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OSU EXTENSION SERVICE

To: [Name]

Subject: [Subject]

Dear Family,

We hope this letter finds you well. We wanted to reach out to you regarding [brief description of the reason for the letter].

We understand that [reason for concern or issue]. As a part of our educational programs, we provide resources and support to famililys and communities. We encourage you to visit our website [website link] for more information or to contact us directly with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your time and attention. We value your participation and support.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Title]
OSU Extension Service
Malheur County

Note: The text provided is a template and should be customized according to the specific needs and context.
4-H NEWS!

Recognition and Awards

There are numerous ways to recognize outstanding achievement. Many people have shared with me they are unaware of some of the opportunities to receive awards outside of fair. The goal of this section is to provide information as well as assist youth in applying for the awards offered in Malheur County! My challenge for you is to take action and apply! **The award application deadline has been moved to the same due date as recordbooks and fair entries, Friday July 2nd!** The rationale behind this due date is to encourage youth to apply. Applications are available online as well as the Extension Office.

Recordbook scores factor into all awards. Therefore, it is important for you to do the best work possible on your recordbooks! Other criterion that is considered for all the awards is 4-H citizenship, community service, leadership, project work and overall knowledge gained!

**COUNTY MEDALS**

County medals are available to recognize 4-H members, 7th through 12th grades, in project or activity areas who have demonstrated advanced accomplishments in a project, as well as in leadership and citizenship activities. Youth interested in being considered for a county medal need to complete an application by Friday July 2nd and attend an interview. It is your responsibility to pre-register for an interview by August 13th. Youth may be awarded a medal once in each area as an intermediate and again as a senior.

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**EOLS entry deadline information**

The dates for Eastern Oregon Livestock Show are June 7-12, 2010 at Union, Oregon. Entries must be made through the Extension Office and are due at our office by May 7th. Each exhibitor must pay the $5 registration fee by May 7th. The horse show begins on Monday, June 7 at 9 a.m. and runs through Tuesday, June 8. Livestock weigh-in is Wednesday, June 9, 1-7 p.m. and livestock conformation judging will take place Thursday, June 10, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Livestock judging will begin at 3 p.m. on June 10. Showmanship classes will be held on Friday, June 11, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Livestock Auction is Saturday, June 12 beginning at 8 a.m. Contact the Malheur County Extension Office for more information.

**OSU 4-H Summer Conference**

Registration for OSU 4-H Summer Conference is now open! Get your forms in early to ensure you get your first choice classes. Registration closes June 1.

Summer conference, held June 23-26, 2010 at Oregon State is open to 7-12 graders. It is a lot of fun and we hope that everyone can make it this year. The cost is only $200 and most counties offer at least partial scholarships to help offset this cost.

If you are coming from a distance, consider taking the bus. We have four routes of charter buses coming from LaGrande, Klamath Falls, Ontario and St. Helens/Astoria. Prices for roundtrip bus transportation are between $10-$30 depending on the stop.

The class selection for this year’s conference is incredible, possibly the best ever and certainly something for everyone. We also have a great speaker (Craig Zabolocki), a really fun game of Zombies vs Humans, and (like usual) the best 4-H dance ever.

Make plans to attend! Contact the Extension Office right away for more information, registration forms must go through the county office.

All of the information can be found on the State 4-H website at: [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-summer-conference](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-summer-conference)

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**TVCC Livestock Judging Contest**

May 11th, 2010

Malheur County Fairgrounds

Starts at 9 a.m.!

For more information, contact Sandi Porter at 541-881-8822

Or email sporter@tvcc.cc

4-H & FFA Welcome!

NOTE: Date is May 11th!!
Leader Training Opportunity

4-H Staff in Oregon have developed E-Learning Modules for volunteers. The modules are interactive and very easy to use. Volunteers receive fundamental, consistent information that can supplement leader training. These modules provide volunteers an alternative to learn at a time convenient for them. County staff will receive an automotive email message when a volunteer has completed a module.

1. Go to the Oregon 4-H website, http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu
2. In the left bar, click on VOLUNTEERS
3. Under Volunteers, click on the ‘e-Learning Course’
4. Complete the four boxes: First Name, Last Name, State, and Type in the password: VOLUNTEER
5. Click on “About 4-H” to begin learning in the first of four E-learning modules.

REMINDER: All leaders must attend two trainings.

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Requirements:
√ Completed Recordbook-due July 2nd
√ County Medal Application-due July 2nd
√ Make appointment for interview-by August 13th
√ Interview- August 17th

SPECIAL 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE AWARDS
A completed application is also required along with an interview for Special 4-H Livestock Awards. Please bring your up-to-date records that must include production records to your interview.
Requirements:
√ Recordbook-due July 2nd
√ Special 4-H Animal Science Awards Application-due July 2nd
√ Make appointment for interview-by August 13th
√ Interview- August 17th

LINDA LEININGER MEMORIAL HORSE AWARD
This special 4-H award will be awarded to a Malheur County 4-H Horse member, grades 7th through 12th, in memory of 4-H Horse Leader Linda Leininger at the Fall 4-H Awards Program. Youth interested in applying for this award need to fill out an application by the deadline and attend the interview. Please bring your recordbook with you to the interview. This award will be based on the interview, accomplishments, records and personal goals. Previous winners are ineligible for this award. Requirements: same as above

Interviews are mandatory for all county medals, Special 4-H Livestock Awards and the Linda Leininger Memorial Award. Only one interview is necessary for both medals and awards. It is your responsibility to call by August 13th to schedule your interview. If you have conflicts with the times for interviews please call the Extension Office and talk to Kelli or Barbara before August 10th!

Fair Animals Available
• Mattie Mahler has lambs for sale. 208-740-0406.
• Gaylene Ellsworth has lambs for sale. 541-372-5453
• Nichols Family has fryer rabbits for sale. 541-212-3555
UPCOMING EVENTS

Record Book Fun Day!
Would you like some help with your 4-H record book? Are you interested in learning some fun techniques to make your record book the best it can be? Plan to attend this workshop! Bring your record books...

- Date: June 1st
- Time: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Location: Malheur County Extension Office
- RSVP by May 28th

Fair Survival 101
If you are new to 4-H this year, member, parent or leader, this workshop is for you! You will get tips and gain valuable information on planning, registration and attending the Malheur County Fair.

- Date: June 17th
- Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Location: Malheur County Extension Office
- Kids & Adults Welcome! Light snacks will be served.

Meridian Dairy Days
Meridian Dairy Days is being held June 18 & 19, 2010. A 4-H & FFA Dairy Show will be held on Saturday, June 19, beginning with Showmanship at 9 a.m. and followed by quality classes. Animals must be in place by 8 a.m. Interested youth may contact the Malheur County Extension Office at 881-1417 for entry forms and more information. Entries must be postmarked by Tuesday, June 15.

ATTENTION: 4-H Clothing Members...
The 2010 Fashion Review will be held
Monday, July 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
Location will be announced soon.
Youth will be asked to supply the Extension Office with names and addresses of people they wish to invite. Invitations will be sent out to anyone you would like to come and watch you present and model your sewing projects. We will have a dessert potluck following the Fashion Review.

Invite your parents, grandparents, leaders, & friends!

Upcoming Weigh-Ins

- MARKET LAMBS
  @ Malheur County Fairgrounds Only
  Friday, May 21, 2010, 4-6 p.m.
  Market lambs may weigh a maximum of 90 lbs at spring weigh-in. All ram lambs must be castrated PRIOR to the weigh-in. Lambs may have bands for castrating. Be sure your lambs have scrapie tags.

- MARKET RABBITS & CHICKENS
  @ Malheur County Fairgrounds Only
  Friday, July 9, 2010, Time to be determined
  Fryer Rabbits must be less than 69 days at fair; Roaster Rabbits 69-90 days; Fryer Chickens less than 8 weeks old at fair; Roaster Chickens, 8-16 weeks old at fair.

Rabbit Project Basics Clinic
The Nichols Family Rabbitry will hold a Rabbit Project Clinic on Saturday, May 15 at 8:30 a.m. at 31305 Boulder Rd., Parma, ID. This will be a basic clinic on rabbit raising for first time market rabbit owners or those who would like a refresher course. It is designed for those raising market pens for fair, but also relevant to all rabbit care, so anyone interested is invited to attend. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda:
- Basic Care Guidelines (1/2 hour) with handouts
  1. Selection
  2. Environment
  3. Care & Handling
- Tour of Rabbit Barn with Q&A session (1/2 hour)
- Hands On Handling Session

Cost is $5 per participant, please pre-register by calling Ellen Nichols at 541-212-3555 or emailing ellen_ann_marie@yahoo.com. Call Ext. Office for directions.
County Presentation and Demonstration Contests

Get Ready! Get Set! The Malheur County Foods & Presentation Contests will be held Wednesday, June 11, 2010 at the Extension Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Youth enrolled in 4-H can compete in the following foods contests: Snappy Snack (for Juniors, grades 4-6); Food Prep Contest (for Intermediates & Seniors) and Mini Meal Contest (for Intermediates & Seniors); 4-H members can also compete in the Presentation Contests for Juniors, Intermediates, or Seniors. Presentations may also be done as a team (2 members). Please contact the Extension Office by June 4 to schedule your time. There will be two new cooking contests this year, 4 for 6, 8 or 10 Challenge and Quick Fix Meals for Intermediate and Senior members. Contact the Extension Office for guidelines and more information on all of these competitions.

The awards for these contests are courtesy of Al & Sonia Jones. Thank You Al & Sonia for making our contest more fun for our 4-H members! We will also be offering fair passes to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place demonstrations and presentations in each age division. Ribbons and premiums will also be awarded.

This is an excellent opportunity for members to gain experience in public speaking and making presentations to groups. Presentations include all demonstrations and illustrated talks in all project areas. Any oral presentation that uses visual aids to present information is acceptable.

A 4-H member may enter only one presentation in any one year. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants based on the Danish system and premiums will be paid at the County Fair. State Fair selections will be made by the judge from all intermediate and senior contestants. Judging will be based on the Oregon Presentation Scorecard. Start planning your presentation now... practice at one of your club meetings!

REMEMBER!

As documented in the Policy Statement for the Oregon 4-H Youth Development Program, (November 1, 2008):

- The 4-H name and emblem is protected by federal law.
- Specific rules govern how the 4-H name and emblem may be used. For example, all funds raised by 4-H clubs and related entities must be used to advance positive youth development programs offered by 4-H. Violations may be punishable by fines/or imprisonment.
- All moneys received from 4-H fundraising programs must reside in bank accounts using the Leader’s Council tax-exempt num ber or have their own 5019c)(3) status.
  1. All bank statements are required to use the Extension Office address. As soon as we receive your bank statement, we will make a copy and forward the original to you.
- All fundraising activities must have the approval of the appropriate Extension official.
  1. A form for a 4-H fundraising event has been developed by the Extension Office. Please allow 2 weeks prior for your event for approval.
  2. Within one week after the event, you must return a report with documentation of funds raised.

I have reviewed this policy at Leader’s Association meetings, in Leader Trainings, Jr. Sale Committee meetings, and on individual visits. There are clubs who are not in compliance and we need to insure you are following all Policies and Procedures. Please take immediate action and make sure all Policies and Procedures are being followed. If you have any questions, please call Kelli or Barbara for assistance.

For more information, regarding Policies and Procedures, visit:
http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/library/fs_fundraising_7-28-06.pdf
http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/library/fs-sponsors_promos-v6-08.pdf
http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/UsesOf4-HFunds.pdf

SAVE THE DATE! MANDATORY

ISDGA 2010 Classic Show
May 29-30, 2010 at Expo Idaho
Sponsored by Idaho Syringa Dairy Goat Association
Entry information and details are available at the Extension Office. Entries must be postmarked or email dated by May 17, 2010 and payment must accompany entry.

SAVE THE DATE! MANDATORY
Dairy Replacement Heifer Field Day
June 26th, 2010 at 11 a.m.
Watch for more information to come!
May

At-A Glance 4-H Events for 2010

May
10-13  Spring Staff Development Conference, 4-H Faculty & Program Asst. (Barb & Kelli out of office)
11    TVCC Livestock Judging, 9 a.m., Malheur Co. Fairgrounds
17    Fair Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
19    Junior Livestock Sale Committee Meeting, 8 p.m. @ Extension Office (NOTE: LATER START TIME)
21    Market Lamb Weigh-in @ MC Fairgrounds, 4-6 p.m.
24    Leaders Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office

June
1      Record Book Fun Day, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Extension Office
1      Deadline to own breeding livestock
4      Deadline to register for County Presentation & Demo Contests
8      Junior Livestock Sale Committee Meeting, 8 p.m. @ Extension Office
7-8    EOLS Horse Show, Union, OR
9-12   Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, Union, OR
11     County Presentation and Demonstration Contests, Extension Office, time TBA
14     Horse Council, 6 p.m., Extension Office
17     Fair Survival 101, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Extension Office
18-19  Meridian Dairy Days (see more information inside)
21     Fair Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
23-26  4-H Summer Conference in Corvallis. Registration begins May 3
26     Dairy Replacement Heifer Field Day, Location TBA, 11 a.m.
28     Leaders Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office

July
2      Fair Registrations and Stalling Requests due by 5:00 p.m.
2      County Medal, Special Animal Science Awards applications due @ Extension Office
2      4-H Recordbooks due at Extension Office by 5:00 p.m.
2      Bred & Fed Applications due at Extension Office
9      Weigh & Tattoo Mkt. Rabbits & Chickens @ MC Fairgrounds, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
19     Fair Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
26th   Fashion Review & Dessert Potluck, 7:30 p.m., Location to be announced

August
3-7    Malheur County Fair
13     Deadline to schedule interview for County Medal, Animal Science Awards
17     County Medal, Special Animal Science Award Interviews, schedule by 8/13