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July Filled With 4-H Events, Contests and Fun

If your calendar is not filled for July, check out the schedule of events for the fair or contact us about helping with one of the two summer camping programs happening in July. Camp Myrtlewood is set to happen the week of July 7-11, and Growin' Yer Grub in North Bend kicks off July 28.

Enjoy the July 4th Weekend, and then get ready for all things to start happening.

Member Forms Needed For Fair Participation

Each 4-H member entering an animal science project needs to complete and sign an animal science guideline in order to exhibit at the county fair. This form needs to be submitted by July 15, not when they arrive on the fairgrounds.

Horse project members also need to read, complete and sign the horse barn rules sheet. They need both forms on file by July 15.

State Fair Entry Process Changes

State Fair entries will be submitted directly following our county fair. In order to be part of that entry process, each member planning to travel to Salem or send static exhibits to Salem must complete an Exhibitor Intent Form. This form needs to be completed accurately and left with the staff in the 4-H Exhibit Building before you leave the fairgrounds on Sunday. All project areas need to complete the form. If there is a need to limit entries, a committee will review the intent forms and contact those individuals not eligible to attend.

As in the past, a meeting will be held for livestock exhibitors and static exhibits will need to be delivered to the Extension office for new tags and packing for transport. It will be the responsibility of each exhibitor to secure their entries from the county fair and return them for entry at the state fair.

Release Day Time Line

All 4-H exhibits will be released from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 27. Any exhibits left in the barns or 4-H Exhibit Building will be the responsibility of the owner. No items will be removed from the grounds for pick up at alternate locations. Each person will become responsible for contacting the fair office regarding left items.

Personal Safety To Be Stressed In Animal Exhibit Areas

Recommendations will be coming soon for safety in the animal barns. The focus will be on dust control, clean animals and pens/stalls, and limited eating of food in the exhibit areas. Details will be provided when they are final. Please be prepared to help educate the public about enjoying our animals and staying safe.

Are You Ready For Summer 2003 In 4-H?

4-H Record Books: Turn them in July 1-14.

Special Awards and Contest: Check insert with dates.

These dates are coming soon, and it will be difficult to add late enrollments or entries. Please pick up your necessary applications, entry forms and 4-H Fair Books. Each 4-H club leader should have received a club list to verify club membership. Please make certain all club members are on the list, and that the list is accurate. We continue to find members who thought they were enrolled in a project.

Check the enclosed schedule carefully for due dates assigned the special awards. Changes have been made. Interviews for many of the awards will be done after fair, rather than during fair week. You will also be asked to provide a picture of your exhibits that were entered at the county fair. Plan now, and be ready.



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Purple Cows Needs Baked Goods

The annual opening of the Purple Cow Food Booth is much more interesting if there are items to offer the public. If your club has not taken time to bake a few cookies, mix up some brownies or bake a cake or two, now is the time. Bake, Freeze and Deliver. It will have a big impact on Purple Cow Sales.

Duck Race Tickets Need Selling

Camp Myrtlewood is quickly approaching, and the annual Duck Race is set to take place during camp. More ducks need to be getting wet at that event, and it can only happen if tickets are being sold. Each member was asked to sell one ticket, but the sales don't appear to be equal to that number at this time. Make it happen, sell a ticket and help support the county camp program.

4-H Cook Book Needs Your Favorite Recipes

Have you dreamed of being published, recognized for your thinking and writing talents, and sought out for your creative cooking skills? Here is your chance. The 4-H Leaders Association is compiling a cookbook of 4-H favorites from the kitchen. If you have a recipe you are willing to share, please write it down and include your name, your 4-H club name, and the details of how to mix the ingredients together and cook or chill. Your club leader is also needed in this project. Each club that submits a recipe will be listed in a historical section of the cook book. If your club started in 1910, with three members raising dairy calves and 5 members preserving strawberry jam, we want to know.

Check Schedules Carefully

Please review your schedules and times closely this year. Several of the judging days and times have been changed. If you arrive with your static exhibits on Tuesday, you will be disappointed because the judges have gone home. If you try to deliver your animals on Tuesday, you will also find that you are a day late for the fair this year.

Take time, read carefully and don't miss out on the many opportunities that are available to you. I look forward to seeing you at the fair and finding out what you have done to improve your exhibits for the 2003 event.

Sincerely,

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