Greetings, Cloverland!

With the 2015/2016 4-H year winding down, it’s time to start thinking about what you want your 4-H experience to look like next year. See if you can commit to one goal to better the experience for yourself and others involved in the program.

Members...
- **What projects will you take on?** Can you add an Educational Display? Try a new class to challenge yourself in your project area? Start working on your static exhibits a few months earlier?
- **What small step can you take to grow your leadership skills?** Become an officer? Attend High Desert Leadership Retreat? Become a Junior Leader? Mentor a younger member? Join the Lane Leadership Team?

Leaders...
- **How can you improve your club structure?** Have more frequent or regular meetings? Allow youth officers to fully lead the meetings? Add a team-building activity or ice breaker to each meeting agenda?
- **How will you help with recruitment and marketing?** Reach out to personal networks to encourage new members to join your club? Ask members to take 4-H marketing materials to their school? Host or attend a 4-H Open House event?
- **How can you make sure communication from the office is reaching your members?** Review the Weekly News at each meeting? Send reminder emails to families about upcoming deadlines?

Parents...
- **Can you support the club leaders by becoming a volunteer?** Lead a new project group? Be an assistant or co-leader? Start a Cloverbud group? Take on record books? Facilitate a community service project or fundraiser?
- **Can you find a way to improve your child’s 4-H experience?** Ensure they attend more meetings? Start working on their 4-H projects at home sooner? Help them fundraise to attend a camp?
- **Will you stay in the loop on all 4-H news and deadlines better?** Check email for 4-H Weekly News and read it completely each week? Call your club leader if you miss a meeting to find out what you missed? Attend Advisory Committee meetings and other county-wide events?

2016/2017 enrollment forms will be available on September 1! Start the year off right and turn them in early to save yourself some money and save your leaders and staff some stress! We are looking forward to a tremendous new 4-H year and hope you are, too!

Emily
Planning for 2016 State Fair

STATICS
• If you had a “State Fair Qualifier” sticker on your static exhibit...
  ⇒ We can only take 3 exhibits per class and members can only exhibit 1 exhibit per class and 3 exhibits per department. If you have multiple qualifying exhibits, please narrow them down to meet these parameters. We will then have a judge narrow down the entries to meet the county quotas.
  ⇒ Spruce up your exhibits, label everything, and re-write your explanation card if needed. Use this checklist to select and prepare your exhibits. We will attach a new exhibit tag for you.
  ⇒ Drop off your selected exhibits at the Extension office between Aug. 1 and Aug. 18 during open office hours. Perishable food or horticulture exhibits should be dropped off Aug. 22 between 8:00 and 9:00 am.
  ⇒ We will deliver static exhibits to State Fair and then bring them back to the office. You may pick up your exhibits beginning Sept. 12.

HORSE
• Horse exhibitors must meet eligibility requirements, based on scores at county fair, to attend State Fair. Please read the state fair book to determine if you qualified in specific classes.

LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMAL
• Intermediate and Senior exhibitors receiving a blue ribbon are eligible to attend state fair. Check the state fair book for classes and rules: Livestock Small Animal

ALL STATE FAIR PARTICIPANTS
• Use the State Fair Book to determine which classes you will enter.
• Submit county fair entry forms to our office indicating the state fair classes you will enter. Submit entry forms no later than August 8.
• After entry forms are received, we will provide direct communication with participants on other required forms, dates, and logistical details.

Please call Emily if you have any questions about eligibility or the entry process. Otherwise, please stand by for additional state fair communication after entry forms have been received.

Consider volunteering at State Fair!
There are lots of great jobs for youth and adults to choose from. If you’re willing to donate some of your time, follow this link to sign up: http://signup.com/go/Ub2G7x
Sad News—Passing of Lane County 4-H Leader Lamoine Savage

Long time Lane 4-H leader and 4-H statewide judge Lamoine Savage passed away on August 9, 2016. Lamoine and his wife Enid were one of the first people to be inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame in 2004. Lamoine was a 4-H leader for 29 years in the areas of leathercraft, woodworking, small engines, and electricity and a judge in Expressive Arts, Engineering and Mechanical Science, and Natural Resources. He started his own construction company and did a lot of volunteer construction on the Oregon 4-H Center in Salem.

A memorial service will be held Friday, August 19, 2016 at 2:00pm at the Garden Way Church, 231 N. Garden Way in Eugene.

Record Book Contest - Deadline to enter September 29 5:00pm

We saw some outstanding record books during the pre-fair records check and want to recognize all of that hard work! We strongly encourage all members to submit their books for judging to get some great feedback and get in the running for some killer awards! Please drop your record book off at the office by Sept. 29 at 5:00 pm to enter the contest.

Here are some insider tips to get ready:

1. Read the [Record Book Guidelines](#) and make sure you’ve prepared your book accordingly.

2. Review your completed book with the [Record Book Scoresheet](#) before submitting. This is what judges will use to score your book!

3. Community Club leaders – consider collecting members’ books at a meeting and submitting them as a group to make it easier for everyone to participate.

Save the Date! Lane County 4-H Recognition Banquet—Saturday, November 19

The Lane County 4-H Recognition Banquet will be at Camp Harlow on the evening of November 19. The Lane Leadership Team is planning an exciting, fun-filled night to celebrate all of our outstanding members and leaders. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details – you won’t want to miss this!

This just in from the state 4-H office...

The Impact of 4-H on Adolescent Thriving

4-H helps youth thrive and we want to show how it does! Dr. Mary Arnold, who is one of our state 4-H specialists in Corvallis will be conducting a research study with 4-H youth this summer and fall to determine the ways that 4-H positively impacts youth. 4-H members who were 14 or 17 as of September 1, 2015 will be invited to participate in this important study. In the coming weeks, parents of youth who are selected for the study will receive an informational letter inviting youth to participate. The survey will be conducted on-line, so it is pretty easy to do. Youth just need to enter the ID number provided in the parent letter, and then complete the survey. We hope everyone who is invited to participate will do so, and help us tell the story of 4-H! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mary Arnold at [4hevaluation@oregonstate.edu](mailto:4hevaluation@oregonstate.edu), or by phone at (541) 737-1315.

If you want to learn more about the 4-H program model and the research-based theory behind all of our great programming, explore the resources on the state 4-H website, [here](#).
Here’s What’s Coming Up!

Cottage Grove W.O.E. Fair—Friday, August 19-Sunday, August 21

Check here for more information

Costa Rican Experience Information Meeting—Tuesday, August 23
6:30pm OSU Extension Service, 996 Jefferson St, Eugene, OR 97402

Oregon 4-H is traveling to Costa Rica for Spring Break 2018! Older youth with an interest in travel, eco-tourism, conservation, culture, and adventure should join Emily and other 4-Hers on this trip of a lifetime! Attend an informational meeting August 23 at 6:30 at the Extension Office to learn more.

Also, check out all of the program details here.

Fair Review and Planning Meeting—Thursday, August 25
6:00pm OSU Extension Service, 996 Jefferson St, Eugene, OR 97402

Please join us on August 25th at 6:00 pm for our “2016 Fair Review/2017 Fair Planning” meeting! Exhibitors, parents, and leaders are encouraged to attend and provide feedback about what worked and what didn’t and provide suggestions for the 2017 Lane County Youth Fair. This is the time to let your voice be heard!

If you aren’t available to attend in person, please send your feedback to Emily via email at Emily.anderson@oregonstate.edu prior to the meeting so it can be included in the discussion and documentation.

Oregon Pork Producers Fall 2016 Education Seminar—September 9th
5:00pm Oldfield Animal Teaching Facility, Corvallis

Learn about the upcoming Veterinary Feed Directive and how to post-cervical artificially inseminate in your sow herd. Free workshop, dinner will be provided. Registration is required by September 7.

See flyer for details and registration.
Come meet the Leaders and Join 4-H!
Find Meeting Times Here! Lane 4-H Calendar

Final 4-H Enrollment deadline was June 1st!
The new 4-H year starts Oct 1st!

We appreciate all of our amazing volunteer 4-H Leaders.
You make a difference in the lives of Lane County youth everyday!

Stay Connected with Lane County 4-H!

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