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OSU Summer Conference

Members registered to attend OSU Summer Conference will be receiving information from me and from OSU. The letter from OSU will provide details on check-in, lodging, activities for the week, and what to pack for the trip. I will included information about out county chaperone and the details for meeting and traveling to Corvallis. You should receive both of these letters the week of June 13. If you have additional questions, please call the office for details.

4-H Summer Camp Plans Continue - Registrations Due

Camp staff and counselor applicants have been meeting and making plans for the details needed to plan another great week of camp. If you are finishing grades 3-6, and have not registered for 4-H Summer Camp, you still have a few days to become part of the group heading to Camp Myrtlewood in July.

Camp Counselors will be meeting on Sunday, June 12 at 4 p.m. in the conference room of the Ohlsen Baxter building. Please plan to attend, and bring your camp materials and good ideas with you.

4-H Fair Entries Due June 6

All members planning to enter exhibits at the Coos County Fair need to submit their completed fair entry forms to the Extension Office by June 6. Entry forms are in the Exhibitor's Handbook, and copies can be made if additional space is needed. Be sure to check the junior divisions in the open class show as well, where you may be able to enter exhibits not eligible for 4-H.

Be sure to read the general rules in the 4-H section of the handbook, and follow the guidelines for participating provided in the Monitor and project materials provided you and your leader. Basic rules for 4-H eligibility include being enrolled in the project by May 2, having all animal science projects in your possession and ownership by May 2, having lease forms on file by May 2, and making certain your animal is appropriate for exhibit in 4-H. If you have not met the basic rules, open class may be the place for your entries.

Record Book Clinic

A clinic for members and leaders will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 1 p.m. in the Ohlsen Baxter conference room. Junior leaders will be available to assist with completing records and helping with the on-line forms.

All members entering exhibits at the fair need to submit the records for the project areas they are exhibiting. If you are enrolled in the dog, sheep, clothing and ceramics projects, and have exhibits in sheep and ceramics, those two sets of project records need to be completed and turned in by July 15. Submitting your records allows you to exhibit in 4-H, and receive a pass for entry into the fair each day.

If you need help, this is the clinic to attend. Bring your records, notes and a sharp pencil. If you have records on a disk, bring that with you as well.

Fair Clean Up Days Set For July 16 & 17

All clubs are encouraged to plan time on July 16 or 17 to set up and prepare exhibit areas. If you have animal science exhibits, there should be maps posted to indicate your club's display space. If there are changes, additions or construction projects in progress, there will be a need to check with the fair office about the potential for display clean up.

In most of the 4-H animal exhibit areas, painting is done by the club. Added decorations, educational displays, stall card frames and club information are encouraged.

Help is also needed in cleaning and setting up the Davenport Building and the Purple Cow. If you exhibit static entries, please check in to help in this area on July 16 and 17.

Club Entries Due

All classes and contests that are listed in the club entry section of the Exhibitor's Handbook need to be entered on the club form and turned in by June 6.

Please take time to review the list of club contests and classes, and make certain your club is entered and ready to participate.

Fair Pass Eligibility

Each year there are questions about who receives a 4-H fair pass. The following list should help clarify this:

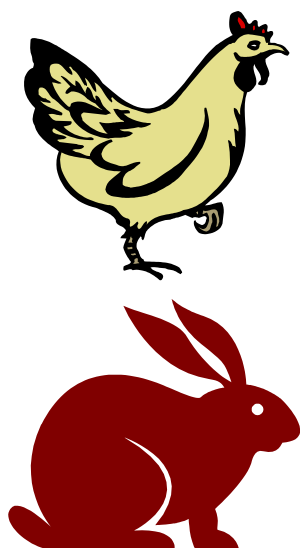
All 4-H members with project exhibits on display at the fair and complete record books submitted by July 15.

All enrolled 4-H leaders with members exhibiting at fair.

All leaders of 4-H Adventure groups.

If you don't meet one of the requirements above, a pass will not be issued.

Small Animal Judging Contest and Pre-Fair Clinic Sunday, June 12



- 2:00 p.m.: Ohlsen Baxter Building Conference Room
Questions for all members
Rabbits/Cavies and Poultry/Pigeons
Identification of breeds
Care and Feeding Questions
Conformation of various varieties
- 3:00 p.m.: Coos County Fairgrounds
Judging animal classes
- 4:00 p.m.: Coos County Fairgrounds
Clinic on preparation for county fair

Auction Project Chick Pick Up

If you enrolled in the 4-H Auction project to raise a pen of fryers, you need to secure your chicks on Friday, June 3, at the Coos Grange Supply. Your chicks will be banded with a numbered wing band, and ready for you to get started on raising a top blue pen of chickens.

Upcoming Events

- June 6: 4-H FAIR ENTRIES DUE
June 11: Sumner Buckaroos Horse Show, Family 4 Arena
June 12: Small Animal Judging Contest and Pre-Fair Clinic, 2 p.m.
Camp Counselor Mting., 4 p.m.
Ohlsen Baxter Building
June 18-19: Rockin' Riders Horse Show, Fairgrounds
June 18: 4-H Records Workshop, 1:00 p.m. Ohlsen Baxter Blding.
June 25-26: Oregon Outlaws Horse Show, Fairgrounds
July 9: Burton Prairie Horse Show, Fairgrounds
July 1-15: 4-H Record Books Due, Ohlsen Baxter Building

Upcoming Meetings

- June 9: 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
June 14: Auction Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
June 20: 4-H Junior Leader Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
June 21: County Fair Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
June 28: 4-H Leaders Association Meetings
6:15, 6:45, 7:45 p.m.

4-H Skills Contests

If you enter the food skills, clothing skills or fashion revue contests, your scheduled time will be mailed to you. These contests are planned for July 18 and 19, and your help is needed in keeping the schedule filled and accurate for our judges. Please confirm your participation with a phone call to the office.

4-H Presentations Contest: July 16 & 17
Schedules will be mailed to participants.



Agent Notes



I have been spending most of my time visiting with the physical therapist and doctors, but have made a few stops by the office to keep in touch with upcoming events and classes. I hope you are all getting those last minute plans in place for a great 4-H summer. With Camp Myrtlewood, Growin' Yer Grub, pre-fair clinics and contests, county fair and state fair, many days can be filled with a variety of events. Be sure to watch the Monitor and ask questions of your 4-H leader for opportunities available to you.

I hope to be back in the office full time the week of June 13. If that is not possible, I will be spending at least part time in the office, and return when given the approval of my doctors. I can't think of too many reasons I won't be back, so that is my plan.

When you start to check out the facilities at the fairground, you are going to find some changes have been made. Be sure to see the work that has been done in the Davenport Building and the new additions for displaying your exhibits. The 4-H Leaders Association received grant dollars to purchase tables and display cases, and those have been purchased for use this year. As work continues, the upgrades will be hard to notice. You may also find changes in the livestock and horse barns. As these projects continue, we will need to be working with the fair staff to make certain the work they have planned is not different that what clubs have planned. Keep in mind, all buildings on the fairgrounds are managed by the fair, and we have the use of the facilities for one week.

The fair schedule will be included in the July edition of the Monitor. I have received a few adjustments to the schedule submitted last month, and would welcome additional changes now, instead of later, so an accurate schedule can be used for promotion in local newspapers. Please let us know of additional items or changes as soon as possible.

Hiring continues to be part of the staff chair position, with interviews for the Family and Community Development agent taking place last week. The commercial horticulture position has been advertised and applications should be ready for review soon. A committee will be formed soon for hiring a 4-H agent, and the ad should be out in August. If those positions can be filled by the end of the calendar year, our office will be fully staffed and ready to assist the public in all program areas. That would be a great accomplishment.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, Extension Agent

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