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4-H Fair Schedule Enclosed: Changes May Be Needed

Included in this edition of the Monitor is a schedule of 4-H pre-fair and county fair events. At this time, this schedule is the most current and correct one to use for future plans. As additional activities and contests are confirmed, this listing may be updated. Watch for a complete edited edition in the July Monitor.

If you notice obvious omissions or mistakes, please call the office with the information to correct the error.

Coos County Fair Exhibitor's Handbooks Available April 26

Copies of the 2005 county fair book will be distributed on Tuesday, April 26 during the monthly meeting of the 4-H Leaders Association. Books for leaders and members will be available.

This year, all classes for open class, 4-H and FFA are printed in one publication. You will also find the entry forms for all divisions within the book. Club entry forms for 4-H are also in the book. Please locate the entry forms and highlight the due dates. There are books for each member and leader.

4-H Summer Camp Plans Begin

Plans are starting to come together for 4-H Summer Camp. The dates are reserved, July 11-15 and the first meeting of potential camp counselors was held April 16. Enclosed in this edition of the Monitor is a camp registration form

Summer camp is for students who have completed grades 3-6, and are ready to experience time away from home in the cabins of Camp Myrtlewood. You do not have to be a 4-H club member to attend camp, but it is more fun if you are. Camp counselors are older youth, enrolled in 4-H, who want to help you have a great time at camp.

Camp counselors set the tone of camp, since they spend more time with campers than anyone else, and help plan the activities their cabins will be doing during free time and when skits, talent and relays become part of the camp day. The next meeting of the camp counselors will be Sunday, May 1 in the Ohlsen Baxter building, Myrtle Point.

Club Enrollment News

Club membership lists for all enrolled clubs have been mailed to leaders. Act now to confirm your membership by May 2.

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4-H Summer Conference Registrations Due

4-H members in grades 7-12 are encouraged to take part in the 2005 Summer Conference at OSU. This is a great time to meet 4-H members from around the state, learn about state-wide committees for 4-H members, become familiar with the OSU campus, and attend classes that are of interest to you.

The applications are due in the Coos County office on May 11. Registrations that are received by May 11 will be eligible for a \$100 scholarship from the 4-H Leaders Association. Late applications will be accepted, but the full \$160 must accompany the registration.

We are in need of a chaperone or two to make this event possible. If you have a desire to spend June 22-25 in Corvallis, assisting with the supervision of the Coos County delegates, please contact the Extension office with that urge to serve.



Summer is on the way—be sure to make plans now.

Auction Project Update:

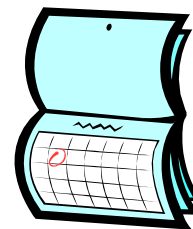
Reports from swine and lamb weigh-in are due Monday, May 16 by 5:00 p.m.

Members raising auction rabbits need to have an intent to participate form on file in the Extension office by Friday, May 20. Please complete the enclosed form. Members entering this project were to be enrolled in 4-H by April 15, 2005.

Members planning to raise auction chickens need to complete and submit an intent form by May 20 in order to have chicks ordered for the project. Members entering this project were to be enrolled in 4-H by April 15, 2005.

4-H Events Around The State

- May 7: OSU RingMaster Classic Heifer & Project Steer Show
Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
- May 7: Dog Pre-Fair, Josephine County Ext. Auditorium, 9 a.m.
- May 8: LBCC Beef Show, Benton County Fairgrounds
- May 11: OSU Summer Conference Registrations Due



Petting Fair\Fun Run

If your club has project animals that like affection and attention, they may be good candidates for an event on April 30. Coos County Children’s Advocacy Center is hosting a family day at John Topits Park, and 4-H has been invited to provide one of the activities.

Alyssa Fortune is serving as the contact and coordinator for a petting fair in the park on this day. If you would like to help work with families, and share you animals and knowledge about them, please sign up. Contact Rhonda at the Extension office to confirm your interest.

A 1.0 mile fun run for kids, 3.1 mile run for youth and adults, and a 1.0 mile walk will also be part of the activities at John Topits Park. Ribbon awards will be provided for top finishers. Applications are included in this edition of the Monitor.

A Family Bar-B-Que will also be part of the activities planned for the day. Make this an event for your family or club.

Camp Counselors To Meet May 1 at 3 p.m.

Tracy Baune and Jonathan Martz will be meeting with camp counselor applicants in the conference room of the Ohlsen Baxter building on Sunday, May 1.

The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. and will focus on skills needed to become a successful counselor and distribution of additional brochures and registrations for summer camp.

This meeting will serve as our second training, and will provide a time for you to meet and work with Tracy and Jonathan.

Project Records To Go

At the recent small animal clinic, members were provided copies of 4-H project records on a CD or disk. If you would like this done, contact the Extension office and list the projects needed. This will be done for members without internet access, so they can complete and save their annual records. All forms on-line can be saved for future use.

Dog Clubs Invited

4-H Dog Clubs and members are invited to participate in the June 18 “Doggie Olympics” sponsored by Pacific Cove Humane Society. All events will be held at the North Bend High School football field and track. All activities are scheduled for Saturday.

Clubs are being asked to participate in the Parade of Champions—dogs only; present mini-clinics on various topics (10-15 minutes); provide demonstrations for the public (showmanship, obedience, trick, free style, agility) or have a hands-on activity for people attending the event.

Please contact the Extension office, or Linda Newman (396-6909) for further information or to indicate your intent to participate.

Junior Leaders Have Been Busy

Members of the 4-H Junior Leaders Club have been kept busy lately, helping with Bingo, attending the Know Your State Government program in Salem, presenting information to the Ways and Means committee for consideration in the state budget, and several are also preparing to serve as camp counselors.

Ryan Eberlein, Alyssa Fortune, Becky Soules and Katelyn Johnson all provided testimony for the Ways and Means committee. This was done from the media center at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Each person, or group, was provided 2 minutes to address the budget item of concern. Thanks to this group, the OSU Extension Service budget was represented.

County Events in

- Apr. 30 4-H Display & Petting Fair, John Topits Park
- May 2: Final Day To Enroll In 4-H: New Clubs and all members.
All 4-H Lease Forms Due
- May 8: Coos Co. Mounted Sheriff’s Posse Scholarship Ride, Riley Ranch, 11 a.m.
- May 28-30: Camp Myrtlewood Clean Up Days
- May 29: Hauser Dune Riders 4-H Show, Riley Arena, 8 a.m.
- June 11: Sumner Buckaroos Horse Show, Family 4
- June 12: Small animal pre-fair program & judging contest. 2 p.m.
- June 18-19: Rockin’ Riders 4-H Show, Fairgrounds, 8 a.m. registration
- June 25-26: Oregon Outlaws Horse Show, Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.
- July 9: Burton Prairie Wranglers Horse Show, Fairgrounds. 8 a.m.

Coos Grange To Host Pasture Workshop

Information on herbicides, fertilizers and grass seed will be held on Saturday, May 21 at the Coos Grange Supply in Coos Bay. The workshop will begin at 10 a.m.

Pastures, rangeland and lawns will be discussed, with sharing of information on the safe use of herbicides and fertilizers, and the varieties of grass seed to use for lawns, irrigated pastures and dry pastures. This program is offered at no cost to the participants.

Dates To Know, If Fair You Go!

- May 1: Must be enrolled in 4-H projects with fair exhibits
Must own or have a lease form on file for all animal science projects.
- June 6: All 4-H Fair Entry Forms Due (forms in fair book)
- July 1-17: 4-H Record Books Collected

JUNE 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Submit 4-H Fair Entries and Camp Registrations			1	2	3 Auction Project Chick Pick Up	4
5	6 All 4-H Fair Entries Due	7	8	9 4-H Executive Board Mtg. 7 pm	10	11 SB Horse Show—Family 4
12 Small Animal Pre-Fair 2 p.m.	13	14 Auction Committee Mtg. 7:30	15	16	17	18 Static Exhibit & Records Workshop
19 R-n-R Horse Show, Fairgrounds	20 Junior Leader Meeting 7 pm	21 Fair Board Meeting	22 Camp Registrations	23	24	25 OO Horse Show
			4-H Summer Conference, OSU Campus—Corvallis			
26 OO Horse Show, Fairgrounds	27	28 4-H Leader Mtgs. 6:45	29	30		

JULY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9 Lvskt. Clinic BPW Horse Show
10 Dairy Clinic & Judging	11	12 Auction Committee Mtg.	13	14	15 4-H Record Books Due	16 Horse Pre-Fair & Presentatons
4-H Summer Camp at Camp Myrtlewood						
17 Horse Pre-Fair & Presentation	18 Food Skills & Judging Contest	19 Clothing Skills Judging, Fash. Revue	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Coos County Fair & Rodeo: Coos County Fairgrounds



Agent Notes



I am heading in for surgery on Monday, April 25. Since my left knee has done so well, and my right knee is known to "free lance" now and then, the time has come to replace the joint with one of those trusty metal jobs. I will spend a week in the hospital, receiving meals, medication, attention, and physical therapy. Then reality will hit, and I will be sent home. Home life following a total knee replacement is not too entertaining. The level of medication is reduced, the attention is reduced, meals are on your own, and the physical therapist comes 2 or 3 times per week to inspect the progress you are making. A home health nurse also will drop in to check my vital signs and make sure the blood thinner is at the appropriate level. Day and night are spent in bed, with your newly connected leg attached to a machine. The machine keeps your leg in motion, so reading and television viewing are impacted. Movement around the house is limited to where you can stay on level ground, with the walker. In most respects, the first two weeks are pitiful!

If all goes well, I will be back at work full time on June 13. Prior to that, I will be working from home, or the office, as my endurance allows. Driving will be limited, so that will have a little affect on what I am able to do. Unless something really odd happens, I will be able to do a few things while I am recuperating.

I hope you are looking forward to a summer filled with 4-H activities and county fair. The first round of printing is done for the fair schedule, but do watch for edits. Camp plans are underway, and I hope you have your registration form filled in and ready to send to us.

Most of you know by now, but my plans include retiring from full time work. I will be working full time through the month of July, part time in August, and then starting on a 16 hour per week schedule from September 1 through December 31. The September through December work will be an administrative appointment only, with no 4-H agent assignment. It is in the plans to be announcing and hiring a new 4-H agent this summer/fall. If the position is announced in June or July, there may be a newly hired agent on staff by January 1. This fall will be an important time for attending monthly meetings of the 4-H Leaders Association and helping plan and present those programs typically facilitated by the 4-H agent.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

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