“A VERY BIG THANK YOU”

Fair has come and gone. It seems strange to think that in some aspects of the 4-H program we all spend an entire year waiting for one such culminating event. And then before we know it, it is here and gone again so very quickly. One thing which amazes me every year about county fair is how for one week we literally have hundreds of youth, parents, volunteers, family members, siblings, community supporters and many others who step in and lend a hand to ensure the fair is a BIG success. Everyone has a part, everyone helps in some way and everyone hopefully benefits one way or another. Whether your own personal motivation for the week is intrinsic or extrinsic, wishing to succeed yourself as a youth, as a parent hoping to see your child make positive strides in their confidence level or as a volunteer having the opportunity to impact so many youth within the community, I hope you all gained something positive from the 2009 Crook County Fair. There truly are no amount of words that I can think of which could possibly capture the sincere gratitude I feel towards each and every one of your efforts during fair, so for lack of better words, I would simply like to say “THANK YOU.” Thank you for what you all do in support of the Crook County 4-H program, and more importantly, thank you for taking the time to invest in the lives of our youth and community.

Best Regards,

Jeremy Green

“RECOGNITION NIGHT: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS”

Recognition night is just around the corner, November 2, 2009 at the Clover building starting at 5:30 pm. This year the 4-H Leaders Association is offering a slate of new awards in addition to county medal awards. Awards that each and every one of you, whether you are a youth, club, volunteer, or 4-H supporter are eligible for. All these awards are based upon nominations. Don’t wait to fill these out and send them in, do it now, while you are thinking about it. This is your opportunity to nominate others and/or yourself for some very important recognition. Recognition that is deserved and recognition that is needed! The list of possible awards and nomination form is enclosed within this newsletter. The deadline for all nominations and record books is October 12, 2009, turned into the Extension Office by 5 p.m. Don’t delay, nominate today!
FOR THE UPCOMING 4-H YEAR

October 1, 2009

4-H Enrollment Begins!

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. 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! Reenrollment includes filling out a 4-H enrollment form, code of conduct form, and a health form. Leaders must also reenroll each year with leader enrollment forms.

Paid by January 15, 2010
One child $15.00 (state) plus $10.00 (county) = $25.00
Two or more children $30.00 total (state) plus $10.00 per child (county) = varies depending on # of children

Paid after January 15, 2010
One child $20.00 (state) plus $10.00 (county) = $30.00
Two or more children $40.00 total (state) plus $10.00 per child (county) = varies depending on # of children

Enrollment Forms

Enrollment forms are available at the extension office and on the website!!! With the new enrollment deadlines you may want to get your enrollment forms done early this year!!

Any questions, please contact Kim at the Extension office 447-6228.
Get Involved with 4-H!!!!!!

Looking for Leaders!
If you or someone you know would be a perfect 4-H leader... let them know, we are in need of some new leaders. Our youth numbers are growing and as such we are in need for more leaders. New leader packets can be picked up at the CC Extension office. Below are some specific areas we are in need of help with but if you have an idea for a new project or even an existing project not listed, please stop by the Extension office today.

Crook County Adventurer’s Club
This club is for our younger youth, K-3rd grade. This club can be ran in a variety of different ways. We have all the curriculum necessary, we simply need a leader or a couple of leaders to step up and help get these young youth well on their way in the world of 4-H.

Sheep Clubs
We are looking for more sheep leaders! We have more youth interested in this project area but not enough leaders. Please help fill this void!

Swine Clubs
We are in need of some additional swine leaders. Our clubs are out growing their capacity. Sign up today to help youth with their swine projects.

Poultry and Rabbit Clubs
Know a little about chickens or rabbits? If you do, you are a perfect candidate to step in and help this growing project areas expand!

Home Ec Clubs
We are looking for leaders to help with our Home Ec area (cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and photography).

Lego Robotics/Engineering Club
Are you a wiz in technology? We need a computer savvy tech leader to help our lego robotics and engineering kids!

Natural Resources Club
If you like hiking and exploring the great outdoors, and would like to share your passions with youth, this may be right up your ally!

Coming Soon! New and Established Leader Training
Dates for the New and Established Leader training are coming soon. Jeremy will be conducting these trainings this fall and winter. We would like all leaders to come to one of the trainings. Wouldn’t it be a great idea to have everyone on the same page for this upcoming 4-H year?????

We will be discussing record books, club meetings, fair and much more that you will not want to miss!!!!
"To Make the Best Better"

4-H Helps you:

- Meet new friends
- Gain knowledge and learn fun new skills
- Work together as a team and develop a sense of fair play
- Learn and practice leadership skills
- Learn decision-making skills
- Develop an appreciation and understanding of your community
- Improve communication skills
- Develop positive attitudes about yourself and others
- Accomplish goals through successful youth/adult partnerships

A Successful Club—
Meet regularly,
Communicates always,
Learns from each other and
Has tons of fun!!!!!!!!!!
**Recognition Night**

**4-H RECOGNITION NIGHT**
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009**
**5:32 PM**
**4-H CLOVER BUILDING**

**What is Recognition Night you ask?** Recognition Night is the night that we honor our members, leaders, community supporters and other volunteers for the hard work everyone puts in all year. We have a potluck dinner, and we hand out a ton of great awards. Members and leaders can be nominated for these awards, and nominate other members and leaders; so please fill out a nomination form and get it into the extension office. Tell us who deserves this award and why. **Closed out record books are required to be turned into the CC Extension office to qualify for the county medal awards and younger youth awards.**

Nominations and record books need to be turned into the CC Extension office no later than Monday, October 12th.

**How do I know if someone qualifies for an award?** Younger Youth Award Qualifications: To qualify to be nominated for a younger youth award, members need to be in the 4th-6th grade, and turn in a completed and closed out record book by Monday October 12, 2009. County Medal Awards: To qualify to be nominated for a county medal award, members need to be in the 7th-12th grade, and turn in a completed and closed out record book by Monday October 12, 2009. When you nominate members, please pick a category you think the member excelled in. For the rest of the awards, there is a brief description of each on the nomination form.  

DON'T FORGET nomination forms are available with this newsletter, at the CC Extension office, or online at [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/crook/4h/forms](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/crook/4h/forms) under the Fall Awards heading.

Record books and nominations need to be into the CC Extension office by Monday October 12, 2009.

For the Potluck Dinner if your last name begins with A-H bring a salad. If your last name begins with I-Z, bring a main dish.

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**CALLING ALL SENIORS!**  
If you are going to be a senior this year WE WANT YOUR BABY PICTURES! We would love to do a slide show at Recognition Night of all of our Crook County 4-H seniors as they grew up. Pictures need to be in by OCTOBER 5th. We will only complete the slide show if we have 5 or more seniors follow through with this job. Leaders and parents, this is a great way to poke a little fun and your almost-grown teen!

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**Volunteers for Recognition Night Needed!**  
If you would like to volunteer to help at Recognition Night announcing, helping in the kitchen or otherwise, please call Kim at 541-447-6228.
RECOGNITION NIGHT NOMINATION FORM
(Please return to Extension Office by October 12, 2009)

GENERAL RULES

Any member, leader or business will be eligible as long as they meet the specific requirements of each award. A leader or member may be nominated by 4-H members or leaders. Awards will be presented at the Recognition Night Celebration.

Nominee: __________________________________________________________

County/State 4-H Events the nominee has been involved in: __________________________________________________________

This person/business is deserving of this award because: __________________________________________________________

(You may use additional pages, if necessary)
COUNTY MEDAL & YOUNGER YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION
(County Medal 7 thru 12 grade last year)  (Younger Youth 4 thru 6 grade last year)

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Name_______________________________________________ Last Year's Grade In School___________

Project Area(s) Applying In:  1.___________________  2.______________________________
(all applications may be considered for Citizenship, Leadership, Achievement and Lamp of Knowledge)

Previous County Medals Received (project area & year if known)________________________________________

CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT
(may be submitted by 4-H leader, parent, member or entire club)

-- Please give reasons why this club member should receive consideration -- growth, community service, leadership, etc.

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*** REMEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THESE AWARDS, MEMBER MUST TURN IN A CLOSED OUT RECORDBOOK BY Monday, OCTOBER 12, 2009.

Application Submitted By:__________________________________________________________

Leader/Parent Signature:__________________________________________________________

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Return this form with member's completed record book to the Crook County Extension Office, 498 SE Lynn Blvd., on or before Monday, October 12, 2009 5:00 PM.
**Misc.**

Is your name listed below?????  
If so, you have something to pick up at the Extension office!!

Maycio Barnes  Penny Kuebler  Sara Polich  Kierra Allen  
Madison Munn  Shelby Worthing  Brielle Worthing  Heather Worthing  
Mica Allen  Ciera Bowers  Kayla Pieren  Kurt Russell  
Jenay Apperson  Kayla Grasle  Dillon Russell  Casey Little  
Tobi Hanes  Jacob Koch  Hannah Bennett

These items could be awards, record books or an exhibit item that you need to get!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Please come in and get these as soon as possible.

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**Things to do this next year!!!**

Throughout the year, please keep these things in mind!!!

- Skills Contests
- High Desert Leadership Retreat
- Community Service
- Horse Bowl
- Idea Fair
- Livestock Jackpots
- Dog Shows
- Club Meetings
- Horse Clinics

Watch for the dates of the events!  
We will keep you posted!!!!  
Have fun at YOUR community service opportunities  
And YOUR club meetings!!
Important Dates

New 4-H Year Begins 10/01/09
4-H Enrollment Begins 10/01/09
Recognition Night Nominations Due 10/12/09
Record Books Due for County Medals 10/12/09
Recognition Night 11/2/09 5:30pm

Check out the new and improved Crook County Website at:
http://extension.oregonstate.edu/crook/
Crook County Extension Office
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Prineville OR 97754

To the entire family of:

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