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4-H Newsletter
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Calendar of Events:

October:
___1, Thursday .......... 4-H Record Books Due, OSU Extension office by 5 p.m., Ambassador Applications Due, Volunteer of the Year Nominations, 2009-2010 Enrollment begins.
___5, Monday .......... Ambassadors Mtg., 6:15; Leaders Association Mtg., 7:30 p.m. OSU Extension office
___5-9 ..................... National 4-H Week
___14, Wednesday .......... Ambassador Interviews, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., OSU Extension office
___20, Tuesday .......... Horse Leaders Committee, 7 p.m., ELECTIONS, OSU Extension office
___24-30 ................... Woody gone, attending National NAE 4-H Conference
___31, Saturday ........ Happy Halloween! Stay Safe and Have Fun!

November:
___1, Sunday ............. Daylight Savings Time Ends! (Fall Back- turn your clocks back 1 hour)
___5, Thursday .......... New Leader Training, 6 pm to 9:30 pm, OSU Extension office
___7, Saturday .......... Leader & Member Recognition Night, 7:00 p.m., St. Helens High School
___26-27, ................... Thanksgiving Holiday, OSU Extension office closed both days

December:
___7, Monday .......... Ambassadors Mtg., 6:15; Leaders Association Mtg., 7:30 p.m., OSU Extension Office
___25, ....................... Christmas Holiday, OSU Extension office closed
4-H News to Use

New Rule:

Late Entries for County Fair will **NOT** be accepted.

This rule will take place October 1, 2009 and will be in place for County Fair 2010.

As many know there was a great deal of discussion at County Fair about the current “Late Fair Registration Rule.” This conversation allowed me to investigate the overall impact of the current rule and how it affects those who are in charge of the 4-H shows at county fair, pre-fair process and post fair follow-up. As it turns out the current rule that allows youth to register late, and still come to fair with their projects, is a real hardship on show superintendents and judges.

The current rule though, allows members to come to fair, though it does exclude them from special awards, grand and reserve champions, return classes and state fair. It’s this exclusion that creates difficulty in tracking information before and during fair, requiring judges to ‘overlook’ particular showmen, ribbon distribution and other issues. These issues are ones that superintendents are concerned about as they process awards, return classes and eligibility for other contests.

Through numerous conversations with leaders, parents, superintendents and investigating the policies in other counties I have decided to change the current rule.

We are working on a process to streamline the overall process for leaders to get pen requests, fair registration and other information to the office, in hopes it will reduce the number of youth affected by this rule change.

Please take the time now to share this information with you members so that they know. There will be no acceptation to the rule.

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New Leader Training Information!

The first New Leaders Training class for 2009-2010 is **Thursday November 5th at 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.** here at the OSU Extension office. Please share this date with anyone who has shown an interest in becoming 4-H leaders. All trainings are here, and are all subject to having 4 or more participants. If there are not 4 or more, the class will be canceled. The early classes have historically had enough participation to hold the training, but in the past, some of the later trainings have been canceled. Those interested should consider getting their paper work in early and attending this first training.

We also have the New Leaders Packet ready to go here at the OSU Extension office. All the forms need to completed and the entire process finished before anyone should work with or transport 4-H members (other than their own children) in the capacity as a 4-H leader. Included are:

- Volunteer/Club form
- Background Check with Privacy Envelope
- Volunteer Service Application
- Conditions of Volunteer Service
- Enrollment Guidelines (Informational)

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Leader & Member Recognition Dessert

Don’t forget that the Leader and Member Recognition dessert is **Saturday, November 7th**. What a great way to celebrate your members accomplishments! We recognize our new members, and our older Teen and Junior leaders. We also recognize our long time leaders and of course the Volunteer of the Year for 2009!

It’s fun and a wonderful way to meet other leaders while helping us appreciate all our great kids and leaders!

Each family is asked to bring enough dessert for 6 people. **Also, each club should bring a door prize.** Please use the RSVP form in this newsletter to reserve your table for family and 4-H members. **(See attached R.S.V.P. form)**
**2010 Leaders Meetings are Important!!**

The Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association meets eight times per year; the first Monday (except for holiday Monday’s) of the months of **October (5), December (7) for 2009, February (1), April (5), May (3), June (7), July (5), August (2), October (4), and December (6) for 2010** (This schedule is subject to change if needed, check your current newsletters each month for any changes). The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the OSU Extension Conference room and for the most part seldom last past 9 p.m.

These meetings are where decisions that affect the entire Columbia County 4-H Youth Development Program are made, money is allocated for programs and special events, and much of general housekeeping takes place. When clubs are not represented at these meetings, you as a leader are missing a great deal of information and your club members may not be getting information in the timeliest fashion.

So, as a 4-H Leader, you have a level of commitment to your members to get this information and be involved. This does not mean that you are required to attend every meeting (though you can), involve your parents, and have them attend the meeting and report back the information. This practice will assist you and them in how “your” organization operates and get updated information to your members. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Ambassador Meetings will start at 6:15 p.m. prior to every scheduled Leaders Meeting.

**Leader Packets**

For current 4-H members and those who know others that want to participate in the 4-H Youth Development Program, **now is the time** to re-enroll. Each year members and leaders have to enroll for the current year, and this is the only method to assure that our records are current and you are participating in the project areas you want to. Each contact club leader has been mailed a packet with enrollment forms.

Leaders, please remember that **none** of your club members can be entered into the system until you have **returned** all of your paperwork. This can have an impact on how members and other leaders in your club receive material and information. We need to have the forms back into the office before **January 31st, 2010** as all the early Spring activities and events get put behind the enrollment paperwork priority. If we can get the majority of this done before the hectic pre-fair season begins, it really helps us. Thank you so much for all your hard work and efforts to create a successful 4-H experience for all our 4-H members!

**And to help you Re-enroll.....4-H Materials and Forms are Online!**

Please note that enrollment forms are specific to our county and are on our website:

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia

Also, many other 4-H materials can be downloaded directly from the Web. There are two websites in which to find the project publications http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/ and select Projects where you will find all the projects listed, or go to the right side of the 4-H home page and select “publications and videos” then “4-H youth” to find other publications for 4-H.

**Your Club Financial Report Form**

Included in your re-enrollment packet is the (gray) Financial Report form. The Treasurers Book we have given out in previous years explained uses, restrictions, and rules for disbanding a club with an account and property attached to it. We want to make sure that you as leaders are protected and knowledgeable in case of a dispute about fundraising and equipment that may be purchased for your club with these funds. Please call me if I can answer any further questions on this, or if you need a copy of the Treasurers Book.
State Fair Results

Congratulations to our Champion and Reserve Champions!

Expressive Arts/Clothing/Foods/Sciences


Stephanie Durfee (Jr.) – Reserve Champion: Clothing and Textiles – Garment or Item Showing Cutting Skills.

Abby Groom (Jr.) – Co-Reserve Champion: First year Food and Nutrition Judging Contest.

Beau Groom (Jr.) – Champion: Photography – Other Interesting Subject.

Grady Goom (Int.) – Champion: Lego/Robotics - Robotics.

Kaylea Knox (Int.) – Champion: Other – Educational Exhibit.

Madison Knox (Int.) – Champion: Photography – Creative Uses.

Teri McGettigan (Sr.) – Reserve Champion: Foods Ph. 4-6 – Unleavened or Flat Bread.

Lida Means (Sr.) – Reserve Champion: Cast Ceramics – Slip Cast Item Chalked.

Sophie Means (Int.) – Reserve Champion: Ceramics - Slip Cast Item Chalked.

Merrick VonPoppenheim (Sr.) – Champion: Foods and Nutrition - Ph. 9 Favorite Recipe Collection.

Team Champions - Food and Nutrition Judging Contest (First Year): Abby Flanagan, Hayden Liao, and Clare Kessi.


Livestock

Jared Bradley (Sr.) – Reserve Champion: Beef – Gelbvieh Senior Cow.

Claire Bernert (Int.) – Reserve Champion: Pygmy Goats – 4-5 Yr. Doe.


Brett Keller (Jr.) – Champion; Sheep – Romney White Fleece.

Emma Kyle-Milward (Sr.) – Champion; Sheep – Romney Natural Colored, Ewe and Own Produce.

Hannah Rinck (Int.) – Champion; Nubian Junior Doe Kid.

Lydia Vanderwerf (Int.) – Best Of Breed and Reserve Champion; Peruvian Boar.

Jenny Vanderwerf (Sr.) – Champion; Meat Goat - Showmanship.

Victoria Willson (Sr.) – Reserve Champion; Pygmy Goats - Showmanship.

Horse

Teri McGettigan (Sr.) – Medallion: Gaming – Pole Bending.

Horses, Hoofs, and Hay

Horse for Lease

2 year old, double registered Saddlebred- Pinto/Arabian available for lease; green and needs experienced handler. Lots of potential, smaller around 14 hands. For more information call Melissa at 503-397-0004 or 702-234-9950 or MissyQ2525@aol.com email.

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.

Animal Science News

Free Poultry!

Free to good 4-H home, black Jersey Giant Cockerel, very nice bird. Call Pam at 503-397-2145.

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Oregon Make it with Wool

2009 Oregon Make it with Wool contest is Saturday, December 5th in Pendleton, Oregon at the Red Lion Hotel. Entry deadline is November 13. The contest is open to juniors (age 13-16) and seniors (age 17-24), and contestants must construct a wool garment made of 100% wool or a wool blend (min. 60% wool), 2009 fair entries are eligible. For more information, we have a flyer here at the OSU Extension office.

STATE FAIR 2009

What’s up!  A Cool Crew at State Fair!

And a HUGE Thank You to Keaton Knox for organizing the Pizza Party at State Fair!

2009 Columbia County 4-H Leader & Member Recognition Dessert
Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Helens High School

4-H Leaders, Members and Families are invited to this special event.
RSVP by Thursday, November 5th. You can email or use the mail-in form below.

 Clubs' Name: ___________________________________________ Phone:___________

 Contact Leader: _________________________________________

 How many 4-H members/guests attending from your club: ________________

Email or Mail (or drop it by) to: Columbia County 4-H
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by Nov. 5th!
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