A BIG THANK YOU

With fair behind us and the 2009-2010 4-H year coming to an end, I want to take a moment and express my sincere gratitude to all who are involved in the Crook County 4-H program.

Youth
Thank you to all the youth in the program who work hard all year long in mastering their projects, giving back to the community, and staying active and involved in the program. I have had the opportunity to share in a variety of great experiences with many of you this past year and have both cherished and loved every minute of it. Thank you for making a difference in my life, and for giving me the opportunity to learn from you.

Parents
Thank you to all the parents whom have remained dedicated to the program and to supporting your kids in the program. Your active involvement in the program and in your child's life in 4-H will pay dividends in the future. This program truly is a small investment that will continue to payout 5, 10, 15, and 20 years from now. Thank You for supporting the youth, and as a result, supporting the program as a whole.

Volunteers
To all the 4-H leaders, volunteers, superintendents, clerks, parents who help, and anyone who has ever helped in any way with 4-H this past year, THANK YOU. This program's success hinges on volunteers and without each and every one of you, it could not operate. Thank you for your continued devotion, time, and efforts. You are paving the way and setting a great example in which all the youth in Crook County 4-H will follow at some point in their lives. Thank You for making a difference.

I wish you all a great fall and I look forward to seeing all of you at our annual year end celebration. Recognition Night is set for November 10, 2010, there is much to celebrate.

Best Regards,

Jeremy Green
Crook County 4-H Agent

"To Make the Best Better"

4-H Trivia

Are you willing to test your knowledge of 4-H? Submit your answers to the questions below and be put in a drawing for a prize!!

When does the 4-H year begin?
What do the 4 H's stand for?
What is the 4-H emblem?
What are the 4-H colors and what do they stand for?
The 4-H motto is ________________________________.
GET ENROLLED FOR THE NEW YEAR!!

The start of the new year is approaching very fast. The enrollment forms will be available the last week of September so if members would like to get in and get enrolled early, that would be great!! Get going early in the year on project education, community service and fundraising.

Fee schedule is the same as last year (see below for details).

Scholarships are available on a case by case basis. Call Kim or Jeremy for information.

Paid by January 15, 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

Paid after January 15, 2011

- 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

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.

Clover Bud Club
Yes, we will be having a Clover Bud Club again this year! What a great way to get your K-3rd grader involved in 4-H. This is a non-competitive club that gets the youth of this age involved in all sorts of different projects. Meeting dates and times coming soon!!
4-H INFORMATION

Record Books
If there are 4-H youth that would like to have their record books judged please have them completely closed out and turned into the Extension office before 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. This gives you 12 days after the 4-H year ends to get your permanent records updated and your project records completely closed out. If you need help with this please call and talk with Kim 541-447-6228.

Record Book Training for the 2010-2011 4-H Year
We will be having training sessions for this 4-H year. These are NOT mandatory and they will be held a little differently then the training that we had last year. There will be time set up for permanent record training and time set up for the different project records. Look for dates and sign-up information in the

Vet Science 4-H Meeting
The Vets 2 Be 4-H Club will have their first 2010-2011 club meeting on October 13, 2010 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church (please enter thru the back door). All members are invited. New and old!! Be there at 6:00 pm and bring your parents.

4-H Projects in Crook County
What type of projects are you interested in? There is so many different educational opportunities for youth in the Crook County 4-H program. Below are the project areas the we have active clubs for, if you have interest in a project area that you do not see below, let Kim know. There are many ways to get you involved in that particular project!

BEEF  HORSE  PHOTOGRAPHY  SWINE  FOODS  SHEEP  POULTRY  GOAT  DEER  CATS  DOG  SHOOTING SPORTS  RABBIT  TEEN COUNCIL

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 next newsletters.
WHAT IS COMING UP??

4-H RECOGNITION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010
5:32 PM
4-H CLOVER BUILDING

About Recognition Night—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 Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, October 12, 2010. 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 Tuesday, October 12, 2010. When you nominate members, please pick a category you think that 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 in 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 Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

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

Nomination Forms for Recognition Night
Please be sure to fill out the nomination forms and get them in to the Extension office prior to October 12, 2010. Remember, you can nominate yourself or others for some very important recognition. What a fun way to show someone you appreciate what they have done in this 4-H program!!
**4-H CLUBS**

### Vets 2 Be Outing

Vets 2 Be 4-H Club went on an over night trip to Portland this summer to visit the Portland Zoo where they got to see and learn about different species of animals, birds, and insects. They also visited the Portland's Children Museum where they got close to living their dreams by playing in a miniature Vets office and also go to use their imagination while playing with clay. Not to mention a fun dinner at Chuck E. Cheeses! Everyone had a blast and it was a great educational experience.

Written by: Casey Little

### Crook County State Fair Dog Team returns from State!

Crook County sent seven members to State Fair on the Dog Team this year. Nine youth qualified to go, but only seven showed their dogs and all who went did an excellent job representing our county. McKenna Smith, Tiffany Michel, Emily Kreachbaum, Alicia Reynolds, Dusti Elliott and Justin Glass all showed during the Intermediate show held on Friday the 27th of August. Kaitlin Brouhard was our only Senior and showed on Saturday the 28th. We had six blue ribbons in showmanship, with three of those handlers; Emily, Kaitlin and McKenna receiving a call back to the Grand Champion Showmanship round. Emily and McKenna received Champion and Reserve Champion in their Obedience classes as well.

This year things were very different as far as set up and how the organization and show flowed. It was the longest day on record for me in the past four years of attendance. Friday there were 87 participants and clocked in at a 13 ½ hour day, followed by a 10 hour day on Saturday for our exhibitors and it was brutal! However, they held themselves together and put in a fantastic representation for Crook County. These handlers put in a lot of work to get to State Fair, and a lot of personal expense providing their own transportation, lodging, meals etc. and some ask why? State Fair awards carry no premiums with them, it is just a recognition that you qualified to get to that level by doing well at the County level. And the satisfaction knowing that you can hold your own amongst the best in the state. Sure sometimes there are frustrations and disappointments, after all, we are working with animals and people here. However, 4-H is about youth development, and for true growth we need to experience the good with the bad, and remember that part of growing is improving, and enacting changes that help improve things in ourselves and around us.

I am very proud of the group who represented Crook County on the State Fair Dog Team, and hope that if you know a member, or see one, that you with congratulate them on a job well done!

Great job to all the state fair dog participants! Watch for the rest of Crook County State Fair results in the next newsletter!!!!
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 Tuesday, OCTOBER 12, 2010.

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 Tuesday, October 12, 2010 5:00 PM.
RECOGNITION NIGHT NOMINATION FORM
(Please return to Extension Office by October 12, 2010)

GENERAL RULES

Youth Awards

Hard Luck Award: Any 4-H member who has experienced hard luck with their project(s) during the past year. But still hung in there and remained dedicated to their projects, club(s) and Crook County 4-H program.

Outstanding Community Service Award: Any 4-H’er who has shown outstanding efforts, determination, and follow-through with their community service projects this past 4-H year.

Outstanding Officer Award: Any 4-H member who has shown outstanding skills and lead their club in accordance to their duties as an officer within their 4-H club. They could have been an officer of any of the various offices including: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Reporter, or any others.

Outstanding 4-H Leadership Award: Any 4-H’er who has shown outstanding leadership skills within their club this past year. This could include any member who takes the initiative to help with various club activities, leads clubs in different activities, or has shown dedication to the 4-H program by being an active role model and leader within their club.

Club Awards

Outstanding Club: This award is open to any club that has gone above and beyond what 4-H clubs generally do. Submit a nomination for your own club or another club you know and explain why that club deserves the outstanding club award.

Outstanding Community Service Club Award: This award is open to any club who has shown outstanding efforts and projects in community service. Submit a nomination form outlining what community service projects were done this past year, and what impact the project(s) had upon the community.

Leader Awards

Outstanding First Year Leader: Must be a first year leader.

Volunteer Of The Year Award: Must have been a 4-H leader for the past 3 years or more.

Continued Service Award: Must have been a 4-H volunteer for the past 10 years or more.

Friend of 4-H

Friend of 4-H Award: Person(s) or businesses in the county that have contributed significantly in time, money, facilities, etc. to the Crook County 4-H program.

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)
To the entire family of:

Enrollment for 2010-2011 will begin the last week of September!!

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