



Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

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“Jefferson County 4-H offers learning opportunities in leadership and life enriching experiences within our diverse community.”



Family Fun Project

February 21 from 12:00 (noon) to 2:00 pm

At the **Jefferson County Fairgrounds 4-H Building**



Have you worried about what you would do or your kids would do if they got lost? Bring your family to this **Family Fun Project and learn from some USFS experts on how to prevent yourself from getting lost and what to do if you do get lost.**

Along with a chance to try your skill at using a GPS unit; Mark Corbet and Richard Ingraham will give a lesson on how to use the GPS unit and tell you about caching in Central Oregon.

**Have you ever wondered what a MRE tasted like? Here is your chance to try one!
Mmm good!**

Sponsored by:
OSU Extension Service Jefferson County 4-H Program
Commission on Children and Families

And Hosted by:
Mark Corbet, retired USFS Smokejumper and Richard Ingraham USFS PNW Cache

Beef Weigh-In March 7, 2009

Place: Tom Green's Feed lot

Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

This will be only opportunity to have your steers weighed and tagged for the 2009 Jefferson County Fair. If you are personally unable to be take it to weigh-in, please make arrangements for your steer to get there somehow.

Mark Westwood, Round Butte Seed Growers, Prineville will be there to worm steers for those who would like, at no cost. Thank you Mark and Round Butte Seed Growers!

If you have any questions, please call the Extension office at 475-3808.

Steer Weight information on Page 4

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2009 Jefferson County 4-H Schedule

February

- 7th Community Club Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Rodriguez Library Annex, Madras
 9th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 10th After School Activity, Decorating Cookies, 3:45-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
 16th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 21st Horse Judging/Hippology, 9:00 a.m., Sagebrush Arena, Deschutes County
 21st Family Fun Activity—GPS Units
 24th After School Activity, Fun with Food, 3:45-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

March

- 5th-7th Know Your State Government, Salem, OR
 7th Beef Weigh-in, Time and Place TBA
 7th Community Club Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Rodriguez Library Annex, Madras
 9th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 15th 4-H Re-enrollment deadline for Jefferson County
 16th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 10th and 24th After School Activity, Rockets, 3:45-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

April

- 1st Horse Project Signature forms due, Extension Office
 6th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 4th Community Club Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Rodriguez Library Annex, Madras
 11th Ranch Horse Clinic, Cattle work and reining, call Kris Roberts for information
 14th After School Activity, Gardening, 3:45-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
 15th Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association (Continuing Education) Scholarship due, Ext. Office
 24th-26th Spring Horse Classic, Linn County Fair and Expo Center, Albany
 25th Family Fun—Bicycle Round up
 27th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 28th After School Activity, Fun with Food, 3:45-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

May

- 2nd Jefferson County Horse Pre-Fair, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 2nd Community Club Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Rodriguez Library Annex, Madras
 11th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 18th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 23rd Family Fun Activity—Disc Golf

June

- 1st New 4-H member enrollment deadline (for Fair participation)
 5th Sheep, Swine, Goat Weigh-in, 5-7 p.m., Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 6th Weigh-in, Swine 8-10 a.m., Sheep and Goats 10-noon. Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 8th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 13th **4-H Home Ec Skill Builders Day (tentative)**
 15th-17th Tractor Training/Certification, Deschutes County
 20th Family Fun Activity, Father's Day Family Fun/Fly Tying and Dutch Oven Cooking
 22nd 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 25th Rabbit and Poultry Weigh-in, (call Extension Office)
 24th-27th 4-H Summer Conference, OSU Campus

July

- 1st-15th Record Book Check, Extension Office
 2nd **Fashion Review Practice and Contest (tentative)**
 6th Mandatory 4-H Horse Meeting (Horse members Record Book Check)
 8th-10th Cook & Colleen's Camp Out for Kids
 10th-12th Jefferson County Horse Fair, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 16th-17th **Presentations Contest (tentative)**
 18th **4-H Dog Fair (tentative)**
 20th 4-H Static Exhibits entered (Fairgrounds)
 21st 4-H Livestock arrives at the Fair
 22nd-25th Jefferson County Fair week (Look for Family Fun Activities in Fair Schedule)

August
26th

Auction and Premium Checks available for pick-up at the Extension Office

Jefferson County 4-H Committee Meetings:

If you are a volunteer leader in Jefferson County, you are a member of a committee. Your ideas are important, this is where decisions are made regarding your project areas, please come to a committee meeting and help make Jefferson County 4-H “*all that it can be*”. Find your project area and the date of your respective meeting (*meetings are held at the Extension Office unless otherwise noted*):

Horse	1 st Thursday of each Month
Livestock	2 nd Tuesday of each Month
Executive	3 rd Monday of each Month
Home Ec	
Recognition	
Small Animal	

Call for meeting times



Attention Jefferson County 4-H Leaders

If you have an event that you would like to schedule or are have something going on in your club that you would like to invite other 4-H members or clubs to and would like to have it on this schedule, please call the Extension Office at 475-3808 and let us know about it.

Attention: Livestock Clubs: There are four new Grain ID kits available for clubs to check out for club meetings. If you would like to check one out, just call the office and reserve a kit.

Enrollment Deadline:

Since March 15th, (re-enrollment deadline) falls on a Sunday this year, we will be accepting enrollments on Monday, March 16th. All members need to be re-enrolled by this date to be eligible to participate in 4-H events at the Jefferson County Fair.

College Scholarships

If you are a college bound High School Student you may want to check out the State 4-H Website and learn more about State 4-H Scholarships that are available for you to apply for: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/state-4h-scholarships> State 4-H Scholarship applications are due in March.

If you need information about the Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association scholarship, please call or stop by the Extension Office, information was sent to high school seniors in November. Applications are due in April.

Also, Seniors: if you have a livestock project you might consider applying for the Jefferson County Livestock Association Scholarship, which is due in June.

Reminder to all Clubs: Fundraisers

If your club is planning a fundraiser you need to fill out a “4-H Activities and Fund Raising Form” and turn it in to the Extension Office ***prior*** to conducting your event. Turn these forms in well in advance of your event, this will prevent a lot of planning going into an event that possibly could not be approved.

Horse Members:

Just a reminder. Jefferson County Horse Fair dates have changed this year to July 10th –12th, the deadline for declaring which horse (s) you may be leasing and/or which horse (s) you will carry on your 4-H records will be April 15th, 2009. Forms will be distributed in late February or early March to club leaders and will also be available at the Extension Office.

Presentation Information

There is new presentation information available on the State 4-H Website at:
<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/presentations>

General 4-H News, Club News

Events Around the State

- February 21—Critter Romp, Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville
- February 25—March 1, 2009. **Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum** For more information: <http://colorado4h.org/wrlf09/>
- February 28—4-H How To/Health Clinic, Yamhill county Fairgrounds, McMinnville
- April 25—Crazy Ribbon Open Schooling Show, Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville
- March 7—High Desert Spring Fling, Small Animal Show, Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville
- March 7—Happy Hoppers 4-H Small Animal Show, Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
- March 8—2009 Open Belt Buckle Horse Show Series, Crook County Fairgrounds (also March 21 and May 2)
- March 20-22—Northwest Horse Fair, Linn Co. Fair & Expo Center, Albany
- April 17-19—Oregon 4-H Master Shooting Sports Leader Training, Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center
- May 30—Leap into Spring, 4-H and Open Schooling Show, Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville

For more information about these events call or stop by the Extension Office.

Scrapbooking After-School Activity

Eight youth attended a scrapbooking activity held at the Extension Office on January 20th. Jennifer Oppenlaner gave instructions for a mini-scrapbook project. Scrapbookers were able to finish the project and take it home!



Oregon 4-H Master Shooting Sports

Leader Training

Oregon 4-H master Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center, April 17-19, 2009. Registration is due March 7, 2009. For registration forms or information, please contact the Extension Office at 475-3808.

Name Change

The 4-H Program for Kindergarten through 3rd graders formerly known as Adventures will now be known as Cloverbuds.

Livestock Producer list is available at:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/deschutes/sites/default/files/2009LvstProdLst.pdf>

What should my steer weigh?

It is time to weigh market steers again and to help you have an idea of what weight your steer should be at to be on target for our Fair weights, the following chart is being provided. Remember, the weight of the animal is just one of the factors that you should take into consideration when feeding a project animal. The condition or finish of the animal is as equally important as the weight of the animal. Nutrition, weather, health, genetics, breed, and how the animal is managed all contribute to the animal's overall performance. These weights are approximate and there are a lot factors in how your animal will gain weight and put on muscle. Good luck with your beef projects this year!

-Target Average Daily Gain: 2-3 lbs.

-Number of days from March 1st to July 21st (Fair)=143

-Current Fair weight standards: 1100-1450 lbs.

-Ideal weight at Fair would be 1275 lbs.

Calculations for weight on March 1st:

143 days x **3 lbs./day** = 429 lbs. of gain

1450 lbs. - 429 lbs. = 1021 lbs.

1275 lbs. - 429 lbs. = 846 lbs.

1100 lbs. - 429 lbs. = 671 lbs.

144 days x **2 lbs./day** = 286 lbs of gain

1450 lbs. - 286 lbs. = 1164 lbs.

1275 lbs. - 286 lbs. = 989 lbs.

1100 lbs. - 286 lbs. = 814 lbs.

2008 4-H Awards Recognition



The following awards were announced at the 2008 Recognition Open House held at the Extension Office on February 3rd, 2009.

Home Ec Awards

Elizabeth Stovall High Point Home Ec Award—Kayla Vincent—*Sponsor: Madras Lady Elks*
Hazel Meuret Memorial Award—Kayla Vincent—*Sponsor: Carol Alley*
High Point Expressive Arts Award—Kristeana Tichenor

Horse Awards

Jackie Powell Memorial Award—Emma Armstrong
Horse Proficiency Award—Kayla Vincent
Horse Sportsmanship Award—Gabrielle Alley and Kayla Vincent

Livestock

High Point Livestock Award—Kayla Vincent

County Medals and Certificate of Achievement Awards

County Medal for Horse recipient Kayla Vincent.
Certificate of Achievement Awards recipient: Sarah Clymore and Gabe Stafford.



Pictures (left to right, top row) Margee O'Brien, President of Jefferson County Leaders Association presents awards to Emma Armstrong, who receives the Jackie Powell Memorial Award, Gabe Stafford receives Certificate of Achievement, Kayla Vincent, receiving the Hazel Meuret Home Ec—Kayla also received awards listed above at the Openhouse.

Pictures (left to right second row) Jon Gandy receives the Orrin Potampa Memorial Award—Jefferson County 4-H Outstanding Adult Volunteer for 2008, Open House Group picture—Having a good time at Open House.

2008 4-H Awards Recognition, continued

Madras Produce Recipeints:

Sponsored by Madras Produce

Dayna Hamilton
 Kaylin Hamilton
 Kaylee Patterson
 Kristeana Tichenor
 Kyle Reidinger
 Tyler Manitsas
 Matthew Manitsas
 Kayla Vincent

A field trip is being planned for recipients of this Award, you will be contacted by the office with more information.

Presentations of Merit:

Sponsored by Madras Medical Group

Junior

Gabrielle Alley
 Kyle Bender
 Danielle Schmaltz
 Denton Schonnekter
 Lynze Schonnekter
 Bryce Vincent
 Levi Vincent
 Floyd Wellmaker

Intermediates

Kayla Vincent

Intermediate Team:

Matthew Manitsas
 Cole Simmons

Record Book of Merit:

Sponsored by Central Oregon Seeds

Junior

Gabrielle Alley
 Anya Clowers
 Denton Schonnekter
 Lynze Schonnekter
 Bryce Vincent
 Levi Vincent

Kati Viscaino

Intermediate

Dayna Hamilton
 Kristin Jasa

Information for club leaders:

The following certificates are included in individual club packets available at the Extension Office: Junior Leader, Presentation of Merit, Madras Produce, Recognition of Merit, Club Officer, Advancement Certificates. Member and Leader pins and certificates are also included in the club packets.

If you have received your Recognition packet, please stop by the office and pick it up.

High Desert Leadership Retreat Report

Wow, is all I can say. I was overwhelmed with what an awesome weekend the High Desert Leadership retreat was. I had no idea what to expect and this is what happened:

Friday night we had orientation and dispersed to our condos. Condos I tell you! With a gas fireplace, 3 bathrooms and a hot tub on the back porch! Dinner was cooking in the stove when we got there and the girls could eat while planning the rest of their meals for the weekend. So, they got to go shopping and learn about meal planning, budgeting and preparation.

Saturday the kids attended classes such as Colors (learning about different personalities), Low Ropes (active skill working as a team), Public Speaking, Engineering, Wind Mill building, Self Defense and many other awesome classes. Candi gave a great talk on Ethics and in the evening was Rec time (a chance to try out that hot tub on the back porch!) Sunday was a repeat of Saturday along with a talent show in the evening and a dance.

Monday was sad because it was a time to say good bye to all our new friends but t-shirts were given out and the kids had a chance to write on each other shirts and get info to keep in touch.

I enjoyed the time I had to make friends with the girls in my condo and see such a large group of kids who attended HDLR have a good time. These kids are truly our future leaders and I am proud of them. And feel confident in putting my trust in the future because of their leadership skills Parents of these 4-H kids deserve a pat on the back; you are doing a great job!

Here are some comments from some Jefferson County youth who attended:

"HDLR was so fun. I had classes that taught me about leadership, public speaking, team work and gave me life lesson experience. Other than the classes I enjoyed meeting new people during rec time, in my condo and especially at the dance." Kristeana Tichenor

"I had so much fun at the High Desert Leadership Retreat. This was my first time going to the retreat and I got to meet so many new people from all over Oregon. We spent 3 nights at Eagle Crest Resort and got to take different workshops like, leadership, public speaking, swing dancing, Lego catapulting, and engineering. It was a blast and I am looking forward to going next year!" Samara Rufener



Members of the 4-H SET club are learning to be leaders in the renewable energy field. If you thought engineering Lego robots was a huge learning experience you should see the mind strategies activated by wind mill building discoveries. So far the club members have dismantled a fair amount of electronics we plan to use in building their own windmills and the members had a contest as to which team could build the fastest moving blades for the windmills. Discovery of the size of the blades along with the angle needed to give the blade speed a positive DCV reading was surprising.

Items SET Club members are still looking for is in the list of the following:

Scrap PVC pipes for the base of their windmills, electronics with motors and gears, wiring long enough to run through the base and materials to build blades from (things that won't seriously hurt someone if it flies off the hub! (like the white corrugated cardboard used for political signage) We appreciate any donations of these items. The kids are definitely learning how to recycle!

If you have some input and ideas to share with us on renewable energy and windmill construction we sure would love to hear from you. We meet every Tuesday night 4:30 to 6:00 at the library annex. We always welcome new members and experts in the field of our study who are willing to share their knowledge.



Family Fun News

January Family Fun Game Night was a surprising success. Despite inclement weather, we had a turn out of 48 people determined to have some good old fashion game night fun (and get a chance to play with Lego robots!)

Cindy from Best Care gave a good talk on how to communicate with your children about drugs and alcohol along with just how to keep the lines of communication open with your kids. Cindy is a gem! She gave great tips, advice and a lot of hand outs and made the families comfortable. Many of the parents took the time to ask her questions throughout the evening.



Thank you Madras Fire Department for once again donating the facilities for the community to have another great Family Fun Time!

A special thank you goes out to the Commission on Children and Families council who makes these family fun projects possible. Through these family fun nights we are able to get to know the Hosts and their services in the community along with having some fun. Foster Parents are able to use these Family Fun Project Nights as their required certification training and the community at large gets a chance to meet their extended Madras neighbors. We sincerely hope you will take advantage of this great service provided for you free, to enjoy and learn about what Madras has to offer you.

**Come to the next Family Fun Event
and make some new friends!**

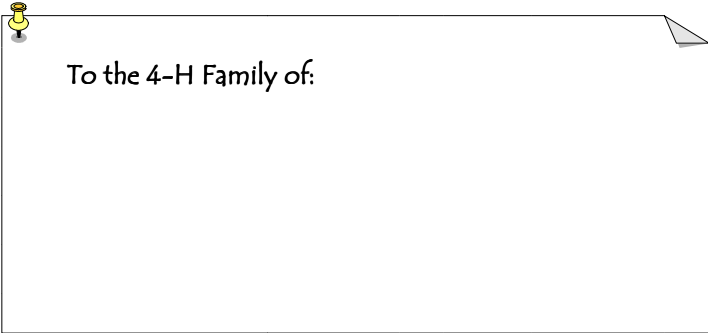
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High Alert!!

Teenagers age 13 to 18 are you interested in a Lego Robot competition for your age group? There is an opportunity to participate in the First Tech Challenge; it is stepping up to the next level of Lego competition using Tetrax kit with NXT. If you would like to be part of this exciting new 4-H club team please call Heidi at the Extension office 475-3808



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Leader Meeting date changes for February only:
Horse Leaders will meet February 5, 6:30 pm
Executive Council will meet February 9th at 7:00 pm
Livestock Leaders will meet February 10, 7:15 pm

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail and you would like to receive it by e-mail, please call or stop by the Extension Office and give us your e-mail address, we would be happy to put you on our electronic mailing list!