4-H member can not show the same animal(s) in FFA and 4-H at the County or State Fair.

The 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Advisory is now called the Small Animal Advisory and includes poultry as well. All 4-H rabbit, cavy, and poultry leaders are invited to attend the monthly advisory meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except August and December) at 7:00 pm at the Extension office.

State Ambassadors: To become a State Ambassador, members in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade complete Ambassador Training at the 4-H Summer Conference. Members who turn in record books will be eligible for scholarship dollars to attend training, but members are not required to turn in record books to apply for the Ambassador Program. State Ambassadors in 10th and 11th grade may also apply for the Statewide Ambassador Team, a select group of 4-H members who are called upon to talk to decision makers and donors.

Youth in 9th grade may also apply to be camp counselors.

Fair Entry Deadlines – youth must be enrolled by May 1st to exhibit in county fair (except horse project)