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## Fair Edition—Schedule and Details Enclosed

### 4-H Leaders Creed

I believe:

- The 4-H member is more important than the project
- Learning *HOW* to do something is more important than the project itself
- 4-H'ers should be their own best exhibits
- Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things
- No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a member or leader
- Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work
- Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and to be praised (Leaders too!)
- To "Learn by Doing" is fundamental to any sound educational program and is characteristic of 4-H
- Enthusiasm is caught, not taught
- Our job is to teach members *HOW* to think, not *WHAT* to think
- Our product is youth, the project is the means

### Dates to Remember: Mark Your Calendars

July 14—Wayne Nelson Award Applications Due

July 18—Record books due for fair pass review

Aug 1—Starter Project Award Applications Due

Aug 6—State Fair Orientation

Aug 15—Deadline to Enter State Fair static exhibits (except foods: Aug 20)

Sept. 12—Record books due for county medal applicants

Sept 16—Fall Recognition Festival & Potluck

Sept 25—Next Leaders Meeting



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## 4-H Record Books Due July 18



**4-H records must be submitted to the Extension Office between July 2 and July 18. Books will not be accepted for review after July 18.**

Records will be returned at check-in of exhibitors at the 4-H Office in the Davenport building on the fairgrounds. Approved project records and a fair pass will be provided at check-in.

### Requirements For a Record Check:

1. 4-H folder with the member's name on the front.
2. ID Page
3. Permanent 4-H record.
4. 4-H Notes
5. 4-H project record for the project(s) being exhibited.
6. 4-H Advancements (if applicable)

### Completeness of Records:

1. All parts of the record that deal with beginning inventories, goals, projects completed, etc. should be filled in for the record check.
2. All sections that ask for totals at the close or ending of the project should remain blank, and be filled in after the county and state fair.

### County Medal Records:

1. These will be **due Sept. 12**, and should include all records for all projects.
2. Evaluations will be done by committee, and comments will be made for the 4-H member.
3. County medals (awards) will be given in all categories.
4. County medals will be awarded at the fall recognition program.

### Question or Help With Records:

1. Attend a record book workshop (offered periodically).
2. Call and make an appointment, for individuals or clubs.

### Don't Miss Out on the Fun (and Ice Cream) at the Purple Cow: Sign Up to Help!

The 4-H Purple Cow ice cream booth at fair is looking for 4-H members, parents and leaders to sign up and work shifts during fair. Call the Extension office at 572-5263.

This year there will be daily drawings for Purple Cow helpers to receive 4-H water bottles and Purple Cow t-shirts! The water bottles and t-shirts will be on sale at the booth during fair. **4-H parents who work a shift in the Purple Cow ice cream booth will receive a free fair pass.**



Leader News

**Rotating Trophy Round-Up**

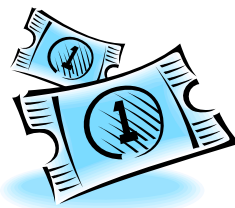


It's time to round up the rotating trophies, so they can be awarded to 2007 recipients. If your club currently has one, please return it to the Extension office before fair.

**Fair Passes for the Family**

Strip tickets are on sale now until July 20 (and until July 27 at the Extension Office) at \$20.00 for 5 tickets as a reduced entry into the fair. The tickets may be used by one or more people and can be used in a variety of ways: for the week, all at once, or however they divide up best for the family.

Be sure the purchaser tells the fair or Extension office they are connected with 4-H and / or FFA. Family fair passes are also available at McKay's until July 17. For more information, call the fair office at 572-2002 or the Extension Office.



**Clubs Wanted to Promote 4-H at Fall Festivals**

There are several community festivals coming up in September. This is a great opportunity for us to share information about 4-H and how to join.

If your club is interested in representing 4-H at one of these events, please call the Extension office at 572-5263.

In the past we have had floats, petting zoos, and hands-on activities for youth. Your club may decide what you would like to do.



Panel fences, 4-H brochures, and other supplies are available at the Extension office for your use. Just give us a call to reserve any of the equipment and supplies.

- Sept 8—Cranberry Festival, Bandon
- Sept 15—Bay Area Fun Festival, Coos Bay
- Sept 22—Harvest Festival, Myrtle Point

**Next Leaders Meeting: Sept. 25**

The meeting will start at 6:45 at the Extension office. This is the Annual Meeting with elections for Officer and Board positions being held. Please make sure a leader from your club is there. If you are interested in serving on the board as an officer or director please contact the Extension office to have your name put on the ballot.

The horse leaders will meet following the general leaders meeting.

**Fair Safety Plan Updated**

4-H has been working with the County Fair Board and Managers to update the fair safety plan. Copies will be available for 4-H leaders when they pick up their bracelets at the beginning of fair.

**State Fair Orientation Meeting: Aug. 6**

4-H'ers who plan to attend the State Fair to participate in contests or show animals need to attend the State Fair orientation meeting scheduled for Monday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 pm at the Extension office.

**Fall Recognition Festival Date Set: Mark Your Calendars!**



The fall 4-H Recognition Festival and potluck will be at 2 pm on Sunday, September 16 at the fairgrounds.

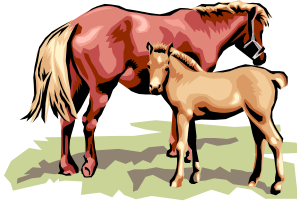
The Leaders' Association will once again provide meat and roasted corn-on-the-cob. Families should bring a dish to share, their own table service, and beverages. More details will follow in the August Monitor.

To be eligible for county medals and other awards at the recognition festival, **4-H'ers will need to turn in their record books at the Extension office by Wednesday, Sept. 12.**

**Rabbit Cages Available**  
 10 single, 1 double  
 Call Robin or Mike at 888-8607

## T-Shirts For Sale At Fair

The 4-H Leaders will have 4-H t-shirts for sale at the Davenport building during fair. These shirts were designed by Elissa and are sand colored with green print. Check them out and pick one up. The Purple Cow t-shirts will be there also.



## Nelson Colt Award Applications Due July 14

4-H'ers **entering grades 7-10** next fall, are eligible to apply for the Nelson Colt award. This starter project is a 3-year commitment for a 4-H'er.

More information about Coos County Starter Awards is included on this page.

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## October Horse Leaders Forum

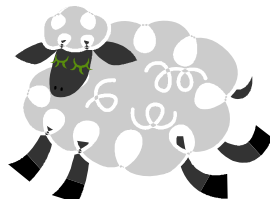
A Horse Leaders Forum is being planned for this fall. The forum will be held at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond on October 27-28, 2007. We would like at least one horse leader from each county to attend. All are welcome!

Some topics that will be covered include Liability, Insurance and Contracts; working with Special Needs members; managing Horse Shows; preparing your teams for State level competitions; ethics; and club educational meetings and riding meetings. Registration forms will be available soon.

## Oregon's Make It Yourself with Wool Contest

The Oregon Sheep Commission will again sponsor their annual contest for those who enjoy sewing, knitting, crocheting, weaving, and creating garments with wool fabrics and fibers. Wool blend and specialty wool fibers, such as mohair, cashmere, alpaca, and llama are welcome. The contest includes several age categories for youth and adults.

For more information about the contest, pick up a brochure and entry form at the Extension office, or go online to [www.sheeporegon.com](http://www.sheeporegon.com). The contest will be Dec. 1, 07 and entries are due Nov. 15, 07.



## Coos County Starter Project Award Applications Due August 1

4-H and FFA members in Coos County have the opportunity to apply for money awards to assist in the purchase of a dairy, sheep, or beef breeding animal. Live animal awards are available for pigeons, rabbits, cavies, pygmy goats, llamas and horses. Each of these awards requires the completion of an application, an interview, and a commitment to make the project successful.

These awards are sponsored by local businesses and individuals, managed by the Coos County Fair Board, and made available to youth who complete an application and interview. To be considered for 2007, applications are due **August 1**. Call the Extension office for more information.

This program was developed to assist youth wanting to invest in sheep and beef projects, and to replace the calf and lamb scrambles previously held during the rodeo at the Coos County Fair.

Program participants are provided a \$200 grant to assist in the purchase of a registered ewe or \$400 to assist in the purchase of a beef female. Award winners are encouraged to add money to this grant and secure an animal of high quality that will produce off-spring to help them develop a small herd or flock.

Recipients of the cash award must have their animal in **possession by November 15**, and be prepared to discuss their selection and show off their purchase to the members of the county Starter Committee. Reports are also required, with deadlines of **February and July**, and a second site visit is conducted in **April**. Members are encouraged to share details about their animals with the committee, and show off what they have done to improve their animal, facilities, feed program and ability to attend special livestock shows or events.

In addition to providing care for the project animal throughout the year, winners of this award must also **display and show** their animal at the Coos County Fair. Upon completion of the fair, the grant is fulfilled and the animal becomes the property of the 4-H or FFA member.

Since the beginning of this program in 1989, eighty five animals have been entered in the Starter Award project. This also identifies eighty five youth who have taken on the responsibility and dedication needed to make this project a success.



## Research Shows 4-H'ers Develop Life Skills at County Fair

County fair and 4-H are long-standing traditions that go hand-in-hand. Fair is often described as the culminating event of the 4-H year where members have a chance to showcase their projects and develop life skills. Parents and leaders smile and proudly tell you that, as a result of experiences at fair, their 4-H'ers are more responsible and confident, work better with others, etc. While anecdotal stories about these experiences are great, it is even more powerful to be able to say that Oregon 4-H has conducted research to prove it.

To make this happen, 4-H Agents in Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties teamed with Mary Arnold, campus-based Oregon 4-H Specialist, to conduct a study during the 2006 fair season. The study focused on animal science project areas and was used to determine: 1) if members participating in a traditional animal science fair experience learned important life skills and had higher levels of self-esteem and proactive coping skills, and 2) if leaders provided a supportive atmosphere for youth development.

The study revealed that different aspects of fair including herdsmanship, competition, life at fair and participating in the market animal program each contribute to the development of particular life skills. The three life skills that were rated highest by both parents and members were responsibility, cooperation, and teamwork. This information reinforces our observations that 4-H is an important workforce preparation experience. 4-H members report significant changes in the level of self-esteem and proactive coping skills. Parents confirmed that fair helps their 4-H'ers develop four key characteristics: belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery. In youth development research, these characteristics are commonly referred to as the "Four Essential Elements of Youth Development."

To conduct this study, the research team developed two surveys: one for 4-H members in animal science projects and a second for their parents. 4-H'ers voluntarily filled out surveys during fair and parent voluntar-

ily filled out surveys that were mailed to them two weeks after fair. Surveys were completed by 557 4-H members and 168 parents. Thanks to their participation, we were able to gather a tremendous amount of information.

From the study we learned that each aspect of fair participation contributes to the development of specific life skills. Youth reported that participating in herdsmanship and life at fair contributed most to the development of responsibility, while competition contributed most to the development of sportsmanship. Parents reported that life at fair contributed most to their children's development of independence. Youth reported significant increases in their levels of self-esteem and proactive coping skills. Seventy-two percent of youth also said that their 4-H leader helped them prepare for fair either "quite a bit" or "a lot." This was confirmed by 70% of parents.

So, when fair rolls around this summer and you (as 4-H members, leaders and parents) are feeling exhausted from the hot weather, long days and hard work (and wondering if it is all worth it),

think back to this study and rest assured. 4-H animal science experiences at county fair do indeed help youth develop life skills and Oregon 4-H now has research to prove it.

For more information about this study and its results, please contact 4-H agents in any of the participating counties.



### 4-H Nigerian Dwarf Goat Raffle!

Tickets are now available (at the Extension office and county fair) to win a registered Nigerian Dwarf Goat doe kid. She is being donated by the breeder, Carrie Harris, of Tualatin Acres. The prize is valued at \$325.

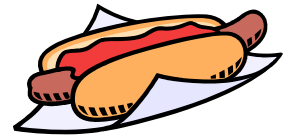


Tickets are \$3 each (or 2 for \$5). The drawing will be held July 28 at fair. (Need not be present to win.) All proceeds go to support 4-H.








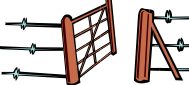



Blueberry Month

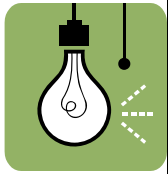
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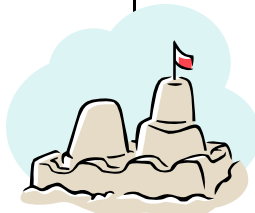
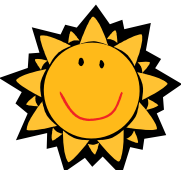

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1	2	3	 Independence Day! (office closed)	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	<div style="border: 1px dashed green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         Summer Camp                     </div>					 Presentations, Horse Pre-Fair & Fairground Clean-Up
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
 Presentations, Horse Pre-Fair & Fairground Clean-Up	Foods Contests 	Clothing Contests 	 Record Books Due			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Fair Check-In Exhibits and Horses 	Fair Check-in Exhibits, Lg, Sm Animals 	<div style="border: 1px dashed blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         County Fair                     </div>				
29	30	31				
All Fair Exhibits Released 	4-H Summer Fun, 2-5 Coquille; 6:30—8:30 Myrtle Pt					

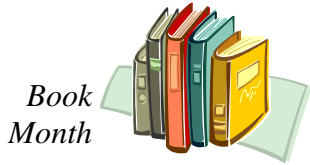
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Starter Project Applications Due	2	3	4
5	6 6:30 pm State Fair Orientation Meeting, Extension office	7	8	9	10 	11
12 	13 4-H Summer Fun, 2-5 Coquille; C6:30-8:30 Myrtle Pt	14 Auction Committee 7:30	15 State Fair Exhibit Entry Deadline (Except Foods)	16	17 State Fair Horse Show Begins	18
19	20 State Fair Foods Exhibit Entry Deadline 9 am	21 Fair Board 7:00	22	23	24 State Fair Begins Dog Show	25
26	27 4-H Summer Fun, 2-5 Coquille; 6:30-8:30 Myrtle Pt	28 State Fair Livestock Show Begins	29 State Fair Poultry, Pigeon & Cavy Shows	30 State Fair Rabbit Show	31 	



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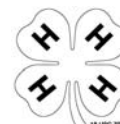


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2	Labor Day 3  Extension office Closed	4	5	6	7 State Fair Exhibits ready for pick up at Extension office	8  Cranberry Festival
9	10	11 Auction Committee 7:30	12  Record Books Due	13	14	15  6th Annual Mounty Round-Up
16  Recognition Festival and Potluck, 2pm	17	18 Fair Board 7:00	19	20	21	22  Harvest Festival
23	24	25 Leaders Meeting 6:45	26	27	28	29
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# AGENT NOTES



Dear 4-H Families,

As we all prepare for fair, please take a minute to review the 4-H Leaders Creed reprinted in this Monitor. It's an important reminder that education and positive youth development are the goals of our 4-H fair activities—not ribbons, trophies or premiums. You will also want to read the interesting results of last year's fair survey which are also included in this Monitor.

Thank you leaders and parents for all that you do to support 4-H'ers as they prepare for fair and exhibit projects at fair. Please remember to also volunteer a shift in the 4-H Purple Cow ice cream booth—we can always use a few more adult helpers.

See you at fair,  
Elissa Wells, 4-H Agent

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