January is Here!

This means it’s time for our annual all 4-H Leaders/Parents meeting. This meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Clover Building. The minimum requirement is that all clubs have a representative in attendance. There will be many important topics for discussion including the adoption of the 2011 4-H budget. We will also hold elections for the open positions on the Crook County 4-H Leader’s Inc. advisory board. There are several positions coming open this year. If you are an interested parent, leader or junior leader, I would encourage you to step up and get involved in one of these positions. The time commitment for each position is minimal. Want to see new happenings in the program? Want to advise on changes needing to be made to the program? Want to help steer the Crook County 4-H program into the future? If any of those are true of you, or if you simply want to get more involved on a level other than being a club leader, I greatly encourage you to get in touch with me so as to get your name on the roster for the January meeting.

During this meeting, we will be rolling out the rest of the 2011 4-H dates, as well as other very important information. Do not be the one left out of the loop, or the one left saying “well I didn’t know that.” Looking forward to seeing you there.

Jeremy Green, Crook County 4-H Agent

Enrollment Deadline is coming soon!!

Please get in and enroll this month (January). The deadline is February 1, 2011

Fee schedule is the same as last year (see below for details). The date for the fee to increase has been extended to February 1st. Scholarships are available on a case by case basis. Call Kim or Jeremy for information.

Paid by February 1, 2011
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 (max of $30.00)

Paid after February 1, 2011
One child $20.00 (state) plus $10.00 (county)= $30.00
2 or more children $40.00 total (state) plus $10.00 per child (county)=varies depending on # of children
Mandatory 4-H Meeting
January 10, 2011
6:30 pm
Crook County 4-H Clover Building
Meeting for all leaders, parents, members. Find out what is coming up in the year and we will be electing new officers for the board. Come prepared to vote!!

New Leader Training
February 1, 2011
6:00 pm
Crook County 4-H Clover Building
Open to all new leaders from last year and the new year who have not attended a training. Please contact Kim at the Extension office 541-447-6228.

New Clubs for Crook County!!
We have a few new clubs that have started up for this year. We now have Lego Robotics again! We also have a Leather Craft Club going. Also, we have the Cloverbuds going strong this year. If you are interested in either one of these projects and would like to be plugged into these wonderful clubs, give us a call at the Extension office. 541-447-6228

Club Financial Statements
If your club has not turned in the 2010 Financial Statement, you have time to do so. These forms must be turned in by January 15, 2011. We will take them at the January 10th meeting. If you would like to turn it in at that time, please turn them into Kim Herber. Please include all income and expenses all the way through to December 31, 2010 and don’t forget to list any club inventory that you have. This would be any equipment that was purchased with club money.

Don’t Quit For the Winter!!
We are well into the new 4-H year and it is time to get in the groove again. Here are a few things that we would like clubs to think about and get moving forward with. The winter months are a great time to get started on projects. For livestock clubs, don’t wait until youth have animals, use this time to learn more about the science of the project, nutrition and selection. This is a great time to do a community service project or two, plan a fundraiser or just get together as a club and have a fun time. These months are also a great time to evaluate the previous year and set new goals for the new year.
Record Book HELP for the 2010-2011 4-H Year

We will be having Record Book Training again this year. However, it will be in a slightly different format. This year we are going to have certain days set up to HELP youth and/or parents with specific parts of the record books. The dates will be:

- Permanent Record Book Help— March 21, 2011 1:30 pm Clover Building
  March 22, 2011 6:00 pm Clover Building
- Project Record Book Help— April 19, 2011 6:00 pm Clover Building
  April 21, 2011 1:30 pm Clover Building

One way of setting yourself up for success with your record book is by getting and using a calendar. On this calendar helpful things to put are:

- Purchase dates of anything to do with your project—animal, food, supplies of any kind.
- Dates of when the feed for your animal changes (whether you increase the feed or decrease)
- Dates of activities that you do with your club (community service, fundraising, meetings, etc)
- Absolutely anything to do with 4-H activities and 4-H projects.

These days and times won’t work for you? Give Kim a call at the Extension office and set up a time to come in with your record book and calendar. Kim is more than happy to help anyone with the process of closing out records from the previous year or starting the records for this 2011 year!

There will be signup sheets at the January 10th meeting and then at the Extension office. We would like for people to sign up so we have an idea on what to expect for attendance.

Multiple Projects in 4-H

Are you a youth that would like to broaden your horizons and participate in multiple project areas? This is great for you to do. There is so much educational opportunity in learning new projects and we like educational opportunity. With that said, please make sure that we (Extension office) are aware of every project that you are wanting to participate in. This way we can be sure that you have all of the resource material that you will need for that project, that you have the correct project record for each project area and if you are choosing to have more than one project animal, you know the rules of the livestock auction. Feel free to contact Kim or Jeremy at the Extension office.

Help keep the Clover Building clean!

It is that time of the year and here is the chore list:

- Walls wiped down
- Base boards cleaned
- Tables scrubbed
- Outside windows

Please call the Extension office to sign up to do your part in making the Clover Building sparkle. Use of this building is contingent upon clubs helping with the cleanup! Please sign-up to clean-up!
Skills Contest 2011
Food, clothing, knitting and crocheting skills contest dates are
April 8 4:00—8:00 pm
April 9 all day
Hugh Hartmann School, Redmond

There will be two new contests for foods this year. The Quick Fix Meal and the Four for 6, 8 or 10 contests. I have the specifics on these if anyone is interested in preparing and practicing for these. We should have the registration forms soon and I will get them out to everyone.

ALSO—any of you food members up for a challenge of Iron Chef?? Deschutes County is working on a way to have this contest during their fair and Crook County could participate in it!! More info coming soon!

IDEA FAIR

Idea Fair
February 19, 2011
Deschutes County Fairgrounds
All Day

Watch for class lists and registration forms coming soon.

A great day to all learn fun things together!

Change the Date

2011 Crook County Presentation Contest date has been changed to May 14, 2011. Please mark this on your calendars. The sign-up sheet for this contest will be available at the end of April.

Citizen Washington Focus

This year Oregon 4-Hers are invited to have a national citizenship experience July 3-9, 2011, with other 4-Hers from across the country. Oregon 4-H has reserved a week experience in the Citizenship World Focus (CWF) program that takes place annually, during several different weeks. Any teen 4-Her can attend...from anywhere in Oregon. The Oregon 4-H is planning for at least 10 Oregon 4-Hers and volunteers attend over the July 4th holiday. The approximate cost for the 6-day CWF package is $725, plus air transportation. Oregon must submit a deposit to the National 4-H Center by January 31, 2011. That deposit is $190 per person due to the State 4-H Office by January 25, 2011. Please contact the Extension office for more details or go to: http://www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org
The Million Penny Roundup

The Million Penny Roundup is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2011. The details are being finalized and the plan is for Bi-Mart to be involved and we will have radio personnel here from KSJJ!! Mark this date on your calendars. The money raised here in Crook County from this fun day will be put in the scholarship fund for all youth in Crook County. The scholarship money can be used for events such as HDLR, OSU Summer Conference, 4-H National Conference, 4-H National Congress and other events. Watch for more information as the time gets closer!

Club Challenge

Club Challenge is another fund raiser for the scholarship fund. Club Challenge is when every youth enrolled in Crook County 4-H pays $5.00 (one time) to the fund. This can come thru the club or on an individual basis. If a youth is in multiple clubs, that youth only needs to pay once. There are some clubs that collect the $5.00 from each member and turns it in to the Extension office or the club itself pays for each club member.

Any scholarship money that is raised by Crook County 4-H is available for ALL Crook County youth. If the youth have a need for money for a 4-H event, all that youth needs to do is come into the Extension office and fill out a scholarship application. Parents do need to sign this application. It is then reviewed by the Leaders Board for approval.

Junior Leader

A Junior Leader is an intermediate or senior 4-H member who helps plan and organize 4-H activities, helps with teaching younger youth and steps up to the plate when it comes to events either with the club itself or 4-H in general. If this youth, that does all the above, would like to do a “Junior Leader Project”, there is a project record and Junior Leader book. For this “project” the Junior Leader would have the opportunity to put together a “Project Plan” and follow through from start to finish. Examples of a “Project Plan” would be putting together a community service project, a workshop, or a fundraiser. This is great experience for the Junior Leader to go that extra mile for what they are passionate about.

Note: Junior Leaders are not required to take this on as a “project” to be considered a Junior Leader.

Fun 4-H Activities this year—

Along with the great projects that 4-H has to offer, there are also many different possibilities to go have a fun and educational adventure outside of Crook County. Some events that happen every year are: High Desert Leadership Retreat at Eagle Crest Resort, Idea Fair—Deschutes County Fairgrounds, OSU Summer Conference—OSU Corvallis, and many more! Keep watching for information coming in the future newsletters.
Horse Happenings in Crook County 4-H

2011 Horse Fair
July 22-23, 2011

Horse Fair will be here before we know it! And everyone needs to be ready to have tons of fun and show off what they have accomplished thru the year. So, with that said, we would like to make sure that everyone in the horse program is informed of what needs to happen in order to participate at fair.

- Each participant is required to attend 2 of the following throughout each 4-H year that they are in the horse project.
  - Idea Fair
  - Horse Judging & ID Contest
  - Presentation Contest
  - Community Service
  - Horse Bowl
  - Any leader approved horse clinic
- Horse Declaration form is turned in to the Extension office by Friday, April 22, 2011.
- Record book is checked in and all is up to date at that time.
- Current Project Record is up to date.

Horse Bowl

Horse Bowl dates are set, so horse participants get ready to test your knowledge! All questions are taken from the 4-H horse project materials. Show what you know and soak in more!! We will start at 5:30 pm.

- February 15, 2011 Chili Night
- March 16, 2011 Spaghetti Night
- April 21, 2011 Taco Night

Horse Judging Results—

Juniors-
- Hailey McMichael-Blue, Champion
- Khianna Crouch-Blue
- Macenzie Avants-Red
- Tiffany Fouste-Red
- Reata Youngblood-Red
- Kerigan Walbel-Red
- Jazmyn Crouch-Red
- Natalee Riley-Red
- Shelby Carlson-Red

Intermediates-
- Amy Desjardins-Blue, Champion
- Rachel Herber-Red

Seniors-
- Brittney Herber-Blue, Champion
- Kaitlin Brouhard-Blue
- Monika Koehler-Blue
- Jake Macaree-Red

FANTASTIC JOB EVERYONE!!!

Spring Horse Classic—

Don’t forget that this year we have a goal of sending Intermediates and Seniors from Crook County to the Spring Horse Classic in Roseburg. This great event is going to be April 29—May 1, 2011.
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**Happenings from the Pipsqueaks Rabbit and Poultry 4-H Club**

During our club Christmas Party we were joined by 3 senior FFA members who came to talk to us about FFA. They shared with us the format they use to run their meetings, Robert's Rules of Order. They shared that even corporations and politicians use these rules so that everyone’s words can be heard in an orderly fashion without interruption. Although confusing at first, they explained that learning these rules at an early age have equipped them with the skills they can use after graduation when they are in the workforce. I would like to thank the 3 members who came and Mr. McNary for coming and sharing this information with our 4-H club.

Submitted by: Erin Ornelas, Pipsqueaks Rabbit and Poultry 4-H Club
To the entire family of:

Crook County Extension Staff

4-H Staff
Jeremy Green: 4-H Agent
Kim Herber: 4-H Program Coordinator

Other Staff
Mylen Bohle: Forage Agent
Tim Deboodt: Staff Chair; Agriculture Agent
Barbi Riggs: Livestock Agent
Pam Wiederholt: Office Manager

All 4-H Meeting
January 10, 2011
6:30 pm

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