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To the entire family of:



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4-H Youth Development Program

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Fall is here!

Fall marks a very important time of year for 4-H programs as it tends to be the time of year that we look back and reflect upon how the previous year went, where we can make some improvements for the coming year and how we can recognize the hard efforts of everyone involved in the 4-H program. I must say that I sincerely apologize for not being able to attend Recognition Night this week. I understand that it was a great turn out! It is a wonderful thing to know that all of you were there supporting the youth and volunteers in the program. I hope that all of you enjoyed the evening and all of the new awards that were presented.

As you begin to think about this next year in the program, think about some goals that you can set not only as clubs but as individuals. I'm not talking about fair based goals but much deeper goals. Goals that revolve around making a difference in our community, learning something new that will help you later on in life, some kind of goals that will have deep impact over the long term. All too often I read in the record books turned in something about "I want to get more money for my market project next year," or "my goal this year is to get a blue ribbon," those are great goals but what makes those goals even better, is truly thinking and processing about what types of things you will have to change this year to have those types of outcomes. Maybe it means learning more about how to properly select market animals, learning about how to market your projects to a consumer, learning about different techniques needed to be utilized to be successful in your project areas, etc. Fair based goals are great, but I would encourage you to also set goals that do not revolve around the county fair. Go deeper.

Goal setting for clubs is a very important part of the 4-H program as club goals help to lay the road map for the new 4-H year. As a club goal setting is important because it keeps the entire club on the same page, it sets the precedence for how the year will look, and goals help to resolve any questions about why the club does what it does from year to year. Goals also hold your club officers, members and leaders accountable to each other. The most successful clubs are those that distribute the workload and work together to accomplish set goals. And remember, clubs do not exist simply as an avenue to get to fair, but rather to provide a community atmosphere where all involved can learn together, gain life experience, and expand skills needed to be successful in adulthood. As your clubs begin to meet again this month, look at what you did this last year, talk about what you want to do this year, and draw that road map to help direct you along the path. And as always, in that reflection time, if you see areas that we here in the 4-H office can feasibly change to help further promote the Crook County 4-H program, please do not hesitate to contact either myself (jeremy.green@oregonstate.edu) or Kim Herber (kim.herber@oregonstate.edu) here at the Extension office.

Enjoy the month of November!

Jeremy Green
Crook County 4-H Agent



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Exciting Happenings for 2010

HIGH DESERT LEADERSHIP RETREAT—

For: Youth — 7th thru 12th grade

When: January 15-18, 2010

Where: Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, OR

Registration: \$150.00 until 12/18/09 then from 12/19/09 through 1/8/10 \$200.00
Includes lodging, meals, t-shirt, skill building, asset development and so much more!!

2009-2010 KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT PROGRAM—

For: Youth — 8th thru 12th grade

When: February 28-March 2, 2010

Where: University Place Hotel and Conference Center
Portland, OR

Registration: \$155.00 includes lodging for two nights; meals (two breakfasts, two lunches, and one dinner); transportation during the program while in Portland; and Program materials.

2010 WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H LEADERS FORUM—

For: All Leaders, Teens and Staff

When: March 11-13, 2010

Where: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Registration: Early Bird (postmarked by Dec. 15, 2009) \$200.00; Regular (postmarked by Jan. 15, 2010) \$250.00; Late (postmarked by Feb. 15, 2010) \$300.00.

<http://nm4h.nmsu.edu> for additional information.

Are you interested in any of these events????

Do you want to apply for a scholarship to help with the cost of the event that you would like to attend?

If you answered yes to either of these questions—call Jeremy or Kim at the Extension office 447-6228.



Horse 4-H



2010 Horse Fair—July 23 and 24!!!!

If you are involved in a horse project, please remember that you must declare your horse (or horses) that you will be riding 90 days prior to fair. So—that date would be **April 22, 2010.**

This means that you need to have the horse that you are using for horse fair in your possession by this date.

These forms are available here at the Extension office. If you have any questions, please contact Kim at **447-6228!!**

Horse Bowl dates are set—

Each of these Horse Bowls will be held at the Clover Club Building and will start promptly at 5:30 pm. with a **Potluck** dinner!!

February 16, 2010 Chili Night

March 18, 2010 Baked Potato Night

April 14, 2010 Taco Night

Start studying your books now so you are prepared to answer all those great questions!!!!



4-H Enrollment has Begun! Information about New Fees

4-H Enrollment begins October 1, 2009. It is very important that you read this closely. 4-H enrollment fees are going up this year. Due to the state budget cuts, the State 4-H office is forced to collect a state wide 4-H enrollment fee of \$15 per child if paid prior to January 15, 2010 or \$20 per child if paid after January 15, 2010. Not to exceed \$30 per family if paid prior to January 15th or \$40 per family if paid after January 15th. The Crook County Extension office will continue to collect a \$10 fee per child to help cover materials, costs for the newsletter, insurance, etc. The county fee will not exceed \$30.00. See the table below for a breakdown of the fee schedule. The Crook County Leaders Association will be offering need based scholarships to help cover the state wide enrollment fees. Scholarship forms are required to be filled out and approved prior to enrolling. Because these fees are time sensitive, be sure to get your 4-H enrollment forms in now! Re-enrollment includes filling out a 4-H enrollment form, code of conduct form, and a health form. Leaders must also re-enroll each year with leader enrollment forms.

Paid by January 15, 2010

One child—\$15.00 (state)
 \$10.00 (county)
Total—\$25.00

Paid after January 15, 2010

One child—\$20.00 (state)
 \$10.00 (county)
Total—\$30.00

Two or more children—
\$30.00 (state)
\$10.00 per child (county)

Two or more children—
\$40.00 (state)
\$10.00 per child (county)

(State and county fees max out at \$30.00 each, so the most you will pay is \$60.00 for more than (2) two children.)



CALLING ALL LEADERS!!!!

PLEASE come by the Extension office to fill out your leader enrollment forms as soon as you can. We would like to put together the Leader Directory for this 4-H year so the new 4-H members can have contact information for the clubs that they would like to join.

Are you accepting new members in your club???

As always, we are looking forward to another very successful 4-H year and we greatly appreciate each and every one of you and all that you do for the program.



Clarification on Cloverbuds

The Oregon Cloverbuds (former Adventurers) Program is an informal educational program designed for children grades K-3.

Cloverbuds require more adult supervision and their focus is on cooperative learning rather than competition. Participation, safety, personal development, learning and fun are the highest priorities for the Cloverbud program.

Cloverbud members do not participate in competitive events and are not allowed to have contact with large animals as a part of their 4-H experience. These groups do not elect officers. Their group activity could be exhibiting in a noncompetitive way with a display at fair which could receive "display or participation" ribbons.

There is a primary difference between a 4-H Cloverbud activity and a 4-H project. A Cloverbud member engages in varied activities which focus on developing a specific skill or concept to complete the activity. A 4-H project focuses on a long-term, planned course of study in a specific project area.

If your K-3rd grader competed at fair last year, they did so by showing in the Open Class through the fair grounds. Open class can encompass anyone from age 5 on up. All **open class** fair entries and fees are handled thru the Crook County Fair office, **not** the OSU Extension office.

The Cloverbud program is an excellent way to introduce the younger kids to 4-H and get them ready and excited for the years to come. We would love to have this program be a very active part of our Crook County 4-H, in order to do just that we need to have a leader or two! If you are interested or know of someone that would be a perfect fit, please call Jeremy or Kim 447-6228.

The National 4-H website for information on the Cloverbuds:

<http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/library/fs-cluberbuds-02-08.pdf>



Club Financial Reports Due



December 31, 2009 is the day!!!!!!



All club leaders **must complete and submit this report form** to the Crook County Extension office for your year-end financial report. If you do not, your bank account will be closed and all monies confiscated. If your club does not have a bank account, please turn in this form with the words "No Bank Account" written in the account number area.

Club Inventory is also due at the same time. Please list all of the **CLUB INVENTORY** on the back of the Financial Report form. This would be anything that your club has that the club purchased with club money through time. Any questions—call Jeremy or Kim at the Extension office.



WANTED:

4-H BLUE RIBBON RECIPES.

Calling all Crook County 4-H blue ribbon food participants and leaders, past and presentwe want your recipes!

We want this to be a history book of Crook County 4-H!! Send us your funny stories, things you had to substitute at the skills contest, photos, etc. Email: kldconstruction@aol.com or send to P.O. Box 1244, Prineville, OR 97754. Please include your contact information.

