



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 Activity

Beat that cabin fever and come out and join us:

**Family Fun Game Night
at the Jefferson County Fire Department
Saturday, January 24, 2009
6pm to 8pm**

Have you been curious about all the talk of Lego Robots? Hey, Dad, Mom, Big Brother, and Sister here is your chance to build one! The whole family will be able to work on a Robot together as a team.

Different board games will be set up and a chance to have a great neighborhood game night with snacks and juice provided.

Join the fun!

High Desert Leadership Retreat

It is not too late to sign up for the High Desert Leadership Training. It will be a great weekend of fun, fellowship and festive classes on learning to be a leader in your community. Get your application filled out today!

4-H Survivor Camp

Prepare for life after High School. If you are in 8th-12th grade you may want to consider attending 4-H Survivor Camp, February 13-15, 2009, in Eastern Oregon. Attendance is limited to 30 youth. Cost is \$60.00. More information at the Extension Office.

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Happy New Year!

2009 Jefferson County 4-H Schedule

January

- 10th Community Club Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Rodriguez Library Annex, Madras
 16-18th High Desert Leadership Retreat, Eagle Crest Resort
 20th After School Activity, Scrapbooking, 3:45-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
 24th Family Fun Activity—Game Night
 31st Idea Fair, Deschutes County and **Jefferson County “Annual Club Registration Form” due**

February

- 9th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 10th After School Activity, Decorating Cookies, 3:45-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
 14th Community Club Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Rodriguez Library Annex, Madras
 16th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30, 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
 9th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 14th Community Club Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Rodriguez Library Annex, Madras
 15th 4-H Re-enrollment deadline for Jefferson County
 16th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 10th and 24th After School Activity, Rockets, 3:45-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
 21st Family Fun Activity—Derby Days

April

- 1st Horse Project Signature forms due, Extension Office
 6th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 11th Community Club Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Rodriguez Library Annex, Madras
 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, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 28th After School Activity, Fun with Food, 3:45-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

May

- 9th 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, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 18th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 23rd Family Fun Activity—Disc Golf

June

- 1st New 4-H member enrollment deadline (for Fair participation)
 6th Sheep, Swine, Goat Weigh-in, Time and Place TBA
 8th 4-H Horse Ride Night, 5:30-8:30, 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, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 25th Rabbit and Poultry Weigh-in, Extension Office
 25th-27th OSU 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)

August26th

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.

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.

Community 4-H Club

The 4-H Community Club will have it's first meeting with members on Saturday, January 10, 2009, at the Jefferson County Library Rodriguez Annex from 9 to 11 a.m. The meeting will consist of a business meeting and project time. If you are interest in being part of the 4-H Community Club be sure to come to this first meeting!

"Almost 30% of all Oregon volunteers focus their work in education or youth service, like the 4-H Youth Development Program. This is higher than the national average." "Volunteering in America: State Trends and Rankings," compiled by the Corporation for National and Community Service 2002-2005.

New Leader

We would like to welcome as a Jefferson County 4-H Leader, Risa Spiller. Risa will be starting a 4-H Guide Dog Club.

Guide Dog Puppy raisers wanted!!!

Do you have lots of time and energy??? Do you know how to teach puppies basic commands or would you like to learn how? Ever wanted to take your puppy with you everywhere you went? Then Jefferson County 4-H would love to hear from you. By joining this fun and rewarding group you will become an important part of the Guide Dogs for the Blind team. Raisers will learn all about raising and training these great puppies and what it takes for them to become working dogs out in the world. Raisers will also enjoy lots of fun activities in their local group as well as with other puppy groups and of course all play days that are set up by Guide Dogs for the Blind at their training facility. If you are interested in becoming a part of this exciting new group please call Jill at the Extension Office.

General 4-H News, Club News

Events Around the State

- January 16—January 19, HDLR, Eagle Crest Resort
- January 17—4-H & Open Playday, Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinville
- January 31—Idea Fair, Deschutes County Fairgrounds
- January 17—4-H and Open Playday (Horse) Yamhill County Fairgrounds
- February 8—Horse Show, Crook County Fairgrounds (Also scheduled for March 8 and May 2)
- 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, McMinville
- April 25—Crazy Ribbon Open Schooling Show, Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinville
- March 7—High Desert Spring Fling, Small Animal Show, Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville
- March 20-22—Northwest Horse Fair, Linn Co. Fair & Expo Center, Albany
- May 30—Leap into Spring, 4-H and Open Schooling Show, Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinville

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

Livestock Projects, New Requirement

September 30, 2008 United States Department of Agriculture initiated *Country of Origin Labeling* (COOL). This is a federal law that requires retailers to notify their customers of the country of origin of beef (including veal), lamb, pork, chicken, goat and some other agricultural commodities. What does this have to do with 4-H? If you are going to sell a **lamb, goat, pig, chicken or steer** you must provide documentation to the packer that will prove where the animal was born and raised. Likewise, breeding animals that are purchased off farm should also be accompanied with an affidavit as these animals may at some point be sold for harvest. Here are some tips to make sure you comply with the law:

1. IF you purchase your animal: Have the seller sign an affidavit that clearly states the origin of the animal. Keep this document in you record book. It is a good idea to make a 1-2 copies of this completed affidavit. The original should accompany the animal at time of sale. *Other documents that are helpful (NOT required): Change of ownership document, bill of sale, birth record and health records.*

2. AT time of Sale: You must sign an affidavit that clearly states the origin of the animal and the countries in which it has been reared. *Other documents that are helpful (NOT required): Change of ownership document, bill of sale, birth record and health records.*
Barbi Riggs, Crook County Livestock Extension Agent

If you need more information or for a copy of the affidavit please contact the Jefferson County Extension Office at 475-3808.

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.



Beef Nutrition Lecture

Mark you calendars for February 28th, 10 a.m., to attend a Beef Nutrition Lecture in Prineville at the Clover Club, 498 SE Lynn Blvd (across the parking lot from the Extension Office in Prineville). Barbi Riggs, OSU Livestock Extension Agent in Prineville will be talking about feeds, minerals, hay, water, probiotics, ionophors and feed supplements for the growing steer. Refreshments will be provided.

Jefferson County Paw Prints entered a float into the Christmas light parade and had 8 members and two leaders participate. Parents pitched in to help decorate the float Friday afternoon. Their was a great turnout and the float looked absolutely beautiful! I want to thank all the parents who donated decorations, candy and time to make it go smoothly. The use of the truck and trailer were donated by Ryan Simmons Construction in Madras and the use of the generator was donated by Bullet Rentals. We were very thankful for their generosity. It was such a success we plan on entering a float in next years parade!

Our club is still looking for more members to join. We have many exciting activities planned for the upcoming year. Please contact Jennifer at 771-6499 to get on the list for meeting times and places. Our next meeting will towards the end of the month in January. Hope to see some new faces there!





Great job 4-H SET Club! All four SET teams deserve a pat on the back for good sportsmanship and gracious professionalism. Winning a trophy or medal is fine and represents the accomplishment of hard work but attitude and how you treat other teams are the real marks of success. I am so very proud of all the club members.

Gracious folks respect others and let that respect show in their actions. (FLL Coaches Handbook 4th edition 2008 pg3) and that parents and club members is the real value of being part of the 4-H SET club. When the club members grasp this concept of respect for others, and it shows in their actions- that represents gold medal winners.

January 6th from 4:30 to 6:00 is the next 4-H SET club meeting. All teams from both Tuesday and Thursday nights are now combined into a Tuesday night meeting. I hope this will not inconvenience anyone but the majority of parents agreed that the combined group would work best on Tuesday nights and continue to meet at the Library annex.

If you are interested in joining the 4-H SET Club, please just join us at a meeting. During the months that we are not working on Robots and getting ready for competition, we will be working on Windmills, Rockets, and GPS projects. For more information about SET call Heidi at 475-3808.

PLEASE NOTE EVERYONE: We are in need of old tape players, VCR's, hair dryers, car stereos, record player any electronic that has motors with gears. Also we need donated screw drivers and wire snips. The club will be using these items to take apart and build windmill with the gearing.

Thank You to all the 4-H SET Club members and their parents who helped out with the Community Service Project clean-up at the Rodriguez Library Annex. The building looked great!!



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January Events



Tuesday	6th	Horse Leader Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Ext. Office
Saturday	10th	Community Club Meeting	9-11 a.m.	Library Annex
Tuesday	13th	Livestock Leaders Meeting	7:15 p.m.	Ext. Office
Fri-Sun	16-18th	High Desert Leadership Retreat	Week-end Event	Eagle Crest
Monday	19th	Executive Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Ext. Office
Tuesday	20	After School Activity	3:45-5:00	Ext. Office
Saturday	24th	Family Fun Activity	TBA	TBA
Saturday	31st	Idea Fair	All Day	Des. Co. Fairgrounds

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