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County Medal Winners

Congratulations to the following individuals on their achievements in 4-H and recordkeeping for the 2008-09 project year. A big Thank You to everyone that turned in their records to be reviewed and to the reviewers. Keep up the good work.

Junior – Certificates

- Clay Hermann
- Austin Layton
- Cody Miller
- Christian Rains

Intermediate Medals

- Kelsey Nelson – Horticulture
- Darrin Olson – Consumer Education
- Bradley Rains – Judging

Senior Medals

- Brooke Crawford - Dogs
- Chance DeMain – Achievement
- Kasey Dixson – Poultry
- Lindsey Hammack - Beef
- Eric Rains – Swine

Horse Top Hand — Charlene Ramsey Way to Go. She showed a supreme example of Great Sportsmanship, excellent records and a helping hand to other 4-H members.

Coos County 4-H Leaders Meetings:

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| November 24th | January 26th |
| March 30th | May 25th |
| June 22nd | September 28th |



Challenge to all 4-Hers

My name is Cody Harkins and I am a member of the Twin Oaks 4-H Club. I show swine and rabbits at the fair. I have donated \$100 from my auction check to help build a new livestock showing at the fairgrounds. At my last 4-H meeting, I asked all of the other kids who sold animals at the auction to donate at least \$25 from their auction check to help build the showing.

I would like all 4-H members who sold at the auction to help with this project so we can have a new showing for next year. Please think about donating part of your auction money to this project. You can give your donation to Elissa at the 4-H Office. Thank You.

2010 Fair Queen Selected

 Congratulations are extended to Natalie Hutcheson the new 2010 Coos County Fair and Rodeo Queen. The contestants were all excellent and the choice was not an easy one. The county will be well represented by Natalie.

National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest

Kasey Dixson, a Marshfield High School student and member of the Coos County 4-H program, will join three high school youth from Polk County on the Oregon 4-H Poultry Judging Team. All four team members received top scores at the Oregon 4-H poultry judging contest at the 2009 Oregon State Fair in August. The team is preparing to travel to the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest held in conjunction with the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, November 18-19, 2009.

Along with studying for the contest, team members are actively fundraising to cover their travel expenses. Donations for the team can be made at Coos Grange Supply, Milk-E-Way Feed, The Myrtle Point Feed Store and the OSU Extension Service office in Myrtle Point. For more information, please call Elissa Wells, 572-5263 ext. 293.

Visit Rip City this year at 4-H Night with the Portland Trailblazers!!

This is the third year Oregon 4-H has partnered with the team to provide this opportunity to our members, it is a lot of fun! This year's game is **March 25, 2010**. It's a Thursday evening game against the Dallas Mavericks and makes a great spring break family, club, or county wide activity (Wallowa county made a really neat trip out of it last year).

The official flyer from the trailblazers is still in production but we wanted to get the information out. Tickets are offered at a discounted price for our members and even in the 300 section you have a really good time.

Again the state will have the opportunity to let 20 middle school and younger members high five the blazers before the game. If you plan on going please encourage people to buy their tickets early. They reserve a block of tickets for us however once the rest of the Rose Garden starts to fill up they release those tickets (4-H usually has 85-135 people there). Most of the games last year were sell outs and they are looking even better this year so don't wait until the last minute. **All friends, family, and alumni are welcome. Don't miss out on the 40th anniversary of the Blazers franchise celebration!**

Fairgrounds Update

We are working on raising enough money to build a new livestock showing/covered arena prior to the 2010 County Fair. So far we have just over \$21,000 committed to this project. We are looking at an 80' x 100' building, similar to the Llama Show Ring, that will be built between the Goat Show Ring and the Llama Show Ring. Bids for the building materials are approximately \$40,000 and we hope to use volunteers to construct the building. We are also looking for someone familiar with pole barn construction to oversee the actual construction. If you would like to help with this project, tax-deductible donations to the Coos Community Foundation can be dropped off at or sent to the 4-H office. Donations can also be dropped off at any branch of Oregon First Community Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the volunteer list, please contact Robin Harkins at 541-267-3634 or forestmaps@gmail.com.

We are also working on grants for the larger livestock barn/arena. We are looking at a 120' x 300' building with potential for additional width to be added in the future.

As you may already know, the Fairgrounds office is only open on Mondays from 8 AM to 3 PM until later in the spring. Please try to conduct any fairgrounds business during these hours or leave a message on the answering machine. Don't forget to get your **camper registrations sent in and paid by January 1st, 2010** to reserve your spot for next years fair. Select you're A & B choices. Fair Board meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coos County Courthouse.

Robin Harkins

100 Years for Pendleton Woolen Mills

To celebrate the 100th birthday of the mill and the 62nd year (since 1947) they have sponsored the "Make It With Wool Contest", the Oregon Sheep Growers are encouraging all that sew, knit and crochet to sign-up for the 2009 contest to be held December 5th in Pendleton, OR. Competition is open to all ages, even adults. Contestants are judged on appropriateness to the contestant's lifestyle, the design and coordination of fabric/yarn to the construction and style of the garment. Winners compete again in Nashville January 20-23 at the 2010 American Sheep Industry Convention. For more details and the registration form visit www.oregonmiww.com. You can also find the information at the Coos County Extension office.

Auction Committee Updates

Once again there will be required meetings for 4-H and FFA members planning to participate in the auction program in the coming year. There will be two meeting dates available to choose from, February 9th or March 9th. The meetings start at 7:30 pm in the Extension office conference room. You must have attended a meeting prior to your weigh-in date. Regular meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from February through October at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This will be the 25th Anniversary of the Auction program and promotion/celebration ideas are welcome. If you have pictures or other items you would like to share please bring them to the Extension office to be included in the fair display. The committee would also like to invite all former participants to attend the sale during the 2010 Coos County Fair, July 31st. More details to come.

Beef weigh-ins March 13th Swine, Sheep and Goats April 10th

Baking for the Holidays?

Hold back a dozen or two of those cookies and freeze them for the Leaders Horse Show in February. Other treats are also needed and these donated items help keep the cost down in the kitchen. They can be delivered to the Extension office if you do not have freezer space at your house. Proceeds from the show and cookshack go back to the Leaders Association general fund to benefit everyone involved in the 4-H program.

HORSE

The 4-H Horse and Pony Driving Manual (4-H 1321, PNW 229) has been revised, and is now available online at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/jspui/bitstream/1957/12608/1/4-h1321.pdf>

The 4-H Horse Contest Guide (4-H 13011, PNW 574) has been revised, and is now available online at <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/PNW574/PNW0574.pdf>

Now Online!

The following publications are now available online at the 4-H website:

- Cast Ceramics (4-H 740)
- Fashion Revue Manual (4-H 9202)
- Fit It All Together Unit 2 Member Guide (4-H 9315)
- Fit It All Together Unit 2 Leader Guide (4-H 9315L)
- Knitting Skills (4-H 961)
- 4-H Officer Handbook (4-H 035)
- 4-H Secretary's Book (4-H 036)
- Dairy Cattle Showmanship Guide (4-H 1116)
- Poultry and Pigeon Advancement Program (4-H 1501R)
- 4-H Horticulture Advancement Guide (4-H 2301R)
- Oregon 4-H Flower and Ornamental Growers Handbook (4-H 231)

2010 Outbound 4-H International Exchange Programs

Application materials for potential outbound 4-H international exchange delegates are now available on the Oregon 4-H Web site. On the web site click on "Things to Do", then on "Travel Abroad". This will bring you to the first page for the 4-H World Citizenship Project. Now go to the 4-H International Exchange Programs section. This year we are offering outbound exchange programs to the following countries: Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway.

Application materials for all countries are due postmarked by January 7, 2010. If you might have adults interested in being a chaperone those application materials are also due postmarked by January 7, 2010.

Cookie Camp

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 am—Noon at the Extension office. You'll learn new tips and techniques for baking great cookies. You'll also get to bake and decorate cookies, and take home new cookie recipes. Get ready for the holiday baking season with this fun workshop! Space will be limited to the first 20 kids who register. To register, call 572-5263 ext. 293 or email Elissa.

Scholarship Clinic

College scholarship applications can look like a lot of work, but they really are not that bad. Spending a little time writing them can sure pay off big if you receive some money! Winter break is a great time to get started on college scholarship applications as many of them are due between January and March. Come to the OSU Extension Service office on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 11-Noon and learn about state 4-H scholarships that are available, as well as some helpful tips for making the process easier.

4-H Records Workshop

Winter is a great time to start your 4-H records for the year. Do you have questions about what to write where and how to fill out some of the record forms? Bring your recordbook and join us at the OSU Extension Service office for a workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 2-4 pm. We will answer your questions, help you start filling out the forms, and share tips for making record keeping a little easier. Feel free to go as soon as your questions are answered or stay for the whole time.

Important Dates for Horse Project Members

Horse Judging, Nov. 22, 10 am, Family Four

Feb. 13 Western and Showmanship clinic at Family Four

Horse Bowl practice, Dec. 13, 2-4 pm, Extension office

Leaders Show, Feb. 14 at Family Four

Horse Bowl, Jan. 31, 10 am, Extension office

4-H Camp is now confirmed and will be June 29-July 2

Western Region 4-H Leader's Forum (WRLF)

The 2010 WRLF gives everyone a chance to travel to New Mexico this coming year. Mark your calendars and plan to be in Albuquerque March 11-14. There are a number of Oregonians accepting their invitation to "Come to the Land of Enchantment!" This is a great way to get energized and bring new resources to Coos County and beyond. All 4-H leaders, teens and staff from the 13 western states are invited to attend. The event will be capped at 400 participants so register early.

The event website is: <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/>. On the 12th and 13th there will be 64 workshops on a diverse range of topics, as well as speakers, commercial exhibits, entertainment and activities.



Southwest Oregon Regional Leaders' Forum

A forum is in the planning stages for Saturday, February 6, 2010 in Roseburg at the Roseburg High School. Details about starting times and classes will be designed around the workshops that are offered to be taught by volunteer leaders, teens, judges and agents.

The deadline for the Workshop Proposal Forms to be returned to the state office is December 1. These may be in electronic form, faxed or mailed. The proposal forms are available at the Extension office and can be submitted through Elissa to the state forum coordinator. A selection committee will then plan the workshop schedule. A \$10 fee will be collected from all participants and this will include lunch.

Registration forms and class information will be sent to all counties on December 15 to be returned by January 29. This will allow presenters time to plan for class size and what materials they prepare.

New Publication CD Available Now

A CD containing all state supported 4-H resources is now available at the Extension office for our 4-H leaders. The CD has electronic pdf files of most State 4-H publications and other resources which can be quickly accessed and printed without relying on an internet connection. We hope this will be a useful and valuable item for our leaders.

The CD was developed in order to provide volunteers who have **limited internet access** with the ability to download Oregon 4-H electronic publications. **All of the pdf files on the CD are also on the state 4-H website**, and we encourage those of you with fast speed internet access to that resource, especially since it reflects the most current set of learning resources offered by Oregon 4-H. The CD's can be copied and are at the Extension office if your club would like a copy.

All Project Records are available online!

Several 4-H project records are now available on the EESC 4-H website:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/>

If the record you are looking for is not there you can find forms on our county site or request a CD from the Extension office.

Strict Enrollment Deadlines

If you are even thinking about entering anything at state fair, new state rules require that 4-H enrollment is in place by January 31st. There will be no exceptions. Be certain your enrollment is in by the 15th.

New leader training:

Nov. 9, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Coos Bay Library Cedar Room

4-H Participation Fees

Beginning with fall enrollment new fees will be assessed as leaders and members enroll in project club work. The fees will be on a sliding scale for all families. The first two members of the family will be \$20 each with every additional member at \$5 each. This fee will cover the insurance and 2 projects. All additional projects will be assessed at \$2 a piece. The \$20 per person will cover any project area from static programs to horses.

If you and your family are unable to cover the amount of the new fees there are scholarships available, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. These fees are **due by January 15th** of the new year, after that date the amount increases to \$25 for the first two and \$5 for each additional person.

If you have questions about the new fees or wish to request a wavier please contact Elissa or Heather at the Extension office 541-572-5263. Elissa is ext. 293 and Heather is at ext. 242.

**Coos County Horse Judging Team and Speakers
Headed to the Western National Roundup in Denver**

January in Denver may be a cold snowy affair, but the 4 members of the Coos County team and their coach are too busy studying and trying to raise funds for their trip to worry about the weather. The team qualified at the Spring Horse Classic for nationals and they are headed out.

Carrie Plouff, Lois Hannah, Brenna Hurley and Hannah Swenson are ready to judge horses, feed, whatever is put in front of them. Hannah and Natalie Hutcheson have also been perfecting their public speaking skills for their respective competitions.

The team has been busy fundraising as well as practicing, but still have need of additional funds for the trip. There are several fundraisers in the works for November as well as the candle sales that were began in October. Anyone wishing to help with these can contact Melissa Bates or Elissa Wells. Donations can be sent to the Extension office.

Upcoming Team Fundraisers:

Oct. 15 – Nov 7
Scentsy Wickless Candle Sales

Nov. 9
Coquille Figaro's pizza
5:30-8:30 All you can eat pizza
Adults \$7, kids \$5
Family of 5 or more \$20

Nov. 27
Gift wrapping at Pony Village Mall
Specific Location TBD
Donations accepted

For more info about any of these contact Melissa Bates at (541) 290-1445.

Upcoming Events Around the State:

4-H Critter Campus Saturday, January 30, 2010 Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall (small animal educational workshops/clinic)

Clatsop County is hosting a **Survivor Camp** the weekend of January 15, 16,17. All counties are welcome and youth do not need to be in 4-H to attend. Flyer available at the Coos County Extension office or online.

4-H WORLD Friday, February 12-Sunday, February 14
4-H Center, Salem
(Western Oregon Regional Leadership Development retreat)

4-H Performing Arts Camp Week of Spring Break
4-H Center, Salem (dance forms, music, instrumental)

Available Project Animals

3 month old Angus Crossbred heifer. Very tame and has been weaned from it's mother. Interested members can call Karen Jernstedt at 541-572-5542 and she will contact the owner.

2 horses looking for good, approved homes. Quarter horse mare, 17 years, broke for an experienced rider, was a 4-H and Equestrian Team horse. Also an Appy gelding, 23 years, blind in one eye. Was a 4-H horse and once belonged to one of the fair court queens. Contact Robin at 267-5059.

Llama looking for a good home. Born in August 2008, male. Dark brown with a white blaze, pictures are at the Extension office. Ron and Donna Wright would like him to go to a 4-H home to be used as a project animal. If interested please call them at 267-6130

**The American Red Cross
Holiday Mail for Heroes**

By: Debbie Vanderbeek
Senior Associate,
Policy and Program Development, ARC

The American Red Cross (ARC), with the support of Pitney Bowes, is pleased to once again sponsor the Holiday Mail for Heroes. Our goal is to let the military, their families, and veterans know that America cares. People can send their cards to the American Red Cross special mailbox from November 2, 2009 through December 7, 2009. We must strictly adhere to this date to ensure that there is time to screen, sort, and distribute the cards. Please visit our website for the address (it will be posted on November 2, 2009) and additional information, including guidance for making and sending cards.

If you know of a group of military members, family members, or veterans who would like to receive cards, or if you have questions, please email the ARC Holiday Mail for Heroes point of contact.

Below is the information about the Holiday Mail program to send cards to deployed soldiers. If you have questions you can check with our local Red Cross rep Laura Fields fieldsl@usa.redcross.org.

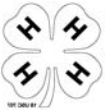
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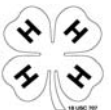
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To the Family of:



AGENT NOTES



Dear 4-H Families,

The leaves are changing colors and pumpkins are roosting on porch steps, so fall must be here. Hope yours is off to a great start. You will probably hear from your 4-H club leader soon, if you haven't already had your first meeting of the new year.

Remember to turn in your 4-H enrollment forms as soon as possible, so you can continue to participate in 4-H, be covered by insurance and continue to receive the Monitor. This year, all 4-H'ers who would like to participate in state fair need to be enrolled by Jan. 31. There is also a new state 4-H enrollment fee. See page 4 of the Monitor for details.

This Monitor contains lots of important dates for upcoming programs, deadlines, auction weigh-ins, etc. so please read it carefully. Call the OSU Extension office for more information about any of these events.

Enjoy your fall!
Elissa Wells, 4-H Agent

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November 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Denver Team Figaro's Pizza fundraiser 5:30 & New leader training | 10 6:30 Coos Bay | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 National 4-H Conference | 19 Poultry & Egg Louisville, KY | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Horse Judging 10 AM | 23 | 24 Leaders meeting 6:45 PM | 25 | 26 Thanksgiving Office closed the 26th and 27th | 27 Denver Team Gift wrapping at Pony Village | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

December 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Cookie Camp 10 AM |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Horse Bowl Practice 2-4 PM | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Scholarship Clinic 11 AM |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Extension The 23rd | 24 Office Closed 24th and 25th | 25 <i>Christmas</i> | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Records Workshop 2 PM | 31 | | |

January 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 <i>New Years</i> Office Closed | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 4-H Western | 7 National | 8 Roundup | 9 Denver, CO |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Enrollments Due to club leaders | 16 |
| 17 | 18 <i>Holiday</i> Office Closed | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Leaders meeting 6:45 PM | 27 | 28 Registrations due for SW OR Regional Leaders | 29 Last day to accept enrollment with regular fees | 30 |
| 31 Horse Bowl 10 AM | | | | | | |

February 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------------|
| | 1 Enrollment fees increase by \$5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 SW OR Leaders Forum-Roseburg |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Auction meeting 7:30 pm | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Horse Clinics Western and Showmanship |
| 14 Leaders Open Horse Show | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Horse Leaders meeting 6:30 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | | | | | | |

Showmanship Clinic

Rhonda Altenbach

Ring's Horse Country

November 11, 2009

Proceeds to be donated to Coquille High School Equestrian Team

10:00 – 12:00 Beginning/intermediate
12:00 – 1:30 Lunch
Banding, braiding and show grooming
demonstration

1:30 – 3:30 Intermediate/advanced

Please check which group you would like to attend

Cost \$20.00 which includes lunch

Lunch for spectators \$3.00

Name _____ Phone _____

Please send by Nov 4, space is limited

Rhonda Altenbach, 60472 Fairview Rd. Coquille, Or 97423
541-396-5911

Fall Horse Show

November 29, 2009

Family Four Stables

Proceeds to Coquille High School Project Graduation

Judges: Coos County 4-H State Judging Team

Four placings per performance class

| Sign-up 8:00 | Ride—9:00 | Classes \$4.00 | Arena fee \$4.00 | | |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|-------|-----|
| Showmanship | PW | 9-13 | 14-18 | 19-38 | 39+ |
| Western Pleasure | PW | 9-13 | 14-18 | 19-38 | 39+ |
| Western Equitation | PW | 9-13 | 14-18 | 19-38 | 39+ |
| Trail | PW | 9-13 | 14-18 | 19-38 | 39+ |
| Barrels | PW | 9-13 | 14-18 | 19-38 | 39+ |
| Poles | PW | 9-13 | 14-18 | 19-38 | 39+ |

Name _____

Age _____

Horse _____

Signature _____

As condition of participation , the participant or parent or guardian waves the right to bring an action against Project Graduation Committee, Family Four of their representatives for an injury or death arising out of riding, grooming or participating



Curry County 4-H



Small Animal Workshop

Saturday November 21, 2009



Rabbits --- Cavies --- Poultry --- Dogs --- Cats

Location: The Event Center on the Beach

Livestock Building - Curry County Fairgrounds

Gold Beach, Oregon

Judge: Katie Paaso – Seaside Oregon

Pre Registration: \$10.00 per 4-H participant (not per animal)
 Showmanship and Confirmation

Registration Deadline November 10th

Check-in starts at 10:30 am and show will begin at 11:00 am!!

Bring a lunch - beverages will be provided.

Bring all your animals in leak proof cages.

If you have animals to sell, there will be a sale area separate from show area.

For more information/questions: **Call Gregory Christensen at (541) 469-0677**



ENTRY FORM

Small Animal Workshop November 21, 2009



Mail entries (including check payable to Curry County 4-H Leaders Ass.) to:

Curry County 4-H Extension Office
P.O. Box 488
Gold Beach, OR 97444

**Registration must be received by
Nov. 10th!**





Exhibitor Name: _____ Phone: _____ County: _____

Species: Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Dog, Cat

4-H Level: (circle one) Senior Intermediate Junior Beginner-Novice

| Species | Variety | Sex | Age | Tag#/Tattoo |
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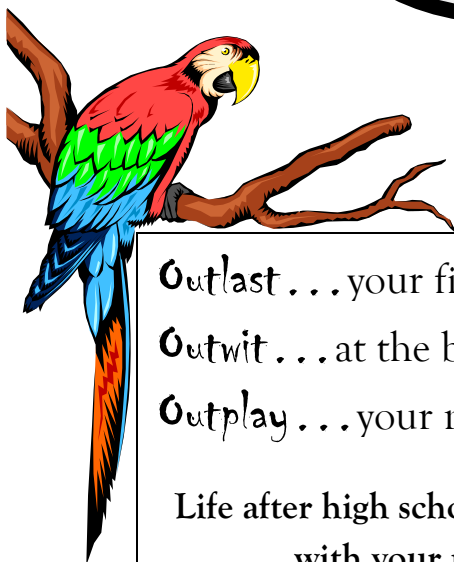
-  Rabbits & Cavies: Bring your own show carpet
-  Poultry: Bring show stick.
-  Cats with unclipped nails or claws will not be allowed to show. A harness and leash are required when showing your cat.
-  Dogs: A 6' leash and kennel or exercise pen required.

SURVIVOR: CAMP

...How to Survive after High School!



REAL LIFE!



Are You Ready for the Challenge?

Outlast . . . your first roommate, cooking meals, paying bills, budgets.

Outwit . . . at the business dinner & Tribal Council.

Outplay . . . your neighbor at the "Game of Life" & the "bean" game.

Life after high school doesn't stop—there's always a next step! Spend a weekend with your peers and do some hands-on preparation for real life.

WHEN: January 15 -17, 2010

WHERE: Olney Grange, Astoria, OR

WHO: High School Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores

\$\$\$ \$60.00 (scholarships available to Clatsop County 4-Hers members)



Registration Deadline - January 4, Limited to 30 - Open to all youth

Registration Form for 4-H Survivor Camp, January 15-17

Make checks payable to Clatsop County 4-H Leaders Association

Clip and send to: Clatsop County Extension Service, 2001 Marine Drive, Room 210, Astoria, OR 97103

Phone: 503-325-8573 Fax: 503-325-7910

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Gender _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

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News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: October 13, 2009
FROM: David R. Jackson
4-H Forestry Invitational Chair



National 4-H Forestry Invitational Launches a New Look Online!

October 13, 2009--Athens, GA. The National 4-H Forestry Invitational has released a completely redesigned website (www.4hforestryinvitational.org) and a brand new Facebook page! With the help of Southern Regional Extension Forestry specialists and funding provided by Farm Credit System (<http://wilkins.sref.info/www/4h/4h/about/sponsors>), the website, long overdue for an update, has a brand new look and feel! The purpose of the update was to redesign the site, giving it a more up to date look that would appeal to youth audiences. The Invitational committee has also given the site more functionality, with easy to access training material and user friendly technological advances such as online registration and forms. The site will be your main source for information related to the National 4-H Forestry Invitational competition. Check it out!

The National 4-H Forestry Invitational Facebook page will serve as a supplement to the redesigned site. Its purpose is to provide an online environment for the Invitational committee, coaches, team members, and alumni to interact educationally and socially. The Invitational administrators will use this site to post important news related to the upcoming Invitational along with practice questions and fun facts about forestry. Become a fan of the site and you can upload photos from past events, keep up with Invitational friends, provide the committee with feedback, post memories, and quiz each other in the discussion area! To find the Invitational on Facebook go to our new website's homepage and click on the "Find Us on Facebook" icon in the lower right. You can also type "National 4-H Forestry Invitational" into the search box on your Facebook page or go to the following URL:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/National-4-H-Forestry-Invitational/238193525251>.

The purpose of the National 4-H Forestry Invitational is to instill in our young people an appreciation for the wise use of forestlands and to demonstrate the many benefits that forests provide including wood products, clean water, wildlife habitat, fresh air, and aesthetic beauty. 4-H Foresters learn citizenship and leadership skills as well as practical forest management skills through participation in the Invitational. By learning these skills young people are better prepared to be future decision makers and leaders who may be dealing with environmental issues in the future.

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The National 4-H Forestry Invitational encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of special accommodations or have questions about the physical access provided, contact Penn State Cooperative Extension at 814-355-4897 in advance of your participation of visit.