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Calendar of Events:

February:
__2, Monday ........... Ambassadors Mtg., 6:15; Leaders Association Mtg., 7:30 p.m. OSU Ext. office
__2, Monday ........... Re-enrollment Due for Clubs, Leaders, Members, OSU Extension office
__9, Monday ........... Columbia Classic Horse Registration Due, OSU Extension office
__14, Saturday ........... Beef Weigh-in, 10:00 a.m., Columbia County Fairgrounds
__14, Saturday ........... Valentines Day!
__17, Tuesday ........... Horse Leaders Meeting, 7:00 p.m., OSU Extension office
__18, Thursday .......... New Leaders Training, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., OSU Extension office
__21, Saturday .......... Columbia County Horse Classic, Columbia County Events Complex

March:
__1, Sunday ............... State Fair Scholarship Entries Due to State Office
__1, Sunday ............... State Leadership, Citizenship and Communication Award Application Due to State Office
__1, Sunday ............... Team Community Service Award Applications Due to State Office
__5, Thursday ............. New Leaders Training, 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. OSU Extension office (tentative)
__5-7, .................. Know Your State Government, Salem, Oregon
__8, Sunday ............... Daylight Saving Time Change!! Spring Forward!
Food Leaders and Members

We need a Commitment from you.

Now is the time for you to decide and commit to the 4-H Foods Contests for Intermediate and Seniors - held in April at the Spring Contest Day. Remember, these are State Fair qualifying contests for intermediates and senior food members.

We hold this contest outside of County Fair for a couple of reasons:
1) this enables 4-H food members to have use of a full kitchen set up; and
2) not having to worry about trying to fit this in during county fair.

In the past we have had good participation, but last year we had only 1 member show up. So this year, we ask that you seriously think about it and only register if you are committed to do the contest. New this year is that the High School is now charging to use the food lab, so we want a commitment from you by March 18th, 2009. We have no problem paying for the lab – only if no one shows up!

Leaders, please discuss this with your members; and Members talk with your leader, make a decision, fill out the paperwork and then turn it in as soon as possible. In the event that we do not have enough to make Spring Contest Day, we will make plans on an individual basis.

Volunteers & Donations Needed

Once again the 4-H Ambassadors will showcase the 4-H Youth Development program through the 4-H Petting Zoo section of the Mega Easter Egg Hunt. The event will be held Saturday, April 11th from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the fair complex.

If you are a small animal club and are willing to help, you can contact the OSU Extension office and we will pass it on. Others can help by donating small individually wrapped candies that will be put into the small plastic eggs for the day of the event, and/or prizes for Easter baskets. Your donations can be dropped off at the complex or the OSU Extension office. A great opportunity will be for Leaders to bring the donations to the March leaders meeting. They are NOT in need of plastic egg donations this year.

FYI: Presentation Rules from the Fairbook

PRESENTATIONS
- 4-H presentations will include demonstrations, illustrated talks, and public speeches. There will be six presentation classes. In each division, there will be a class for team presentations and a class for individual presentations. Members may enter only one class. Judging criteria are outlined on the Oregon Presentation Evaluation Sheet, 40-545, available at the County Extension office.

RULES OF CONTEST
1. All presentation teams will consist of two members, for example: If one team member is a Senior and the other is an Intermediate, the presentation should be entered in the Senior division. Teams with Junior members are not eligible for State Fair.
2. Topic of presentation may be anything the 4-H member wants to share with others.
3. Each Junior team or individual will have 15 minutes to set up, present and clear the area – Intermediates and Seniors have 30 minutes.
4. The actual presentation should be between 10 to 20 minutes (Juniors are to be 3-5 minutes). The 4-H member must set up and do the clearing of area.
5. 4-H members must furnish all supplies and equipment required except table, easel, range and refrigerator (please let us know if needed).
6. Participants must make an appointment for the judge to hear their presentation when they register.
7. Exhibits and or presentation topics that may be considered questionable or offensive are discouraged from being brought to or presented at County Fair. The final decision for display or presentation will be made by the 4-H Youth Development agent, with input from the superintendent.
School Camp and 4-H: 9th Through 12th Graders Wanted!

The 4-H program and OSU Extension is a partner in the Community Schools grant that was awarded to St. Helens Middle School. This partnership will allow for a number of new opportunities for both leaders and members.

The School Camp program will need camp counselors (4-H Youth), and workshop presenters (4-H Leaders), for a weekend camp experience, March 6th – 8th, 2009. Enrolled 9th - 12th grade 4-H members will be invited to apply for counselor and workshop presenter positions. The campers attending will be youth who are participating in the St. Helens Community School Program. The 4-H program will only be providing support staff for this camp.

There will be some limitations for the 9th graders applying for counselor positions, in that the state camping policy states that “counselors must be two full years older than the youth they supervise”. So, the number required will be based on the number of 7th grade campers attending. There may be other opportunities that unfold as this whole program takes shape and as we go through the planning progresses.

(Return by February 18, 2009 to the OSU Extension office)

St. Helens School Camp
9-12 grade 4-He’s
Counselor Application
March 5 - 7, 2009

Name: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: ________________ Zip: __________

Current Grade: _______ E-Mail:__________________________________________(has to be legible)

Counselor Experience:

Leadership Experience:

Reference Name & Phone Number: ____________________________________________
Off to Teen Retreat we GO!

Teen Retreat 2009 for 8-12th grades this year is at Camp Kiwanilong in Warrenton, Oregon. It will be the weekend of April 3rd - 5th, (Friday evening, all day Saturday and home on Sunday). Please also remember for those who are considering serving as 4-H Summer Camp Counselors, this is a great opportunity for you to learn skills that will assist you at camp. It also allows you to begin building bonds with others who may also be at camp and gives the Camp Committee opportunity to see you in action. So plan to attend this retreat and get a jump on your leadership development program. Registration fee is $30.00 and is due by March 23rd, 2009. The registration form is available online: extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/4-H/youthevents.php

State Ambassador Information

Just wanted to let you know that the most current information for youth interested in being an ambassador is located on the state 4-H website at:
http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/recognition/Ambassador_Program.htm

There are no major changes to the application or the recommendation form, and in addition the FAQ and instructions are up to date and accurate for 2009. Even though the questions, etc. are the same as in previous years please encourage your youth to use the 2009 forms.

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 the county office by February 1st. In memory of Anna Zollner, one new $1000 OSU scholarship will be added in 2009. Over 15 other college scholarships (worth almost $20,000) are available to 4-H members who are seniors in high school and college bound in 2009. All applications must be approved by the county 4-H agent.

State 4-H Scholarship applications:

The State 4-H scholarship for 2009 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 and Compassion.
- 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/oregon-4h-scholarships Please make sure that your members apply ONLY for scholarships they are qualified for.

There is a space on the nomination form for you to make any pertinent comments about the applicants. The county nomination form for State 4-H scholarships has been revised, and no longer limits the number of county applicants per State 4-H scholarship.

State Fair 4-H Scholarship applications:

State Fair 4-H Scholarship applications are due in the County 4-H office February 1st. The application requires a brief essay, summaries of fair participation and two letters of recommendation.

The applications should be submitted to the county Extension office and then forwarded to the State 4-H office. Application form with instructions can be downloaded from the State 4-H website above.

Request for Clover Photos!

Now recruiting for photos to represent all of the exciting and wonderful things happening in Oregon 4-H. Suggestions for topics on articles would also be appreciated. Please send photos or article ideas to helen.pease@oregonstate.edu
Summer Conference T-Shirt Contest!
Submit your design for the 2009 Summer Conference t-shirt and win a full scholarship for the Summer Conference! Please stop by the Extension office for a flyer with all the details. Designs must be received by March 2, 2009 at the State 4-H office.

Get on the Bus!
Columbia County Summer Conference participants will be traveling by bus! The touring coach ‘silver eagle’ kind of bus, not a “yellow turkey”. Columbia County will be picked up first, the bus will then pick up Clatsop, Tillamook and Yamhill county youth before heading to OSU.
Chaperones will also be traveling on the bus and their cost will be paid for by the county/state program. This will reduce the number of vehicles on campus and the number of trips parents have to make in personal vehicles. The bus concept came alive last year for those on the east side of the state, and now is available for us on the west side. Just think, since we get on first, we will have first choice of all the seats on the bus. And if you start singing “99 bottles of pop on the wall” you will be the only county that gets to sing the song all 65 times.

Fair Housing Poster Contest –
Theme: From Dream to Reality; Fair Housing for Everyone
You can submit your poster to the Fair Housing Council of Oregon: 1020 SW Taylor, Suite 700, Portland, Oregon 97205 by 4 pm, March 13, 2009. Use the theme to be creative and help educate others about this important subject. More information is available at the Extension office.

Making Sense of Money and Cents!!
Making sense of money and cents is what will happen in the 4-H Finance Club. Mr. Leonard Applet has again agreed to give leadership to this club. Meetings will be held at the OSU Extension office, this will allow use of your laptop or one here to give members the ‘real time’ experience of finance and investment. Mr. Applet is very knowledgeable in the Investment and Finance world. He is on the OSU 4-H foundation and is a member of the Oregon 4-H Hall of Fame. He has taught high school students in Scappoose on several occasions. If you are interested in participating in the 4-H Finance Club, please use an enrollment form to add this club by using project number 612, and a $4.00 project fee as soon as you know, so we can get our new club rolling!
This will be a great way to begin the New Year and set you with a firm understanding of how to invest in your future. We are all investing in the future, but are we doing it right so that we will have money at the end? Parents, don’t you wish you had this opportunity years ago! Encourage your members to learn now, what we wish we had known when we were their age.

Animal Science News

Washington County Small Animal Show
Don’t miss this early Small Animal show! On February 21, and so close to us in Washington County at the fairgrounds in Hillsboro. Registration starts at 8 a.m., show begins at 9 a.m. sharp. Showmanship is $3.00, Conformation, $2.50 and Adventurers $3.50. For more information call Jeena at 503-357-3159 or pick up a flyer here at the Extension office.

Pygora Goats, Rabbits and Ducks
***I have 11 does and 1 wether, all cute and loving, soft and wooly. They range in age from 2 years to 13 years old, all in excellent health. I'm looking for safe, caring homes, these are my babies! Phone Mark: 503-632-7282.
***FREE, to a good home for our 3 farm, hand-fed and raised ducks. 2 of them- 1 male, 1 female, are white, and the 3rd is a brown mallard cross-breed male. Please feel free to call with any questions to Rachael: 503-366-3309.

Note from Woody: I would remind everyone that when you bring new animals into your operation, you need to consider quarantining them until you know that they are disease free and will not put your other animals at risk.
Horses, Hoofs, and Hay

Northwest Horse Fair & Expo
March 20-22, 2009 at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany, 3 days of arena events, and seminars. We have information/flyers at the OSU Extension office or visit www.equinepromotions.net.

Columbia County Horse Classic! It’s here! It’s Happenin’ and it’s a Totally Hippology Event! (Plus much more)
Saturday, February 21st! This month!
$5.00 by February 9th, After the deadline, $15.00.
The classic is out at the Columbia County Events Complex, in the 4-H Building and registration starts at 8:00 am.
The day will be filled with events to compete in, informational clinics, vendor booths, displays, and great activities and prizes! Plus the added bonus of being able to compete as an Intermediate and Senior at the state level! Juniors have a special educational track, perfect to fine tune for your upcoming years in the older divisions.

So if you were on the fence…..get off!
Dust off your boots (hard soled shoes required), and have some fun with everyone else!
If you have any questions, you can call either Woody at the OSU Extension office or Jean McPherson at (503) 481-3384 or ccrodeo@hotmail.com

Another reminder for all you Horse project members And Why?
Because it’s soooooo important!
April 1st is the big deadline for Horse members to turn in enrollment, Horse Project Record (copy of filled out front page), and copies of the Horse Lease/Borrow Agreements to the office. Remember to have a copy filled out for any of your horses you could possibly show at the fair. You can fax in everything but the enrollment.

If faxing in your project record or lease/borrow agreements, please call in to verify it came in correctly, sometimes they are unreadable and we don’t know who to credit it to? It could affect your eligibility for fair.

2009 Cowgirls and Crowns: Rodeo Queen Clinic and Judges Certification
The annual Cowgirls and Crowns: Rodeo Queen Clinic and Judges Certification sponsored by MROP, Inc. is scheduled for February 28, 2009 in Sherwood featuring guest clinicians; 2006 Miss Rodeo America Amanda Jenkins and Fox 12 News Anchor Kimberly Maus. Includes all aspects of preparing for a pageant, including applications, photogenic’s, speeches, impromptu questions, interviews, horsemanship, rodeo knowledge, appearance, personality, and animal welfare. The clinic also includes an opportunity to buy and sell rodeo queen clothing and a Judges Certification session, which includes a section on coordinating a rodeo queen pageant.

Yamhill County 4-H Horse Clinic and Shows
*February 28th from 9 am to 3:30 pm at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds, attend a fun day of learning for you and your horse! Showmanship and Halter fitting techniques, and how to get your horse through that Trail course. Also, a veterinarian will share all kinds of great information. Stop by for a flyer with all the information and registration form.
*Crazy Ribbon Open Schooling Show on April 25th which starts at 9:00 am., the flyer with all the classes and show information is here at the Extension office for you!
*Leap into Spring 4-H and Open Schooling show is on May 30th and starts at 9:00 am., the flyer with all the classes and show information is also here, or on the web: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/4h/dates_events
Horses for you!

Well trained been through it all Arabian gelding. 25 yrs. bomb proof. Most recently he was used for OHSET and the Columbia County Sheriff's posse. He's 14.2 fleaibit gray. He likes a job and will do anything for his rider. For more information please call 503-450-3890 or cell: 503-369-5481.

OR

1994 Registered Morgan mare. Black/brown, lots of mane and tail. Good on trail. Great bloodlines. Also, older registered Quarter horse mare for companion horse only. Not rideable or able to be bred. For more information, please call 503-556-4295.

Note from Woody: I would remind everyone that when you bring new animals into your operation, you need to consider quarantining them until you know that they are disease free and will not put your other animals at risk.

Recognitions!

Oregon 4-H Archery Mail-In Tournament

Congratulations to all!!!

The results of the Oregon 4-H Archery Mail-in Tournaments for November are in, and the placing of the Hot Shots 4-H Club is as follows:

Bare Bow (Without sight or other attachment)

Class 1, Grade 4:
4th Richard Sass
10th Boaz Hardy

Class 2, Grade 5
13th Blain Beaston
18th James Poland

Class 3, Grade 6
14th Elinore Hardy
18th Damien McKinnon

Class 4, Grade 7
8th Austin Hylton
11th Andrew Sandstrom

Class 5, Grade 8
11th Holdon Ragan

13th Alex Stewart
14th Brianna Boice
2nd Jessica Kennedy

Freestyle (May use sight)

Class 7, Grades 10-12
7th Luke Sitts
9th Rossin Ebrahimi

Class 9, Grade 7-9
5th Joshua Hughes
9th Tanner Gross

Class 11, Grades 7-9
1st Trenton Keim
4th Cody Clark

Class 12, Grade 10-12
1st (T) Kerri Boyer
1st (T) T.J. Keim

1st (T) Kerri Boyer
1st (T) T.J. Keim

4th Jake Heil
5th Jeremiah Hughes

A Clatskanie SUPERSTAR!!!

Beaver Valley 4-H club is led by a wonderful leader, she has one of the largest clubs in our county and by the number of trophies and awards her club members take home every fair season, is one of the most dedicated to their learning and member development. We take the time this month to honor Lynn Green for not only her devotion to her kids, but for all of Columbia County as she serves on the Financial Committee and Youth Fair Committee, plus is a rock solid member of our monthly leaders meetings. Did we mention she lives in Clatskanie? She’s involved, positive and a constant source of commitment and dedication, that not only do we respect and rely on here at the Extension office, but we know you do also for all the 4-H events each year.

So Lynn, we send a huge THANK YOU!!!