An occasional email of announcements, reminders, and updates that just can’t wait until the next newsletter! Please print & share this information with those in your club that do not have email.

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   - **What:** The Globe at Night Campaign
   - **When:** 8:00 – 10:00 pm local time, March 3 – 16, 2010
   - **Where:** Everywhere!
   - **Who:** You! (Everyone!)
   - **How:** See [http://www.globeatnight.org](http://www.globeatnight.org)
   - **Why:** With half of the world’s population now living in cities, many urban dwellers have never experienced the wonderment of pristinely dark skies and maybe never will. This loss, caused by light pollution, is a concern on many fronts: safety, energy conservation, cost, health, and effects on wildlife, as well as our
ability to view the stars. Even though light pollution is a serious and growing global concern, it is one of the easiest environmental problems you can address on local levels.

Globe at Night is an annual 2-week campaign in March that helps to address the light pollution issue locally as well as globally. This year the campaign is March 3 – 16, 2010. You are invited along with everyone all over the world to record the brightness of your night sky by matching its appearance toward the constellation Orion with star maps of progressively fainter stars found at http://www.globeatnight.org/observe_magnitude.html. You then submit your measurements on-line at http://www.globeatnight.org/report.html with your date, time and location. A few weeks later, organizers release a map of light-pollution levels worldwide. Over the last four 2-week Globe at Night campaigns, volunteers from over 100 nations have contributed 35,000 measurements.

To learn the five easy steps to participate in the Globe at Night program, see the Globe at Night website at http://www.globeatnight.org. You can listen to our 10-minute audio podcast on light pollution and Globe at Night at http://365daysofastronomy.org/2010/02/03/february-3rd-the-globe-at-night-campaign-our-light-or-starlight.

For activities that have children explore what light pollution is, what its effects are on wildlife and how to prepare for participating in the Globe at Night campaign, see the new activities at http://www.darkskiesawareness.org/DarkSkiesRangers.

Monitoring our environment will allow us as citizen-scientists to identify and preserve the dark sky oases in cities and locate areas where light pollution is increasing. All it takes is a few minutes during the March 2010 campaign to measure sky brightness and contribute those observations on-line. Help us exceed the 15,000 observations contributed last year. Your measurements will make a world of difference.

For more information about the event, visit http://www.globe.gov/GaN/. Please e-mail questions about this event to globeatnight@globe.gov.

2. Dog Wash Fundraiser Saturday, March 6  
Saturday, March 6, the High on the Hog 4-H Club will be holding a dog wash fundraiser. You bring the dog, they do all the work! No appointments necessary!

- **Payment Methods:** Visa, Debit Card, Check and Cash accepted  
- **Time:** 8:30 am – 2:30 pm  
- **Where:** Milner Veterinary Hospital  
  1034 Molalla Avenue  
  Oregon City OR 97045

3. Livestock Clinic at Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall Saturday, March 6  
4-H and FFA Members are invited to attend the Livestock Clinic held in the Livestock Building at Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall on Saturday, March 6. All animals will be provided, do not bring your own.

- **8:30 – 8:50 am** Registration and Overview  
- **9:00 – 10:00 am** Getting There – (Care and Feeding)  
  - Beef: Loreen Haight, Polk County Beef Superintendent, Auction Co-Chair  
  - Dairy: Daryl Eash, Polk County & State Fair Dairy Superintendent  
  - Sheep: Dave Martin, Sheep Judge and Marion County Auction Chair  
  - Goats: Marie Layman, Goat Judge and member of Northwest ODGA  
  - Swine: Gene Pirelli, OSU Extension Swine Specialist  
- **10:05 – 11:05 am** We’re There – (Fitting/Grooming & Showing)  
  - Beef: Shelby White, Senior 4-H/FFA Beef Exhibitor  
  - Dairy: Daryl Eash, Polk County & State Fair Dairy Superintendent  
  - Sheep: Dave Martin, Sheep Judge and Marion County Auction Chair  
  - Goats: Marie Layman, Goat Judge and member of Northwest ODGA  
  - Swine: Lindsay Sitton, 4-H Alumni, Experienced Showman  
- **11:10 – 12:15 pm** General Session: Judging Your Animal  
  - Presenter: Hannah DeICurto Student at Linn-Benton, on the LBCC’s national winning Judging Team, also past 4-H/FFA competitor.
A program of Oregon State University Extension Service in Polk County. For more info call 503-623-8395.

You can also view the event flyer on the Polk County Extension Service Website.

4. Annual Oregon City Community Food Drive for H.O.P.E., February 27 – March 15
The Annual Oregon City Community Food Drive for H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Eat) is currently in progress. Our local food pantries are struggling and the H.O.P.E. Food Project is looking to fill their pantries.

To donate food to the H.O.P.E. Food Project, stop by the Clackamas County Extension Office.

Visit the H.O.P.E. Food Project website, www.hopefoodpantry.com, to learn more.

5. Youth Photo Contest Seeks Entries about Public Health
The Public Health Division is hosting a statewide Youth Photo Contest for Oregon Public Health Week. Entries must be received by March 15, 2010. Youth ages 12-18 are invited to submit entries. The top prizes are $300, $200, and $100 awards. More information is available at: www.communityhealthpriorities.org.

6. 4-H Sportsmen’s Pentathlon Banquet/Auction/Golf Tournament Saturday & Sunday, March 20 & 21
This event is a benefit for Deschutes County 4-H. Teams of two (any ages) can participate.

- **Saturday:**
  - 3-D Archery | Sporting Clays | Fly Fishing Derby
  - Chukar Hunt | Orienteering/GPS Course
  - Banquet/Auction at Brand 33 Restaurant

- **Sunday:**
  - 2-Person Best Ball Golf Scramble at Aspen Lakes Golf Course

Saturday: 7:00 am check in; 8:00 am start; 6:00 pm Banquet | Sunday: 11:00 am start

Pentathlon, $195/team | Banquet Auction, $35/person | Golf, $65/person (Includes cart, range balls, box lunch).

Prizes for every Pentathlon event plus overall champion (TBA). KP/LD and champion prizes for golf.

Register by Sunday, March 14, 2010 at www.deschutes4h.com or call David White or Todd Williver (Deschutes County 4-H) at 541-548-6088.

7. Performing Arts Camp March 22-25
Do you love to dance? Do you like to express yourself through movement and music? This Performing Arts Camp is for you! The Performing Arts Camp is open to all youth in grades 7-12. (You do not need to be a 4-H member to participate. Scholarship support, based on need, is available.)

- **When:** March 22-25, 2010 (Spring Break Week)
- **Where:** Oregon 4-H Center, Salem
- **Cost:** Covers lodging, meals, insurance, instructor fees, and materials (please note new dates):
  - $200 per camper if registration received by March 1
  - $225 per camper if registration received between March 2 – 15
  - $250 per camper if registration received after March 15

For information and registration form, go to http://extension.oregonstate.edu/marion/4h, or check out the Facebook fan page: Performing Arts Camp.

8. Meat Goat Sale and Show March 27 – 28
The Oregon Meat Goat Producers are sponsoring a spring pen/wether sale and a USBGA show at the Polk County Fairgrounds. The weekend will also feature judge training, a raffle, demonstrations, and vendors. For more information contact Darrell Lauer at 503-310-2875.
9. 20th Annual OSU Project Pig Sale Sunday, March 28

The 20th Annual OSU Project Pig Sale will be held Sunday, March 28 at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis.

- 10:00 am Animal Viewing
- 11:30 am OSU Swine Unit Project Pig Sale (30 head expected)

The project animal sale is for 4-H and FFA members looking for animals for summer county fairs. This sale helps support the OSU Livestock Judging Program.

For more information contact Matt Kennedy at 541-737-1906 or by email, matthew.kennedy@oregonstate.edu

10. Oregon’s Best Showpig Sale Saturday, April 3

The annual “Oregon’s Best Showpig Sale,” sponsored by Wendte Farms, will be held April 3 at the Polk County Fairgrounds. For more information, contact Mike Wendte at 503-314-2868.

11. Goat Show in St. Helens April 17

I would like to invite your goat members to the Fools for Goat show April 17th at the Columbia County Fairgrounds in St. Helens. Show starts at 9:00 am, and check in at 8:00 am. Pens will be on a first come basis, and the show is for everyone 6 years old to 86 for all breeds of goats. Goats do NOT need to be registered, nor do you have to be in 4H. This is a great way to practice with your goat, or meet other people with goats. There will be a raffle, and ribbons for Showmanship and conformation. Fees and other questions, please contact Joy or Kayla at dazzlehill@juno.com.

12. Design Your Own Computer Game Saturday, May 1

The Oregon Game Project Challenge (ogpc 3.0) is back for its third year at Chemeketa Community College in Salem on Saturday, May 1, 2010. This is an exciting competition that gets students interested in computer science!

Teams of four to seven middle or high school students have the opportunity to create computer games specifically designed to be fun, challenging and innovative. By creating a great game, students can:

- Win recognition and achievement awards
- Have fun developing a game for others to play
- Learn about the annual theme (Health and Wellness)
- Learn the basics of game development and the underlying computer science
- Work with friends and teammates on a fun, creative project
- Gauge their interest in learning more about game development and computer science

Registration closes March 19th.

13. Benton County Horse Leaders 4-H Gaming Show Saturday, May 8

The Benton County Horse Leaders will be holding a 4-H Gaming Show at Hopper’s Arena on Hwy 99W (approx. 14 m South of Corvallis) on Saturday, May 8 at 9:00 am as a fundraiser to support Benton County Horse 4-H Program.

- Cost: Pre-Entry (Must be received by May 5)
  - Age division classes $6 per class or $35 for all day
- Post Entry
  - Age division classes $7 per class or $45 for all day

Visit our website for a list of classes, entry forms, and more information.

14. 2010 Tillamook County 4-H Rabbit Show Saturday, June 12

The 2010 Tillamook County 4-H Rabbit Show, hosted by the Thumpers n’ Jumpers rabbit club, will be held Saturday, June 12. All ages welcome. Check in begins at 8:00 am in the small animal barn; judging begins at 9:00 am. Breakfast and lunch items will be available in the 4-H Dorm.

- Cost: $3.00 for Showmanship
  - $2.50 for Conformation
- Judges: TBA
Please NO animals under 6 weeks of age. All animals shown must meet minimum ARBA weights. All animals MUST be in leak proof containers to enter the building. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

For additional information contact Scott or Cyndi Walker either via phone at 503-815-8355 or by email at cpfeiffer_1@yahoo.com or visit the Tillamook County website to view and download the registration form.

15. New Items Available in the 4-H Library
Looking to enhance your 4-H experience? Check out our library! New books include:

- **Dog Resource Handbook** from Ohio State University Extension
- **Ingredients** color photos and information about a wide range of foods
- **Parliamentary Procedure – Teach Yourself** useful at 4-H club meetings and more!

A complete listing of items can be found [online](http://cpfeiffer_1@yahoo.com).

16. Sunset Riders 4-H club is Collecting Snaffle Bits for Charity
The Sunset Riders are collecting bits for the project below. Contact Teri O'Toole.

A group based in the United Kingdom is asking for horse owners' help in replacing homemade bits often used in India. Friends of Marwari/Kathiawari Horse U.K. has put out an open call for donations of small (5" and under) snaffle bits.

The group said many horse owners use homemade bits, which "are often crudely filed, with sharp shapes on the mouthpiece (spikes and rowels) and as such cause immense suffering and injury to the animal. It is often a lack of education or knowledge by the owner, not a deliberate choice to hurt their steed," the group noted in a statement. "The bits you donate are given personally to known and respected horse traders, breeders, and farmers, who understand the importance of good horsemanship, and in time it is hoped that they can in turn educate their buyers and fellow horse owners into an alternative, kinder, way of bitting their horses," they said.

17. Ohio State University has Publications on Clearance

18. Video Challenge for Youth Creating Positive Change
We invite you to create a 2-minute video telling us about a global issue that matters to you and what you are doing to make a change your school, your neighborhood, your hometown and beyond. Use this contest and your video as a way to spread your message and encourage others to get involved. Remember, this is a global contest – you will be able to share your stories with your peers around the world and in turn see what other students are doing. [http://www.choices.edu/bethechange/](http://www.choices.edu/bethechange/)

19. Join the 4-H Million Trees Project
All 4-H clubs are invited to join with thousands of 4-H youth to plant trees to slow global climate change. Kids love this SET service-learning project because they can get dirty while learning about the importance of trees in the climate crisis, energy management, erosion control, habitat creation, and more.

Please visit [www.4hmilliontrees.org](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org), learn about 4HMT, complete the secure online form, and join the project. Please feel free to contact us at [4hmilliontrees@gmail.com](mailto:4hmilliontrees@gmail.com).

4HMT was on TV! Check the show at [www.eco-company.tv/video/one-million-trees](http://www.eco-company.tv/video/one-million-trees)

20. Free Use of Horses in Oregon City
Two horses are available as projects for 4-H members. The owner is especially interested in a member or club that likes driving. They are stabled on Springwater Rd. in Oregon City. Contact Theda at 503-659-7413.

12yr old Walker mare, athletic, has basic training and ground drives. Good for an intermediate rider. Yearling Mini gelding, needs ground trainint and eventually driving training.
21. Free Rabbits
Our 2 female rabbits are in immediate need of a new loving home. Life changes have forced us to give up these sweet girls. The taker of both receive all of their supplies, cages, food, etc. free of charge. We can deliver. Sincerely, Jenny Donaldson Vancouver, WA cell. 360-448-0312

22. Three Cavies Available for Adoption in Sandy
We have a family of cavies (one adult male, one adult female, and one 3-month-old male) who need a new home due to life changes. Currently the female and 3-month-old male are separated from the adult male who has his own cage.

For more information contact Robin Smith at 503-887-4840

23. Looking for Baby Cavies
Currently, we have a couple of Clover Bud members who are looking for baby cavies. If you currently have any babies that are available for purchase, please contact Trisha Applebee at 503-650-3132.