A Letter from the 4-H Agent

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills . . . Getting involved in 4-H?

4-H Youth Development programs have been a rich part of the American tradition since the early 1900s. What began as boys’ “corn growing” contests and girls’ “sewing and cooking clubs” has developed into one of the leading programs for supporting healthy development of today’s youth.

4-H programs are part of the Cooperative Extension Service established at land-grant colleges and universities in the United States. The Smith-Lever Congressional Act of 1914 established the Cooperative Extension Service with a mission to make certain that the knowledge developed in the land-grant schools through research, teaching, and discovery was available to the general public.

In doing so, the Cooperative Extension Service has played a major role in the lives of youth, families, and communities, primarily through the placement of University Extension faculty throughout the state. 4-H Youth Development programs are offered through local OSU Extension Offices, providing opportunities to “connect youth to the university”.

Today, the local 4-H agent plays a big role in connecting youth, volunteer leaders, and state programs together, ensuring that 4-H members and their families have access to all that 4-H has to offer.

Who Can Participate in the Oregon/Douglas County 4-H Program?
The 4-H Youth Development Program focuses its efforts on providing life skills, opportunities to apply life skills, and opportunities for youth to be involved in decisions that affect them.

Youth may participate through the 4-H CloverBud program (K-3), project and community clubs, school enrichment programs, school-age child care programs, special-interest groups, short-term programs including day camps and overnight camping programs.

The Douglas County OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program is focused on youth and developing opportunities for them to learn and grow into competent and confident citizens in our community. Our program would not be what it is without all the 4-H leaders and parents that work diligently to provide these opportunities for youth throughout the county.

As we celebrate this week at County Fair there will be many moments of joy, laughter and camaraderie with our fellow 4-H members, leaders and supporters. You may also encounter times of frustration, weariness and just being plain wiped out. Please try your best to keep the focus that 4-H is not just about County Fair and winning. County Fair is the show case for all of the hard work that 4-H youth have put towards their project over the many months and years leading up to this Fair. A ribbon or trophy that is the prize at Fair is not the ultimate reward. That trophy is a symbol of the commitment and growth the youth has made in striving for excellence. Trophies tarnish, ribbons wrinkle and fade, but the experiences, the skills and the life lessons those 4-H youth gained will still be the true prize and reward for years to come.

I wish all of you rich rewards for your efforts and enjoy the celebration!
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DORMITORIES FOR 4-H/FFA MEMBERS & CHAPERONES

1. There are two dormitories for those 4-H/FFA boys and girls and approved chaperones who may be exhibiting livestock or are in any contest at the County Fair requiring an overnight stay. Adults may also apply to stay in the dorms, but youth have priority if space is limited.
2. The dormitories will be available for use from Monday night to Sunday morning of County Fair. They will be supervised at all times.
3. All 4-H girls and boys staying at the County Fair shall sleep in the dormitories provided unless authorization of 4-H agent is obtained.
4. Any person disobeying dormitory rules will be sent home immediately.
5. It will be necessary for persons to bring bedding (good bunks and mattresses are provided.)
6. It may be necessary to limit dormitory use to those persons who live the greatest distance from the Fair.
7. Fee: $8.00 per night if fee is paid by July 1st with dormitory registration form. $10.00 per night if paid after July 1st or at the Fair.
8. The Dorms curfew is set for Monday - Thursday at 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. Youth and adults are expected to abide by stated curfew times.
9. NO refunds will be given after entry day of Fair, even if you choose to pull your child from the dorm.
10. If 4-H/FFA members are out after curfew without parental supervision, they will forfeit ALL premium money as well as potential eligibility to use overnight accommodations at Fair. Their leader/advisor and parent will be notified and further discipline will be determined as needed. Adults failing to abide by dorm guidelines will be asked to leave the dorms and forfeit pre-payment.

DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

4-H KITCHEN FUNDRAISER

The purpose of the 4-H Kitchen is to provide an inexpensive and reasonably healthy meal to 4-H youth, leaders, parents and siblings during the week of Fair. Its other purpose is to raise funds for the Douglas County 4-H Leaders Association to be used to financially support 4-H youth and clubs and to provide and enhance educational opportunities throughout the year. It is necessary for all that benefit from this service to volunteer as much as possible serving in the 4-H Kitchen. Sign-up sheets are included in the 4-H Fair Registration Packet that is distributed in June as well as signing up on the Monday of Fair.

4-H and FFA members, their families, and Leaders may purchase meal tickets for the week at a reduced rate if purchased on or before Monday of Fair week. Prices will be posted in the June Fair letter due to changing food costs. (All prices are subject to change without prior written notice.)

*All returned checks are subject to a $50 NSF charge. Make all checks for meal tickets payable to the Douglas County 4-H Leaders Association
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 4-H EXHIBITORS AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR

1. Let it be understood that the act of entering an exhibit or contest at this Fair is asking the Fair Management and 4-H Staff to secure a qualified judge to place a judgment on the exhibit or performance. It is therefore courteous to gracefully accept the decision of the judge, realizing that it may be in conflict with your set of standards. Every reasonable effort will be made to secure highly qualified and conscientious judges. If you feel you are not willing to accept this judgment, please write (exhibit only) on your entry. The decision of the judge is final. Any concerns should be directed to the superintendent of the division, the 4-H Extension Agent or 4-H Extension Staff.

2. A Champion and a Reserve Champion may be selected from each division or class if, in the opinion of the judge, a blue ribbon exhibit or exhibitor is of Championship quality. (Red and white ribbon winners will not be eligible even if no blue ribbons are awarded in a division or class.) Grand and Reserve Grand Champions may be selected from among champions and reserve champions within a division.

3. All classes will be judged on the Danish merit system and grouped into Blue, Red and White categories. Blue = Excellent to Superior; Red = Good to Excellent; White = Acceptable but needs improvement. Green exhibitor ribbons will be awarded to any exhibit that doesn't qualify for judging. Rainbow exhibitor ribbons are presented to Cloverbud Exhibitors.

4. Premiums will be awarded according to a point system. The number of points awarded in all 4-H divisions will be totaled and divided into 4-H premium money available in order to determine the value of each point. Premium Points: Blue = 3, Red = 2, and White = 1 (Premiums are only awarded to classes where the exhibitors are pre-registered by July 1st. No premiums are awarded to CloverBud exhibitors or exhibition only participants or where specified in the Premium Book by individual sections.)

5. Checks will be issued for premiums after Fair and available for individuals to pick up the Wednesday after Labor Day in September. Checks not picked up by October 31st will be made available to each youth’s primary club leader for distribution to the youth. Checks must be cashed by the end of the calendar year or the premium will be forfeited.

6. Only regularly enrolled Douglas County 4-H members may exhibit in the 4-H youth department unless open to all youth.

7. The same animal, article, or duplicate static article (i.e. cookies or photos) cannot be exhibited in 4-H and FFA or Open Class.

8. 4-H members may enter a division or class only if they are enrolled in that 4-H project or phase and if they submit current 4-H Records which include cover, identification page, 4-H Permanent Record, 4-H Project Record, 4-H Project Supplemental pages (e.g. Feed and Growth, Production, etc.), 4-H Notes. These record-keeping forms are available at the Extension Office. They must be fastened in a flat cover with the 4-H member's name and address. PLEASE NOTE THAT TWO (2) COPIES OF THE FEED AND GROWTH RECORDS AND TWO (2) COPIES OF PRODUCTION RECORDS ARE REQUIRED. ONE COPY OF FEED A GROWTH TURNED IN AT EXHIBITOR’S MEETING WEDNESDAY MORNING AND ONE COPY OF PRODUCTION RECORDS TURNED INTO DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT ON ENTRY DAY. COPIES OF BOTH RECORDS ARE TO REMAIN IN THE 4-H’ERS RECORD BOOK.

9. A 4-H exhibit must be the work of the 4-H member and completed as part of the current year’s project. Work done after County Fair but prior to Oct. 1 and not previously exhibited may be included in the next project year.

10. An entry wristband charge will be collected for all enrolled 4-H members & leaders at County Fair, (price to be determined by 4-H and OSU Extension Staff).

11. All 4-H exhibits are to be on display for the entire duration of Fair. 4-H Exhibitors who remove exhibits early without the permission of the Livestock Superintendent or the Exhibits Building Superintendent will be penalized. The penalty will be decided by the overall 4-H fair management team.

12. Products are exhibited at owner's own risk.

13. Certain Douglas County club exhibits will be selected to be shipped to Salem to represent the County at the Oregon State Fair. If exhibit is too large/fragile, exhibitor may be asked to transport exhibit to
Salem.

14. All exhibits not desired for the Oregon State Fair and those of a perishable nature must be picked up by owner on Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

15. 4-H age categories for judging of contests and exhibits are:
   i. CloverBud-- $K, 1^{st}, 2^{nd}, 3^{rd}$ grades.
   ii. Junior-- $4^{th}, 5^{th}, 6^{th}$ grades.
   iii. Intermediates-- $7^{th}, 8^{th}, 9^{th}$ grades.
   iv. Seniors-- $10^{th}, 11^{th}, 12^{th}$ grades.

(Grade as of May 15.) A Novice is a 4th, 5th, or 6th grader who has not shown any animal species at Fair (includes Lamb Show).

16. Home Economics, Expressive Arts, Natural Science, Engineering, and Plant Science exhibits will be judged by the interview method. It is recommended but not required that all exhibitors accompany their exhibits for judging.

17. Limited camper space will be available to 4-H Clubs. Space will be allocated based on distance traveled to Fair through a pre-registration process designed by the Extension Office. Each camper must have adult supervision.

18. All 4-H members and Leaders are to follow the "4-H Activities CODE OF CONDUCT". 4-H'ers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects well on their state, county and club, as well as themselves. The contribution of the 4-H'er is as important as what they receive from the program.

19. All grievances are to be submitted in written form to the 4-H office for further review. An official grievance form is available from the 4-H office or online at the Douglas County 4-H Website. Grievances should refer to concrete facts such as time of occurrence, location, other witnesses, other individuals involved, etc. Those filing grievances should be ready to stand behind all information submitted, as appropriate. Grievances dealing with leaders, members and/or 4-H policy will be handled by the 4-H Program Management Committee consisting of: 4-H Livestock Superintendent, 4-H Exhibit Building Superintendent, Division Superintendent, 4-H Program Coordinator and 4-H Agent. The final decision will be made by the 4-H Extension Agent. Grievances concerning the overall youth program at Fair will be dealt with by a committee consisting of the 4H Committee (listed above), FFA Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Fair Representative and Open Class Superintendent.
4-H/FFA EXHIBITORS RULES AND REGULATIONS

DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H/FFA SHOWRING CODE OF PRACTICE DOUGLAS COUNTY GUIDELINES

The following is a listing of guidelines all exhibitors must follow to enter any animal at organized competitive events.

1. All exhibitors must have viable proof of ownership or viable leases, if appropriate, available to fair and livestock show officials at their request. Documents should include current ownership information, transfer of ownership (if any) length of ownership, and age of animal's. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, breed, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited. Exhibitors and their agents—advisors agree to comply with the printed show rules upon entry.

2. No exhibitor may show a market animal which has been previously sold at an auction or sale as a market animal through another fair or livestock show, whether or not there is an actual change of ownership (progress level shows excluded). Any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive and considered illegal. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class or event is prohibited. False ownership is illegal.

3. 4-H and FFA exhibitors are expected to care for, groom and exhibit their own animals upon entry at the fair or livestock show except for normal care given during barn duty when members may coordinate and cooperate to ensure proper husbandry. However, because of the educational nature of livestock shows it is appropriate for parents, leaders, and/or other persons to give VERBAL assistance in the preparation of livestock for show. Additionally, 4-H and FFA members in good standing in Douglas County may ASSIST each other. If outside (parental or other) help occurs, the judge will be notified and member may be dropped to the bottom of the class. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the Ethics Review Committee and/or barn superintendent or fair rules. Safety is of primary concern and common sense actions/interventions by adults are allowed, when appropriate.

4. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show provides for absolute responsibility for an animal’s condition by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, groomer, trainer, parent or absolutely responsible person whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in, or had actual knowledge of an act perpetrated to misrepresent or mistreat an animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

5a) Use of tranquilizers, sedatives, or any other drugs which alter the physical or physiological state of the animals is illegal. The drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals. Additionally, all drugs used on a species of animal must be properly approved for use on the species treated. All exhibitors shall advise show management of any drugs and/or medications administered to an animal. The name of the drug, its purpose, the person who administered the drug, time and date of administration shall be presented to show management prior to the showing and sale of the animal. Failure to report this information could result in severe penalty and/or disqualification. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration specifically for use in animals, home remedies included, is strictly prohibited. Kaeopectate and/or Pepto-bismal for the sole purpose of controlling diarrhea may be administered at the fair with the prior approval of the Barn Superintendent.

5b) Animals shall be presented free of drugs at show events where they will enter the food chain, this includes meat producing animals, dairy animals producing milk, and poultry producing eggs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show gives consent by owner, exhibitor, fitter, groomer, trainer, parent and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other requested substances from the animal to be used in testing either randomly or upon suspicion. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, local statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal’s performance or appearance at the event. Any exceptions must be approved by the Douglas County Ethics Review Committee.

5c) During livestock events, in the case of animals requiring treatment, all medications shall be administered according to label instructions and the livestock show officials shall be notified of the medication given, amount administered, time of administration, and who administered the medication. All exhibitors shall advise show management of any drugs and or medications administered to an animal by themselves or a licensed veterinarian during the previous two days from the opening of the scheduled event.

5d) If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such
substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. Upon entry of animals, exhibitors give permission to the Douglas County Fairgrounds and/or their representative(s) to collect samples of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from any animal in question. Exhibitors and/or their representatives assume that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken for the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory pertains to the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken from the animal in question. The owner, fitter, groomer, exhibitor, parent or absolute responsible person has the burden to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

6. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or external application of a substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animals performance or alter its natural contour, conformation or appearance is prohibited. Surgical procedures used in generally accepted animal health practices performed previous to the event for the sole purpose of protecting the health and usability of the animal is allowed. Substances used for practical cleaning purposes, external applications of substances to the hooves or horns of animals which affect appearance only and other hair grooming products prescribed for use on animals are allowed unless prohibited in the fair rules and/or rules for a specific event. Any directions, indications, healing and withdrawal times for products and procedures must be followed.

7. The use of inhumane showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited. Other practices, unless under the written authority of a licensed veterinarian, that are not acceptable or prohibited include, but not limited to, liquid diets for lambs, excessive shrinking, excessive exercising, tying animals with their feet off the ground, icing animals down and electric stimulation.

8. The balancing of the udder by abnormal means that includes the use of a mechanical contrivance or the injection of fluid or drugs, setting the teats and/or occluding with a mechanical contrivance or the use of chemical preparation is illegal. Treating or massaging the udder or its attachments with an irritant or counter irritant is prohibited.

9. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

10. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, groomer, trainer, parent or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violations of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.

11. Show management reserves the right to require animal health certificates. Health inspections and diagnostic tests may be made before or after the animals are on the livestock show premises for exhibitor and animal safety, or to inaugurate disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies as determined by animal health officials.

All grievances are to be submitted in written form to the 4-H Office for further review.
GENERAL RULES

1. Each exhibitor must show in a showmanship class in each department in which he/she is entered and the animal shown must be owned by the member. Exhibitors may show in only one showmanship class per animal science project area.

2. Every animal or bird exhibited by a club member must either be owned by the club member, leased or have a written agreement of responsibility for the animal as of May 15 of that year. Registered animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor (Registration in a partnership or family name is acceptable providing the 4-H member’s animals have been designated at the beginning of the project and the 4-H leader is informed.)

3. 4-H members who share an animal in a 4-H project must decide who will enter and show it in conformation classes. Each member may show the animal in showmanship if they can be in different classes.

4. Exhibitor is limited to two entries per class or variety, except horses, dogs & market animals are limited to one; and some classes in Exhibit Building are limited to three.

5. Division may be set up when three or more animals in one breed are entered in one division. If less than three animals are in a breed division they will be combined with others. Less than three in one breed, no champion will be awarded. At the judge’s discretion, a champion may be awarded to an exhibitor of outstanding quality.

6. Animals and birds must be owned, leased or formally under the care and management of an enrolled 4-H'er. All project animals must be in the possession of the 4-H'er by May 15, exception: market swine, beef and horse must meet earlier possession deadlines. If an animal dies the member may make a request to replace an animal providing he/she has possession of the second animal by July 1. (exception: market beef and swine see Rotary Market Auction Guideline #23).

7. In the market classes the judges will be instructed to place the animals according to USDA Grading Standards.

8. Livestock classes will be judged in the order they appear in the premium book, unless prior agreement is reached with the superintendent. Market animals will be shown according to weight, not breed.

9. All unruly animals or animals that require medication or special equipment in order to be handled or restrained are not to be brought to the Fair. If an animal is unruly or the 4-H'er does not show he or she can control the animal, the superintendent can disqualify the animal. All such animals must be removed from the Fairgrounds.

10. Exhibits of blue ribbon quality are eligible for entry in State Fair. If more persons wish to enter exhibits than our quota allows, selection will be based on placing in the blue ribbon grouping. See 4-H Saddle Horse General Regulations for specific State Fair selection guidelines for 4-H horse participation.

11. The superintendent of each division and the livestock superintendent have authority to make any decisions necessary on questions of interpretations on rules of that division.

12. The County 4-H Extension Agent shall make final interpretations regarding rules.

13. All exhibitors are expected to attend the exhibitors meetings which are held each morning at 8 a.m.