Fair Entries Due June 6
4-H and FFA members, and open class livestock exhibitors have until June 6 to fill out and return their fair entry forms. No late entries will be accepted.

The deadline is early this year for open class livestock exhibitors, so that they will have an accurate count of pens needed when setting up the temporary barn. If you have questions about 4-H fair classes, call the Extension office. All open class entry questions should be directed to the fair office at 572-2002.

Please Note: New Guidelines for Large Animal Barn Decorations
Since we will have a temporary barn and portable pens this year, barn decoration guidelines have changed for dairy cattle, beef, goats, llamas, sheep and swine pens.

This year the roof height will be 8 foot allowing an 18 inch drop for decorations. All decorations must be securely attached at this height. Decorations will not be allowed to extend more than 18 inches below 8 feet. They may not be above 8 feet, or on/in the pens themselves.

One suggested approach is to make 18-inch-long colored curtains that would fasten to the support on top. Decorations could then be attached to the colored curtains and everything would be secured.

Keeping decorations confined to this 18 inch strip of space above each pen will allow air to circulate and provide sight-view through the barn to maintain a healthy and safe environment.

To view the livestock area and layouts for the 2008 Coos County Fair please go to the following web site: www.fairsmi.com/cooscounty/guestplanner

Layouts of specific livestock areas will be updated as plans are finalized and edited in the next few weeks. Call the extension office if you have any questions.
2008 4-H Summer Conference
June 25-28, 2008
Register for Summer Conference by June 2nd

Each summer, Oregon State University hosts the State 4-H Summer Conference for youth completing grades 7-12. Conference participants come from all parts of Oregon.

Students attend a wide range of exciting classes taught by OSU faculty and other community volunteers. Classes are designed to be informative, interesting, and inspiring. They cover a wide variety of subjects from technology and business to foods and dance.

While there, youth have an opportunity to explore OSU, learn independence in a safe setting, examine career possibilities, make friends, learn new skills, and have fun.

Coos County sends several youth each summer and they have a great time. The Coos County 4-H Leaders Association provides a partial registration scholarship for all 4-H’ers who attend. For more information see the state 4-H website: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu or contact the Extension office.

County Fair, July 22—26,
Theme: Under the Big Top: A Community Celebration

State Fair, Aug. 22—Sept. 1, Salem, OR,
Theme: Only in Oregon

Llama Pre-fair Clinic June 21

The Llama Pre-fair Clinic will be at the fairgrounds on June 21, 10 am to 2 pm. A sack lunch is advised. Judge Glen Pfefferkorn will go over showmanship, handling, and judging techniques. This is a great opportunity to ask questions of the judge and learn from his expertise. This event is ideal for new 4-H’ers, but it also provides plenty of information for experienced 4-H’ers and leaders.

You are welcome to bring a llama with you, but it is not required. We will have llamas available for demonstrations and judging. Please call the Extension office to pre-register or if you have any questions.

New Fair Display Needs Your Help

This year the Jernstedt family is organizing a new fair display called “Babies and Ladies in Waiting.” It will be a large tent located next to the petting zoo and will feature several kinds of baby animals and a few animals about to give birth. Please contact Elissa or the Jernstedts with questions or for more information. We are looking for lots of help from 4-H families including:

- educational displays on any animal science topic, but especially embryology, birthing, growth and development
- presentations (any topic)
- booth hosts
- ideas for educational, hands-on animal science activities for fair-goers

Fair Passes for the Family
Strip tickets are on sale now 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 office they are connected with 4-H or FFA. There are also strip tickets available at the local McKays Markets until July 17th. For further information call 572-2002. This price for tickets is only available until fair. You may also stop by the Extension office to buy these tickets.

Large Animal Pre-fair Clinic Cancelled
We will not have a large animal pre-fair clinic this year, as originally scheduled for June 21. Attendance has been low the last few years and we are taking a break from the event this year. We will re-design the clinic and offer a new version of it next year. If you are interested in being part of the re-design process, please contact Elissa.

Last Two Leaders Meetings for 2008
May 27 & June 24
6:15 Executive Committee
6:45 General Leaders Meeting

We will make final plans and preparations for summer camps and fair.

Oregon Limousin Breeders Special Award
The Oregon Limousin Breeders are offering to sponsor an award for the champion market steer if it is at least 50 percent Limousin. Applications and more information is available at the Extension office. The award is a 100.00 savings bond.

Local Horse Show Dates

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Take an Hawaiian Vacation at 4-H Camp
Registration is open for 4-H Summer Camp, July 8-11 at Camp Myrtlewood. Applications are available at the Extension office and elementary schools. All kids who have completed grades 4-6 are welcome to apply by June 18. If you are a 4-H leader or parent who would like to volunteer to help at camp, please let us know.

We still need a camp nurse and few more adult helpers! Childcare will be provided for younger children—feel free to bring them with you. 4-H Camp is a fun-filled week featuring archery, crafts, games, swimming, outdoor cookery, and educational programs on a variety of 4-H topics.

The goal of 4-H Camp is to allow campers an opportunity to master new skills, develop generosity for others, practice independence, and belong to a group beyond their family.

Camp staff includes the Extension staff, nurse, lifeguard, 4-H leaders, and trained counselors (grades 7-12). For more information about camp, check our website or call the Extension office at 572-5263.

Save Your Recyclables for 4-H Camp
We are in the process of gathering recyclable items to use in arts and crafts for 4-H Camp. Please help us out by saving clean: paper towel tubes, egg cartons, cardboard juice/milk cartons, plastic yogurt & cottage cheese containers, etc. Items can be dropped off at the Extension office anytime between now and July 3.

Colorado Hosts 2009 Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum
Save February 26 - March 1, to exchange 4-H ideas with hundreds of 4-H volunteers from 13 different states at Denver, CO who are attending the 2009 Western Region Leaders' Forum. Teen and adult volunteers attend. In addition to dozens of educational workshops and interesting keynote speakers, participants will see new 4-H products, have social time, be motivated at award dinners, choose local tours (pre-conference tours Feb. 25), and more.

Roundup in the Rockies
The simple form to submit a Workshop Proposal is due June 1. Dozens of workshops will be selected from the proposals submitted from volunteers and staff. Many workshops are presented by teen and adults working as partners. Workshops will be selected in four (4) areas: 1) working with youth, 2) building self esteem, 3) 4-H projects, 4) up-to-date education.

The 2009 WRLF site is the Marriott Denver City Center, within easy walking distance of shops, restaurants and other attractions. See hotel web site: www.denvermarriott.com. The Colorado 4-H volunteer planning committee will put more details on the WRLF website each month. Log on, find a workshop proposal, and watch the schedule of the Forum develop on: www.colorado4h.org

Oregon Beef Ambassadors Contest
This beef promotion competition is open to people ages 17 to 20 years of age. Entries are due by July 5, 2008. Rules and entry forms can be found at the Oregon Beef Council website or at the Extension office. A trip to the national competition in Oklahoma City and $500 is awarded the state winner.

An agricultural background is not a requirement of the competition. Questions may be directed to Norma Kuyper (541) 826-2508 or via return e-mail to hughescl@embarqmail.com or Ruth Moody, President, Oregon CattleWomen at rmoodym@peoplepc.com.

Courtesy Announcements
Free rolls of wire deer fencing and wood pallets - for more info call Brenda Sullivan, 751-1245
For Rent - 2 horse stalls, adjacent pasture available next year – for more info call Brenda Sullivan, 751-1245
Chloe Kuhn at 396-1804 is looking for a Mini or Holland lop rabbit.
Amber at 290-1707 is looking for a white Netherland type rabbit. Male or female.

If you are capable of clipping a llama and would be interested in hiring out please let the Extension office know. There are calls for this service every year and a name and phone number may provide you with a little change in your pocket.
5 Alpacas in need of shearing in the Coos Bay area. Call Kurt Evanow at 267-5888 or leave a message with Mike Miranda 572-2045.
Tonya Siglow - needs 3 Alpacas shorn - 266-8872
Ed Miller at 756-8985 would like 6 laying hens - white or brown eggs. Also one rooster.
4-H Food Preparation Contests
The 4-H Food Preparation, Mini Meals, Measuring Skills and Foods Judging Contests will all be held on Saturday, June 14, 9:00 – 3:00 at the Extension office in Myrtle Point. For more information about these contests, see the fairbook. For questions and judge’s information forms, please contact the Extension office. These contests are moving to June 14 from their usual July date to allow 4-H’ers to have more time in July to prepare for Fair.

4-H Knitting, Clothing and Fashion Revue Contests
The Knitting, Crocheting and Clothing Skills Contests, Fashion Revue and Off-The-Rack Contests will be held Tuesday, July 15 as usual. The skills contests will be from 9:00 – Noon at the Extension office. Fashion Revue and Off-The-Rack will be held from 12:30 – 3:00 at the fairgrounds Davenport 4-H Building. For more information about these contests, see the fairbook. If you have questions, please contact the Extension office.

Volunteers and Animals Wanted for 4-H Petting Zoo at Fair
Please contact the Extension office if your club is willing to take a shift hosting the 4-H petting zoo. We would also appreciate having people sign-up to bring in animals. The petting zoo is a great opportunity for young children to learn about small and medium-sized animals and how to care for them. It’s a chance to visit with fair-goers about your 4-H experiences and share your knowledge.

Congratulations to the Coos County Spring Horse Classic Teams on a Job Well Done!
Coos County 4-H members participated in several of the contests at the statewide Spring Horse Classic hosted by Umatilla County in April. These contests include: Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging and Public Speaking.

Horse Bowl
Senior Teams — Douglas/Coos 5th
Senior Individual — Brenna Hurley 10th
Intermediate Teams — Coos 8th
Intermediate Individual — Hannah Swenson 9th

Hippology
Senior Teams — Coos 4th
Senior Individuals — Lois Hannah 5th
Brenna Hurley 6th

Judging
Senior Teams — Coos 4th
Senior Individuals — Lois Hannah 2nd
Brenna Hurley 4th

Intermediate Teams — Coos 2nd
Intermediate Individual — Hannah Swenson 9th
Intermediate Teams — Coos 8th

Intermediate Public Speaking
Chelsie Baker 9th

And, a special thanks to Shelly Swenson and Melissa Bates for giving a tremendous amount of time and energy as the coaches!

The annual 4-H Spaghetti Feed and Auction was held on April 5th at the Coquille Community Building. There was a full house, plenty of spaghetti and a large choice of silent and oral auction items to bid on. The funds raised from the dinner and auction go to fund part of Camp Myrtlewood, scholarships for trainings and retreats for the Southwestern Oregon Junior Leaders Association, OSU Summer Days, Know Your State Government in Salem, the Japanese Exchange Program, the Awards and Recognition Dinner, and 4-H Marketing & Promotion. This year Kitty Earl from Coquille is looking forward to going to Japan as part of the 4-H Exchange program. Her family has had the wonderful experience of hosting Japanese students in past summers.

Jim Mahon, once again, did a wonderful job as the event’s auctioneer. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses and individuals that donated items and for supporting the 4-H program. Members of various 4-H Clubs take responsibility for securing auction items, setting up the auction items, decorating tables, serving food, assisting in the kitchen, bussing tables and clean up. Our own, Danielle Crockett with Hauser Dune Riders 4-H club and this year’s Coos County Fair & Rodeo Queen was there to greet the guests as they arrived and assisted the auctioneer.

An annual tradition at the Spaghetti Feed is the Twin Oaks 4-H Club’s table of delicious desserts. This fundraiser designates a different project each year that they donate the money raised to. This year they raised $500 and it went to the Barn Raising Project at the Fairgrounds. The Twin Oaks members have been providing desserts for most of the 21 years since the spaghetti feed began. The Twin Oaks Livestock 4-H Club was started as a dairy club in the mid 1940’s and now has all livestock projects except llamas and horses. Based in Myrtle Point, members come from all over the county for club meetings and activities.
Growin’ Yer Grub Summer Day Camps

Aug 4-7 and Aug 18-21

Who: Open to anyone who has just completed the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade.

What: The Growin’ Yer Grub summer day camp program is a fun adventure in which you will learn to grow your own food and how to cook it once you have grown it. It is a great way to have fun and make some new friends.

Where: Coquille: August 4-7
N. Bend: August 18-21

When: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm Mon. to Thurs.

Activities include: Food and Nutrition; Swim time; Gardening; Special Speakers

Cost: $35 for the week, includes swimming fee. If you have a summer swim pass the fee is reduced.

Registration: Youth must register for the day camp by July 25, 2008 for Coquille and by August 8, 2008 for North Bend. Forms and registration information available soon.

Camp Staff: Master Gardeners, Family Food Educators and 4-H teens.

State Fair Older Youth Opportunities

Although the snow is still flying and thoughts of Oregon State Fair are more of a “sunshine event”, now is the time that opportunities are being planned for the older youth who want to be involved with State Fair beyond showing or entering contests. They may apply to be a Teen Staff member to stay in the dorm free, receive $15.00 per day for food, and assist the 4-H State Fair Staff with tasks of all types. They may also spend some time staffing the 4-H Information Desk to share their knowledge about joining 4-H and answer questions for the fair visitors who tour the building.

In the 4-H Exhibit Building there are several types of opportunities which will give them the experience of leadership at the state level and the fun of helping/being at fair even if they weren’t chosen to represent their county at a contest or show.

• Chair or co-chair an exhibit area
• Chair or co-chair a contest.
• Assist someone else who has volunteered to chair
• Clerk for a judge on Judging Day for static exhibits on August 19 or during fair for a contest.
• Assist for a day or more with day-to-day operations in the 4-H department.

If you are interested in more information about any of these positions, please call the Extension office or email elissa.wells@oregonstate.edu.

Small Animal Barn Clean-up and Repair — June 21st

There will be a clean-up and repair party on Saturday June 21st starting at 10 am. Vandalism occurred during the winter months and the barn has a real need of some TLC. There is definitely cleaning and probably some repair work needed. Considering the scope of the damage, the superintendents and leaders would like to get a good start on the project. All small animal members are requested to attend this work party. Anyone else is also welcome to stop in and help. Please bring cleaning supplies and tools.

First Aid & CPR Training

We will be offering First Aid and CPR for 4-H leaders and members this summer. First Aid will be June 16 and CPR will be June 18. Both will be at the Extension office from 6:30 – 9:00 pm and will cost $5. Our instructor will be Donna Martz, Myrtle Point School District nurse. Space is limited to 16 people, so call the Extension office to reserve your spot by June 11. Books are available for studying ahead of time, if you’d like.

Animal Science Project Records are available online!

A Word file for 4-H Animal Science Record for Junior Members (4-H 1001R) is now available on the EESC 4-H website. http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/4-h1001r.doc Other project records that are fillable online include My Permanent Record (4-H 033R) and 4-H Horse Record (4-H 130R). More project records will be available online in the next few months. In the meantime you can still find forms on our county site or request a CD from the Extension office.
4-H Record Books Due July 15

4-H records must be submitted to the Extension Office between July 1 and July 15. Books will not be accepted for review after July 15.

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. 17, 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.

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 $250.

Tickets are $3 each (or 2 for $5). The drawing will be held the evening of July 26 during the fair. (Need not be present to win.) All proceeds go to support 4-H.

Upcoming Clinics, Shows & Camps in Other Counties

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WE NEED YOU!
CAN YOU HELP US MAKE 4-H EVENTS RUN SMOOTHLY?

If you can volunteer any of your time in any of the areas listed below, please complete this sheet and return it to the Extension Office by July 10 (or June 10 for foods). You will be contacted regarding specifics about the assignment.

THANK YOU!

Name_________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address________________________________________________________________

Phone_________________________________________________________________________

JUDGING ASSISTANTS:

_____ Food Skills Contests June 14 (call for location)
_____ Outdoor Cookery Clerk June 14 (call for location)
_____ Clothing Skills Contest Clerk July 15
_____ Fashion Revue July 15
_____ Clothing Judging Contest July 15
_____ Presentations Clerk July 12 & 13
_____ Meat Animal Judging Contest July 25
_____ Dairy Judging Contest July 25
_____ Natural Resource I.D. Contest July 21
_____ Livestock Shows and Contests July 22, 23, 24
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_____ Photography Exhibits July 20 & 21
_____ Engineering and Related Exhibits July 20 & 21
_____ Horticulture Exhibits July 20 & 21
_____ Natural Science Exhibits July 20 & 21

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

_____ 4-H/FFA Auction Animal Sale July 26
_____ Fashion Revue Commentator July 22
_____ Fashion Revue Stage Decorators (before July 22)
_____ Exhibit Entry Assistant July 20 & 21
_____ Static Exhibit Arrangers July 20 & 21
_____ Ribbon Distributor July 21-25
_____ Exhibit Building Take Down and Clean-up July 27
_____ State Fair Exhibit Preparation August 13-15

Call Elissa at the Extension Office 572-5263 for detailed descriptions of any of these volunteer positions.
Dear 4-H Families,

There was a great turnout for the 25th annual 4-H Spaghetti Feed and Auction on April 21. Thank you to all of the leaders, members, and families who helped make it a success. We also certainly appreciate the local businesses who donated items to be auctioned and the community members who purchased silent and oral auction items. Funds raised at this event will support next year’s 4-H activities.

Summer is just around the corner and we are gearing up for all sorts of fun (and educational) summer 4-H activities! Plans are coming right along for our two largest events Camp and County Fair. If you have questions about any of the events described in this newsletter, please call or send me an email. This newsletter mentions several opportunities for older youth, leaders, and parents to volunteer some time to help things run smoothly.

Please read through the descriptions of these opportunities and sign up for one or two. 4-H activities are most successful when we all share the work.

Thanks and have a fun (and safe) summer!
Elissa Wells, 4-H Agent

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