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4-H Update



OSU Extension Service/Josephine County 4-H



And with the New Year come new programs, trainings and workshops with new things to explore and learn.

Take, for example, our new shooting sports – if you're interested in archery, shotgun, rifle, pistol or hunting, visit a club meeting the first Monday evening of each month at the OSU Extension Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

If science, engineering and technology are more to your liking (currently the focus is on robotics and computers) check out the new tech club which meets the third Friday of the month at the OSU Extension Auditorium also at 6:30 p.m.

This year we have planned new trainings and workshops such as: 4-H Volunteer, Jr. Leader, booster sessions, 4-H Records, 4-H Officer, Club Finances, Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Awards, Scholarships, Energy Education and Robotics, just to mention a few. Beyond that there are always club, division, committee, Youth Council and Leaders Association meetings where not only can you find out "what's happening" but also take part in some great activities and learning experiences for youth and adults as they plan and carry out "hands-on" learning activities – a major hallmark of 4-H.

So keep reading your newsletters to find out the who, what, where, when and why (okay, maybe the how as well) of this year's 4-H program in Josephine County and have a great year exploring and expanding your 4-H career!

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Food for the Jo. Co. Food Bank

We still have a barrel in the OSU Extension Office to collect non-perishable packaged and canned foods for the Josephine County Food Bank. **PLEASE** help make this year a little easier for members of our community by dropping off non-perishable food items when you come to visit us in the office. The hungry children in our county and their families **THANK YOU!!**

NEW DEADLINE
4-H Enrollments
of all
RETURNING



4-H Members and Volunteers:

Thursday, January 15th

2008-2009



4-H Calendars Available

Pick up a copy in the OSU Extension Office or view it on our county website:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/josephine/4h-news>

4-H County-Wide Activities

For all 4-Hers and their families
To help increase overall
4-H participation and camaraderie.

MOVIE in the MORNING

@ Southgate Cinema

Saturday, January 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$4.50 - \$5.50

Movie: a G or PG rated that is currently playing

Please call the office by Jan 7th if you are interested in taking part in this event. We need to know how many people would be willing to attend. A minimum of 41 at \$5.50 per ticket is needed for this to take place. The more that attend the cheaper the tickets.

4-H YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

January 8th @ 5:30 p.m.

OSU Extension Auditorium



ATTENTION: To every 4-H Club in Josephine County - PLEASE send a minimum of one Jr. Leader representative to this meeting - more is even better! The agenda will include elections, officer responsibilities and planning for future 4-H county-wide activities.

Call Chris 476-6613 for further details.

Help your youth become involved in this area of 4-H Leadership!

4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

Committee Meetings

January 8th at 7:00 p.m.

OSU Extension Auditorium

If you are a member of the Association Board or have signed up to serve on any of the following committees your presence is required at this meeting

Ways and Means Livestock Judging
Hospitality Summer Camp
Exception to the Rule

Horse Happenings



IMPORTANT NOTE: After the meeting in November, the Horse Division changed meeting days and times to follow the 4-H Leaders' Association meetings. It is important that **ALL CLUBS** have some representation at the 4-H Leaders Association meeting before the division meetings. Please encourage your Jr. Leaders to attend as well!

NEXT Division Meeting:

Thursday, February 5th, Ext. Aud.,
following the Leaders' Association meeting

Agenda Items for **February** include:

- Program updates
- Carry over from retreat

Please have a representative from every club that offers the horse project attend these meetings!

Horse Division

Retreat and **POTLUCK**

Saturday, January 10, 2009

at 2:00 p.m.

Galice Resort



We are going to "spice up" this years retreat so please bring your favorite Mexican potluck dish. The Horse Division will provide drinks and dessert. Agenda Items Include:

- Yearly plan
- Committees
- Budget

Who should attend? Project leaders and volunteers, Jr. Leaders, parents and anyone interested in serving on a horse division committee to help make the horse project in our county the best that it can be!

If you need directions, call the
OSU Extension Office.

HORSE FIELD DAY

WILL NOT be held January 24th

Further details will be released following the
Horse Division Retreat

Swine Stuff



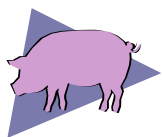
NEXT Division Meeting:

Thursday, February 5th, Ext. Aud.,
following the Leaders' Association meeting

Agenda Items for **February** include:

- Swine Field Day details
- Other items as needed

Alison Armstrong Jr. First Year Swine Member Award Application



Can You Answer YES to All These Questions?

1. Are you a Junior Member (4th, 5th or 6th grade)?
2. Is this your first year enrolled in the 4-H Swine Project?
3. Would you like to receive up to \$125 toward the purchase of a pig?
4. Would you like to receive up to \$175 toward the purchase of feed and supplies for that pig?
5. Are you willing to submit a written application for this contest?

If you answered "yes" to all these questions, then pick up an *Alison Armstrong Jr. First Year Swine Member Award Application* in the OSU Extension Office. One applicant will be chosen for this award. The application is due in the OSU Extension Office January 31st. The winner of this contest will be announced at the Swine Field Day on March 7th.

Livestock Judging

Are you interested in Livestock Judging?
Would you like to learn more about it?

Contact Chris at 476-6613. He will schedule some trainings for those who want to learn and for those who would like to be a part of the Josephine County Livestock Judging Team. He will schedule a training before **Animal Affair** if enough youth call by January 7th.

Swine Field Day Saturday, March 7th

Door Prizes

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration
OSU Extension Auditorium

You must be registered by 9:00 a.m. to be eligible for the grand prize drawings and you must stay the entire day.

Swine Field Day Program Focus:

SWINE PROJECT ADVANCEMENTS

**Bring your 4-H swine project workbooks
and records!!!!**

All of the presentations and information shared during this event will help you complete your advancements for your swine project. You will leave with at least 1 advancement completed. You could complete up to 5, so remember to bring your project workbook!

Parents: You NEED to attend with your child as you are the ones who purchase the feed and make other purchasing decisions.

Door Prize Drawings Throughout the Day

Refreshments and lunch (new food menu this year) will be available for purchase. The money raised will help to cover County Fair expenses for the Swine Division.

**THREE Grand Prizes for a certificate
toward the purchase of a hog
(2 - \$125, 1 - \$100).**

The recipient of the *Alison Armstrong Jr. First Year Swine Member Award* will also be announced.

Animal Affair

Saturday, January 17, 2009

Jackson County Expo Park,

8:30 a.m. welcome & orientation

Contact OSU Extension - Jackson Co. 776-7371 for more information about the events scheduled.

The Livestock Judging Contest held at this event will help qualify you for a place on the

Josephine County Livestock Judging Team.

(Contact Chris 476-6613 if you would be interested in car-pooling.)

Older 4-H Youth Opportunities



8th - 11th graders

"How To Turn Green Into Gold" Using your 4-H career to compete for those Scholarship Dollars

If you are in 8th - 11th grades, now is the time to be thinking, planning and working for Scholarship dollars. Find out how your 4-H career can make a difference and why putting time into your 4-H records could "pay off" in the future! Mark your calendar for the "How To Turn Green Into Gold" Workshop, Thursday, January 29th @ 6:30 p.m. in the OSU Extension Auditorium and call the OSU Extension Office to register to attend. Turn your 4-H experiences into "golden financial opportunities" for your future.

Know Your Government March 5-7



- Open to 4-H members in grades 8 to 12
- Meet and talk to your legislators and to lobbyists
- Visit committee hearings and the Legislative Chambers
- Learn the roles of lobbyist, legislator, judge and press team as you select a learning track on which to focus your time
- Meet new friends
- Cost is \$140. (Leaders' Assoc. will provide up to \$70 reimbursement after you attend.) Full scholarships are available by an application process through the State 4-H Office.

Adult Chaperones are NEEDED if our youth are to

Registration forms are available in the OSU Extension Office and are DUE back, with the fee: **Monday, February 16th**.

Scholarship forms are available in the OSU Extension Office. The entire application packet is DUE in the STATE 4-H OFFICE: **Friday, February 20th**.

4-H Volunteer and Youth Trainings/Workshops

New 4-H Volunteer Trainings Wednesday, January 14th Friday, February 20th Monday, March 16th

Call the OSU Extension Office 476-6613 for the time and to signup. All trainings will take place in the OSU Extension Auditorium.

Adults interested in becoming 4-H volunteers can obtain an application packet from the OSU Extension Office. The application must be completed and submitted before attending the trainings.

Primary leaders will be asked to describe the duties of the new volunteer.

Are you currently a 4-H Club Officer?
Are you interested in doing a Jr. Leader project?



Then plan to attend the Jr. Leader Training on Saturday, January 10th.

You must CALL 476-6613 to sign up and find out the time of the training. If there is not enough interest, the session will be cancelled. Only those who sign up will be notified if the session is cancelled!



Do you struggle every year with your 4-H Records or are you new to 4-H Records and wonder what it is all about?

Then come and join others who feel the same way at the 4-H Records Workshop "**Just the Basics**" Monday, January 26th @ 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE CALL 476-6613 to sign up so that we can have enough materials available for all attendees. Also if there is not enough interest, the session will be cancelled. Only those who sign up will be notified of the cancellation!

4-H Scholarships and State Awards

12th graders Planning to apply for 4-H Scholarships?



Information packets and the applications are available in the OSU Extension Office. Please note that the application processes for the 4-H County, State and Fair Scholarships are different. You may schedule a brief review of the differences and helpful tips by calling Sue at 476-6613 or you may pick up a packet of information and do it all on your own.

There are two County Scholarships of \$500 each, 14 State Scholarships ranging from \$500—\$4500, 6 County/State Fair Scholarships from \$500-\$1000 and 5 misc. Scholarships from \$1000-\$2000 for 4-Hers.

NOTE: The 4-H Résumé, which is used to apply for our 4-H County Scholarships, is also used to apply for **4-H National Congress**, so if you are interested in both you don't have to do twice the work!

10th - 12th graders

You can apply for the following
4-H State Awards:

- 4-H Citizenship
- 4-H Leadership
- 4-H Communication
- 4-N National Congress



4th - 12th graders

You can apply for the following 4-H State Award:
4-H Team Community Service

For more information call the OSU Extension Office 476-6613 or visit the State Website:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/things-do>

Applications for all the above awards and scholarships are due in the County Extension Office no later than February 16th at 5:30 p.m.

4-H National Congress



All 10-12 graders
4-H Résumés for
4-H National Congress are DUE:
Monday, February 16th.

4-H National Congress is the premier national event for 4-H members, with more than 1300 youth from across the country participating each year. The event is held in Atlanta, Georgia during the Thanksgiving break and delegates to Congress hear inspirational speakers, participate in cultural workshops, a large-scale community service project, and other fun activities. If this sounds like something you would like to experience contact Sue 476-6613 for more information BY JANUARY 31st.

Other 4-H Youth Opportunities

2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Topic:
"The Dance Language of Bees "



The 4-H Beekeeping Essay is a great opportunity for 4-H members to research and write about honey bees. Cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded to the 3 top National winners. 4-H members can also use the information they gather to make an educational display for the fair.

Essay contestants are not required to be enrolled in a 4-H beekeeping project.

For detailed essay contest information, visit the OSU Extension Office, or check the Oregon State 4-H website:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-beekeeping-essay-contest>

Essays are due to the **State 4-H Office**
by February 1, 2009.



Applause!!! Applause!!! Applause!!!



4-H Community Service Forms

Although we know that you don't participate in community service activities for recognition, your group performs a secondary community service by submitting your form. When you are recognized with a certificate at the 4-H Leaders' Association meetings and a thank you in the *4-H Update Newsletter*, you help to generate ideas for other groups. In addition, these forms help us in telling others our "4-H Story" and showing the impact 4-H has on our community. SO PLEASE fill out a *4-H Community Service Form* and return it to the 4-H/OSU Extension Office when your club/project group completes a community service activity.

It is a great help to all!

Thanks to:

- Everyone who attended and participated in the 4-H Christmas party. It couldn't have happened without you!
- Kyra Beam and Jessica Frerk for the great Christmas Tree for the party. It smelled wonderful and maybe next year we have a decorated ornament contest and trim the tree.

THANK YOU so very much!!

► **Still Wanted:** Clubs to decorate the Extension Auditorium Bulletin Board any month in 2009 (except May). Call the OSU Extension Office if you would like to sign up. Decorations should depict 4-H so that when people in the community use the room, they will have a better understanding of the entire range of 4-H projects, activities and community involvement.

Take Care of Oregon ~ Oregon is celebrating its 150th birthday in 2009!

Would you or your 4-H club like to join a very big birthday party for the state of OREGON? Wear a 4-H cap or t-shirt and join your friends and neighbors?

You or your 4-H club can join this celebration by **planning a community service project on or around May 16, 2009**. You can be recorded as part of a huge volunteer movement in Oregon during this birthday bash just by registering your project with the "Oregon 150" state committee! The "Oregon 150" committee will help your project, by:

- Acknowledging your participation and publicizing the project,
- Including the event on a state-wide calendar of events,
- Offering "Volunteer Action Training" workshops and a guidebook to learn more about organizing a community project,
- Providing a small grant for community project(s) – that are registered online early.

To register a community project, log onto the website: www.oregon150.org At that site, go to: "Get Involved" and then "Take Care of Oregon." Complete the information and request the opportunity to apply for a community grant.

Wear a 4-H cap or t-shirt and celebrate with Oregon citizens in May 2009!

If you have never planned a community service project, register to attend a free on-line Volunteer Action Training session at: http://www.solv.org/programs/volunteer_action_training.asp

~ Marilyn Lesmeister

From the Oregon State 4-H December 2008 Newsletter



There is NO January 2009 4-H Citizen of the Month

Because Chris and Sue can not be everywhere in the

county for all 4-H activities (even though they would like to be) they need your help. Please help keep them informed of all the great work being done out there by submitting a nomination and picture of a person who has volunteered extraordinarily to the Josephine County 4-H program. Let's not have any blank spaces in 2009!

4-H Citizen of the Month Award: Written nominations and a picture are due in the Extension Office the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Announcements

Master Gardener Classes

(All classes held in the Extension Auditorium)

Master Gardener Program

On Thursdays from
January 15 through April 2, 2009
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$100.00

Contact the OSU Extension Office for a registration form and for more details.

Registration **DEADLINE**: January 13, 2009

4-H Project Pigs

Broken Spoke Ranch

Melissa Weast 541-890-8930

Available for July and August County Fairs



4-H in the BOATNIK PARADE

This year's parade is May 23rd and once again we would like the clubs that plan to participate to do so as a group. 4-H Leaders' Association will pay the registration fee. If your club will be participating **PLEASE** contact Sue at the 4-H/OSU Extension Office **NO LATER** than February 28th.

Raising Funds for your club?

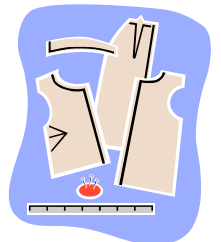
Remember to complete a Fund Raising form, available in the Extension Office, **at least three weeks** before your event, **ESPECIALLY** if it is something different than our normal car washes, food booths, garage sales or horse shows.

4-H Intermediates and Seniors PLAN NOW for 4-H Activities outside the county

March 5-7 Know Your Government
March 22-28 SWOJLA retreat
(actual dates and activities TBD)
June 24-27 Summer Conference in Corvallis

Simplicity Patterns

Order forms are now available in the Extension Office. You do not have to be enrolled in the sewing project to take advantage of this opportunity to purchase a pattern at a reduced price. So come check out the patterns!



2009
Western Regional
Leaders Forum
Feb 25 - Mar 1
Denver, CO

For details check out the following website:

<http://www.colorado4h.org/wrlf09/>



November/December
M&M/Star Bursts/Snickers
Award Winners:



NO ONE CALLED!!!

Does that mean there were no mistakes?



Remember: The first person to find and report a "My Mistake" wins the M&M award, "Sue's Blunders" wins the Star Bursts award or "Sue's Silly Slips" wins the Snickers award. Look for misspellings, dates, grammar, etc. You can call any time and simply leave a message at ext #107.

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

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Extension Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
And Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Open during the noon hour.



Agriculture, Family and Community Development, 4-H Youth, Forestry, and Extension Sea Grant programs. Oregon State University, United States Department of Agriculture, and Josephine County cooperating.

The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

Calendar of Events

(Add this information and these dates to your Josephine County 4-H Calendar)

January

- 1 Office Closed— Happy Holidays
- 5 Shooting Sports Meeting, all disciplines, Ext. Aud., 6:00 p.m.
- 8 4-H Youth Council Meeting, Ext. Aud., 5:30 p.m.
- 8 4-H Leaders' Association Committee meetings, Ext. Aud., 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Jr. Leader Training, Ext. Aud.
- 10 Horse Division Retreat and Potluck, Galice Resort, 2:00 p.m.
- 14 **NEW 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING**, Ext. Aud.
- 15 **DEADLINE** to reenroll **RETURNING** 4-H members and volunteers
- 17 Animal Affair, Jackson County Fairgrounds and Expo Park
- 19 Office Closed— Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 24 4-H - Movie in the Morning @ Southgate Cinema, 10:00 a.m.
- 26 4-H Records Workshop - "Just the Basics", Ext. Aud., 6:30 p.m.
- 29 "Turn Green Into Gold" Workshop, Ext. Aud., 6:30 p.m.
- 31 **DEADLINE** Alison Armstrong Jr. First-year Swine Member Award Application

Planning for February

- 2 Shooting Sports Meeting, all disciplines, Ext. Aud., 6:00 p.m.
- 5 4-H Youth Council Meeting, Ext. Aud., 5:30 p.m.
- 5 4-H Leaders' Association & Division Meetings, Ext. Aud., 7:00 p.m.
- 16 **DEADLINE** for 4-H Scholarship & National 4-H Congress Applications
- 16 **DEADLINE** for KYG Registration and Fee in the OSU Ext Office
- 20 **NEW 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING**, Ext. Aud.
- 20 **DEADLINE** for KYG Scholarship Application in the 4-H STATE OFFICE
- 25-Mar 1 Western Regional Leaders Forum, Denver, CO

Looking forward to March

- 2 Shooting Sports Meeting, all disciplines, Ext. Aud., 6:00 p.m.
- 5-7 Know Your Government, Salem, OR
- 5 4-H Youth Council Meeting, Ext. Aud., 5:30 p.m.
- 5 4-H Leaders' Association & Division Meetings, Ext. Aud., 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Swine Field Day
- 14 Sheep Field Day
- 16 **DEADLINE NEW ENROLLMENTS AND PROJECT ADD/CHANGE**
- 16 **NEW 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING**, Ext. Aud.
- 23-27 **SWOJLA** Leadership Retreat (details TBD)

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