



Calendar of Events

January '09

1 st		Office Closed
5 th	6 p.m.	Horse Committee Mtg.—Auditorium
12 th	5:30 p.m.	Small Animal Committee Mtg.—Conf. Room
	6 p.m.	Teen PAC Mtg.—Auditorium
	7 p.m.	Leaders' Council Mtg.—Auditorium
14 th	6-9 p.m.	New Leader Training—Auditorium
17 th	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Horse Tack Swap—Lane County Fairground
	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Mini-Beef Show—Contact Dave Morris, 541-225-7630
19 th		Office Closed
26 th	5:30 p.m.	Sheep Committee Mtg.—Auditorium
		Goat Committee Mtg.—Conf. Room
	6 p.m.	Swine Committee Mtg.—Auditorium
		Beef Committee Mtg.—Conf. Room
	7:30 p.m.	Livestock Committee Mtg.
28 th	6-8 p.m.	Junior Leader Training for grades 7-12

February '09

2 nd	5 p.m.	Beef enrollment deadline
	6 p.m.	Horse Committee Mtg.
5 th	6 p.m.	Auction Committee Mtg.
9 th	5:30 p.m.	Small Animal Committee Mtg.
	6 p.m.	Teen PAC
	7 p.m.	Leaders' Council Mtg.—Auditorium
16 th	6 p.m.	Fair Committee Mtg.

Enrollment

Deadline for normal registration fee is Monday, December 22nd at 5 p.m. After this date, there will be an additional \$30 late fee on top of the registration fee.

Enrollment forms are available at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/4h/forms>.

Registration fees need to be turned in along with the following completed forms (Member/Leader Enrollment, Code of Conduct, Health Form, and Media Release Form). Insurance coverage starts for your group as soon as you turn in your forms.

Reason for Fee increase

As you know, our Lane County Extension Office has lost over \$500,000 in revenues from the Lane County government due to the lack of Secure Rural Schools Act funding. Because of that, the 4-H program has had to increase its membership fees for the upcoming 2008-2009 4-H Year (which runs October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009). As much as we'd like to keep our fees the same as last year, our funding reality has changed, and it is necessary to move forward with these membership fee increases. However, the 4-H Leaders' Association has some funding for families who would like to request some financial assistance. Even at these increased levels, we believe that the value received

for a year round 4-H program is still one of the best deals around, especially when compared to other youth serving organizations.

Fee Schedule

Cloverbuds (Kindergarten – 3rd grade)

Normal Registration fee: Between October 5th & **new extended deadline December 22nd** \$20

Late Registration fee: After **December 15th**, \$20 plus \$30 late fee \$50

All other project areas will have the following registration fee structure apply:

Normal Registration fee Between October 5th & **December 22nd (new extended deadline)**

First project \$50

For two or more projects add a one time fee of \$10

Fee cap per 4-H member will be \$60

Fee cap per 4-H family (immediate family) will be \$120

Late Registration fee: After **December 22nd**

First project \$80

For two or more project add a one time fee of \$10

Fee Cap per 4-H member will be \$90

Fee Cap per 4-H family will be \$180

Additional fees may apply to animals destined for the Youth Livestock Auction, dependent upon Auction Committee's donation to the Lane County 4-H program, and will be described by Monday, March 9, 2009.

Update Your Email Address

If we do not have a current email addresses or you are not enrolled, you will not receive important meeting and event notices. Call Denise Ashley at 682-7305 to update your e-mail addresses.

New Leader Training

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Lane County 4-H Volunteer Leader, please encourage them to RSVP to the office and attend the 4-H New Leader Training to be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 6-9 p.m., in the auditorium of the OSU Extension Service in Lane County.

Pre-registration is required! If we do not have enough people that pre-register, the class will be cancelled. Please call ahead and make sure you reserve your spot as soon as possible! Call 682-7305 today! Forms are available at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/4h/forms>.

4-H Clubs Must Account for Year's Assets

Main club leaders will receive a pre-printed Club Financial Report mid-late January. Forms for each club operating during the 2007-2008 4-H year are due to the Extension Office no later than Monday, February 23rd. According to government regulations, the Lane County 4-H Leaders' Association is responsible for all assets earned and maintained by advisories, committees, and clubs. If you are a new club that started within the 2007-2008 4-H Year (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008), you don't need to worry about the requirement this year. Remember all other clubs, must have 2007-2008 4-H year the report turned in to be officially enrolled for the 2008-2009 4-H year. If you have any questions, you can call Denise Ashley at 682-7305.

Lane County 4H/FFA Youth Fair Theme & Cover Design Contest

Here is your chance to show off your artistic talent! Each year drawings are submitted by our wonderful artistic 4-H members. All entries are voted on by the Fair Committee as to which picture and theme best represents the 4-H/FFA Youth Fair. If your picture/theme is selected to be our 2008 Fair Book Cover you will have your picture in the April *Cloverpatch* edition and your drawing will be posted on the 4-H Website. You will need to submit your cover design/theme **by Thursday, February 19th, 2009**. Entries should be on 8½ X 11" paper in dark pencil or dark ink. Make sure your drawings have all the project areas represented to the best of your artistic ability. The date and year also need to be on the front cover, plus the theme. If you have any questions please contact the 4-H office.

Livestock News

Scrapies Eradication Program

This program affects youth in both sheep and goat projects. The program requires "As of November 19, 2001 all breeding ewes, rams and lambs (wethers included) under 18 months of age have to have an official USDA identification if they are to be shown or sold. The USDA tags will show either the farm or individual production number. In addition, all goats (dairy, pygmy & angora) at a show will have to have an ID tag for scrapie. Tags can be acquired by calling (866) 873-2824 or at the USDA office in Salem at (503) 399-5871. The seller must provide flock-of-origin information at the time of sale. Records on animals, including the buyer's name, address and phone number must be retained for 5 years."

It is the responsibility of the producers to order, tag, track and account for their own tags. This federal guideline will be enforced at both Lamb Show and County Fair. Be sure to check to make sure any goat or sheep you purchase will have its' scrapies tag. If you have questions, please contact the OSU Extension Office. There is more information on this program at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/404.shtml>.

2009 Weigh-in Dates

Beef - Friday, March 6th, 2-7 p.m., Livestock Arena.

Swine - Friday, April 17th, 5-7 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 18th, 8 -11 a.m., Livestock arena.

Sheep & Goats - Saturday, April 25th, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Livestock Arena.

Horse News

OSU Extension Service-Lane County 4-H Horse Project *presents:*

2009

TACK SWAP

SATURDAY – JANUARY 17

9 am – 3 pm

LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – AUDITORIUM
796 West 13th Ave, Eugene

BUY – SELL – TRADE
Horse Related Merchandise
English, Western and More

PUBLIC WELCOME – Admission \$1

If it's horse related, you'll find it here!!!

The Annual Tack Swap has grown so much that it will be held at The Lane County Fairgrounds in the Auditorium. We will have over 12,000 square feet of space and offer 10'x10' booths, plus several large booths for vendor trailers. 10'x10' booth space is available for only \$25.

Booth spaces go fast so reserve yours early!

Contact: Mandi Hanson

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 web site: 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! See the attached promotional flier for your club or community. If you have never planned a community service project, sign up to attend a free Volunteer Action Training session at: http://www.solv.org/programs/volunteer_action_training.asp

Contest

4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

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 three top National winners. The essay theme for 2009 is "The Dance Language of Bees." Contest details are located at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/2009BeekeepingRules.pdf>.

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. Essays are **due in the State 4-H office by February 2, 2009.**

Recognition

Fundraising Efforts For 2009 National 4-H Congress Are Underway!

Many Congress delegates describe attending this event as the highlight of their 4-H career. Unfortunately, over the past few years, the number of Oregon delegates we have been able to send to National 4-H Congress has decreased dramatically. In 2004 we sent a group of 27 youth; in 2008 we could afford to send only 17.

The cost of sending a youth delegate to 2008 Congress was over \$1,600; this cost continues to increase every year. Please keep National 4-H Congress in mind when sending out newsletters, discussing Leader’s Association budgets, or if you are contacted by a private donor. We are hoping to send a delegation of at least 20 youth in 2009; so our **fundraising goal is \$32,000**. Please help keep alive the tradition of giving our outstanding Oregon youth this wonderful opportunity in 2009. Donate today at http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/2009CongressPledge_Sheet.pdf!

Scholarships

State 4-H and State Fair Scholarships Available

Over 15 college scholarships are available to 4-H members who are seniors in high school and college bound in 2009. Scholarship applications and guidelines can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-scholarships>. The guidelines are the same as they were in 2008, and require only a brief, topic specific essay and an application form. All applications must be approved by the **county 4-H agent, and turned into the Lane County 4-H Office by Monday, February 16, 2009.**

Volunteer Statistics

The following statistics are available in “Volunteering in America: State Trends and Rankings,” compiled by the Corporation for National and Community Service 2002-2005.

Almost 30% of all Oregon volunteers focus their work in education or youth service, like the 4-H Youth Development Program. That is higher than the national average.

22.2% of all Oregon volunteers serve on boards, council or committees, like 4-H Youth Development programs. That is higher than the 17% national rate.

Oregon ranks 16th among all states and Washington D.C. for the percent of its population (33.2%) dedicated to volunteer service. During the same timeframe, there were almost 5,000 adults and 350 youth volunteering in Oregon’s 4-H Youth Development program.

Among all of America’s large cities, Portland has the third highest percent (35.6%) of its population volunteering. Only Minneapolis, MN and Salt Lake City, UT are listed in the “large city” category and have a higher percent of their population volunteering, 39.3 and 37.2, respectively.

Volunteer intensity is increasing. Today more than a third of all volunteers give more than 100 hours of time per year. Volunteers in the 13 western states of the U.S. report serving a higher average of hours during each year (38.8) than other regions of the country. Specifically, Oregon volunteers report serving an average of 48.1 hours annually, ranking Oregon 5th in the nation, for volunteer intensity of service. It is estimated that many Oregon 4-H volunteers serve 120 hours annually.

Extension Apparel is now available

Go to: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/announcement/extension_apparel_now_available

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