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State Fair Entry Process

Each division of 4-H has different guidelines, so please read through the following for making certain your exhibits and/or you arrive in Salem when needed. Horse entries have been submitted. If you did not complete and turn in an Intent Form by Sunday evening of the county fair, your entry has not been made. You should have also received a phone call regarding your intent to camp on the State Fair grounds. Reservations must be made, and your help is needed for this to happen.

If you are entering a contest that is held during the State Fair (food skills, food or clothing judging, fashion revue or presentations) you must be pre-registered. If you have not selected a date and time, check the schedule and then contact the Extension office with your first and second choices.

Intermediate and senior members planning to take animals to exhibit need to have those entries made in advance and need to complete an Intent Form now. Those collected during county fair have been entered. Junior members are not eligible to exhibit at the State Fair.

Static exhibits that received a designation as Selected For State Fair, are eligible to be sent on. An Intent Form is needed, exhibits need to be cleaned and corrected as indicated by the judge, have new Explanation Cards attached, and returned to the Extension office for packing and transporting to Salem. Food exhibits need to be prepared and delivered to the Extension office before 9 a.m. on Monday, August 23, or delivered to the parking lot at Wells Fargo Bank by 10 a.m.

Entries not submitted through the county Extension office will not be accepted at the State Fair. Be ready to deliver the best static or animal science display possible. If you are attending to participate in a contest, please request the section of the 4-H State Fair Book that provides you the details. This can be done at the Extension office, or by researching the Oregon 4-H website.

Upcoming 4-H and Youth Events

- August 10: Coos Youth Auction Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 14: 4-H Family Potluck, Awards Program & State Fair Mtg.
- 16: State Fair Horse Events Begin
- 16-19: Deliver Static Exhibits to Extension Office for transfer to State Fair.
- 20-22: Static Display at Pony Village Mall—Fall Sign-Ups
- 23: Deliver Food Exhibits for transfer to State Fair
- Aug. 24: 4-H Leaders Association Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- Aug. 24—Sept. 5: Oregon State Fair 4-H Events
- Sept. 11: Bandon Cranberry Festival & Parade
- 18: Bay Area Fun Festival Parade
- 25: Myrtle Point Harvest Festival & Family Natural Resources Day, Fairgrounds

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Thanks For The Wonderful Help

Camp Myrtlewood Staff (agents, volunteers, nurses, lifeguard)

Camp Myrtlewood Cabin Counselors (18 4-H youth)

County Fair Staff (agents, volunteers, leaders and members)

OSU Extension Staff (Tracy, Jonathan, Shirley, Rhonda & Roberta)

County Fair Awards Program
 Dairy Show Ring Bleachers—Coos County Fairgrounds
 12 Noon, Saturday, August 14

Agenda

- Welcome
- Static Exhibit Awards
- Contest Winners
- Small Animal Awards
- Livestock Awards
- Starter Program Awards
- Horse Awards
- Herdsmanship Awards
- Special Recognition
- Distribution of Awards Booklet



4-H Family Potluck
 Ohlsen Baxter Building
 2 p.m. August 14, 2004

The annual feed of Roast Beef and Corn has been moved to an earlier date. Plan on this menu for August 14, but not again on October 3. To enhance the beef and corn, participants are asked to bring side dishes such as salads, vegetables, desserts, bread or chips. Please provide your own table service. Tables and chairs will be available.

This will truly be a feast and forget type of gathering. The awards will be finished. Fair will be recent, but over, and there will be no lengthy program following the meal. There will be an opportunity for state fair participants to meet with others exhibiting in their project areas, and a time to discuss the role of chaperones and who might be willing to serve.

If all goes as planned, three events in one day will result in one trip to town and three items checked from the list of final activities for 4-H in 2004.

Please attend so we can determine if this is a better time for this annual gathering. The biggest reason for getting together is to share our successes and make decisions about what we might do to make 2005 an even better year for Coos County 4-H.

Recycling Project Making First Delivery

We are starting to accumulate quite a few feed sacks and hay strings, but more are needed. The front section of the stock trailer is filled, but the back is still empty. I plan to make delivery in Salem on Monday, August 23. In order to fill the back section of the trailer, your empty sacks and clean hay strings are needed.

If you have access to one of the deposit barrels, please bring the contents to the Extension office by August 18. The more the merrier, is the theme for this collection.

Let's make the effort to send a full trailer of plastic to the recycler, and be able to report to SOLV that their dollars were well invested in the Coos County Junior Leader project. Except for the cat smells and a few stray splatters of manure, the bags and strings came in looking very good. If this project continues, we want to encourage new participants to become involved early in the collection process.

4-H Leaders Association Is Looking For Leaders

The Coos County 4-H Leaders Association will be holding its annual meeting on Tuesday, September 28. With the annual meeting comes the annual election of officers. The slate is in need of filling, with the following positions being vacant for 2004-05:

- President
- Vice President
- Youth Representatives (2)
- Members At Large (2)
- Fair Board Representative

In addition, there are two offices that need to be filled by current officers or newly elected officers. These include:

- Secretary
- Treasurer

All positions, except Fair Board Representative, are one year appointments with maximum terms of two consecutive years. Be brave, be bold, take an office to



Club Enrollment Materials Available August 24

Enrollment packets for the 2004-05 project year will be available at the August 24 meeting of the 4-H Leaders Association. Following the meeting date, packets can be secured at any time. The first new leader training of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 29 at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

Junior Leader Club To Meet August 31

The first meeting of the 4-H Junior Leader Club will be Tuesday, August 31 at 7 p.m. We will meet at the Extension office and plan the calendar for 2004-05. Please get input from your club members on ideas for county programs and projects.



Community Festivals Offer Opportunity To Highlight 4-H Projects and Clubs

Now is probably not the right time to ask, but would your club like to have a display at one of the community festivals or parades? Each September, three of the four weekends of the month are filled with community festivals. The kick-off is the Cranberry Festival in Bandon, followed by the Bay Area Fun Festival in Coos Bay, and then comes the Myrtle Point Harvest Festival.

Each community offers a variety of events, booths, parade options, methods of promoting programs and highlighting work done throughout the year. These events are great places for 4-H clubs to secure new members, promote a variety of projects, and display projects made for the fair. It is also a place to have petting fairs, answer questions and introduce youth and adults to the options available through 4-H.

School Enrichment is also a worthy topic at these events, since it is designed to bring 4-H back to the community through the classrooms of the students attending the events. Interested? Please call me.

Auction Project Update

Members who sold animals in the Coos Youth Auction Committee sale should be well on their way to the completion of this project. If you sold an animal or pen of small animals your final tasks are:

Submit your completed Summary Report to the Extension Office by August 10 (Tuesday).

Send a Thank You note or two to your buyer. A list of buyers is in the mail to you.

Attend the September 14 meeting of the Coos Youth Auction Committee to receive your check.

Thank committee members, parents and leaders who have helped you with this project.

Make plans for 2005—it is never too early to locate producers or upgrade breeding programs.

Growin' Yer Grub Day Camps

Two sessions of Growin' Yer Grub day camp will be held in August. August 9-13, the camp will be held in Coquille, and August 23-27 the same camp will take place in North Bend. Youth who have completed grades 3-5 are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$20 for the week, and more information can be obtained by calling Tracy Baune, 4-H School Enrichment agent, 572-5263.

Natural Resource Day Set For September 25

Bring the family, and spend the day. Scheduled as part of the Harvest Festival, this activity will help family members realize the importance of Natural Resources to the Pacific Northwest. Sessions will be scheduled from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m., and will be interactive, educational and fun. All activities will be conducted in the Davenport Building on the Coos County Fairgrounds. There is no cost to attend.

Officers Needed To Fill Positions on 4-H Leader Board

Your chance is just around the corner. Attend the August meeting of the leaders association, mention that you would like to serve as president, fair board representative, one of the youth representatives, or a member at large, and your desire may become reality. It only takes a quiet mention of this desire to have it develop rapidly.

Please consider taking on one of these roles. Time is needed to complete the tasks, but this is a critical year for strong leadership and a clear understanding of how the 4-H program should move forward in the coming years.

Our enrollment is strong, both in club members and school enrichment. We also have had several members engaged in special projects this year.

Keep up the good work, and make plans to do even a better job in 2005. Many of you have several things to experience before you know all there is to know about the



Agent Notes



July certainly moved along in a hurry. Those of you who were able to attend the full array of activities should have been quite fulfilled. There were contests, camp activities, special camp ceremonies, more contests, pre-fair judging events, cleaning at the fairgrounds, moving equipment and supplies, finishing last minute details on projects, and calling to confirm dates, times and locations, and county fair. This practice was good, because the big test was staying on track during the fair. Knowing where and when to be, with which judge or leader, was a complete test of patience and thought.

Unlike other years, I did not have exhibits at the county fair this year. It is probably a good thing that it happened that way, because I think there were maybe 75 minutes during the week that were not used to finish a project or plan the next one. I am greatly aided by the clipboard and by people who ask the right question at the right time. When I am walking and gawking and get the usual "What time does this contest or class begin?", it serves as a great reminder. I look quickly at the schedule, say "I think, but let's check for sure", and then rush off to finish whatever it takes to make certain I have everything prepared.

There were new things added to the agenda this year, and it seemed to me it went fairly well. The Fashion Revue was moved indoors and drew a large, heated crowd. Not an angry crowd, just a hot crowd. Family Day on Sunday provided a series of activities for all youth, including many 4-H members or friends. The Jest In Time tent provided relief from the ordinary, and took only a few minutes to revive the feet and legs.

Things went very smoothly during summer camp, pre-fair events, and the county fair. Thanks to all the leaders, members and parents that promoted and supported these events. I imagine one more trip to the fairgrounds becomes a fairly big burden by the first of August, but when you talk with members and find out what they have accomplished and completed, it all becomes very clear. 4-H clubs are making a difference every day. Not with all members, and not every day, but with many members on many different days. Keep up the great work and continue to take time to see the youth you are helping develop.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, 4-H Extension Agent

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