

The CL VER CONNECTION

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Dear 4-H Families,

The Polk County Fair is almost here! This newsletter is full of important information related to Fair, so be sure to read it from cover to cover so you don't miss any deadlines and are aware of all the possibilities coming your way. As always, if you have any questions, please give us a call.

County Fair is a time for fun, being with old friends, making new friends, showing what you have learned and accomplished in 4-H in the last year, and learning more through your Fair experience.

4-H Fair Entry Deadline is Wednesday, July 8th. Fairbooks are available at the Extension Office, Polk Fairgrounds and most Post Offices in the county. Please plan accordingly to get your Entry Forms in before the deadline. We have enclosed two Entry Forms in this newsletter.

Remember – due to budget cuts, beginning July 1st the Polk County OSU Extension Service will only be open Monday thru Wednesday, from 8 a.m. – 12 noon, and 1 – 5 p.m. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday. If we are closed on a work day, it is due to illness or staff shortage, and no one is available to be in the office. Additional cuts are possible down the road.

We sincerely regret these changes, and will do our best to help you with the limited time and resources now available to us

NOTE: We are hoping to have all future newsletters available on the Polk County Website. Those who have listed an email address (that we could read!) on their enrollment form will receive the newsletter notice via email. If any of your contact info changes (email address, postal service mailing address, phone, etc.) let us know right away. I know for some this is a great inconvenience. We will still have paper copies at the Extension Office that you can pick up. Please check our website regularly to stay current on events and deadlines at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/>

Sincerely,



Judi Peters
4-H Youth Development Instructor

Polk County Extension Office

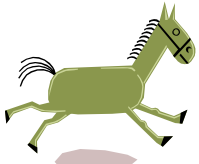
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Pre-Fair News



Pre-Fair 4-H Horse Show

Polk County Fairgrounds, Saturday and Sunday, July 11th & 12th. Entry forms are due to Carol Harris by Wednesday, July 8th.



Pre-Fair Opportunity for 4-H'ers Entering Food Contests

If you are planning on competing at County Fair in the Food Preparation and/or Mini-Meal Contests, do we have an opportunity for you!

Because so many of our 4-H'ers have a hard time scheduling their Food Contests around the livestock shows, we have set up a Pre-Fair day for those youth to compete in front of the Fair judge on **Monday, July 27th**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and going until about 5 p.m., in the 4-H Building at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Sign-up is first come-first served, so if you are showing livestock at Fair, and want to get your Foods Contest(s) out of the way, sign up for a time slot right away. Remember, there is a \$5 entry fee (payable when your turn in your entry form) for each Food Contest (also Presentations and YESS). The \$5 is refunded once you have completed the contest.



Fair Clean-Up:

Call Tina at the Polk County Fair Office for dates and times.

Fair Set-up:

Each area is by appointment with the barn superintendent of that animal area.



County Fair News

Deadlines:

The 4-H Fair Entry Deadline is Wednesday, **July 8th**. All required forms must be completed and received in the Polk County Office of the OSU Extension Service by 5:00 p.m. Please print neatly, and be sure to write down all the required info, as the examples on the entry form show. Be realistic. Do not enter exhibits you will not be completing. Pam is working with an old, un-supported Fair management program. If it is overloaded and crashes there is no way for us to get help for it and continue with any County or State Fair entries/computer work. FAX number: 503-831-2578

Remember to:

- * Turn in your completed 4-H Entry Form
- * Submit a Stall, Pen and/or Cage Reservation Card for each species
- * Sign up for a time to meet with a static exhibit Judge on Monday, Aug. 3
- * Sign up for contest times and pay a \$5 entry fee for Food Contests, Outdoor Cookery Contests, YESS & Presentations. Your \$5 fee is returned after you complete the contest or presentation.



Fair Premiums

*Premium money (Blue ribbon = \$1.50, Red ribbon = \$1.00, & White ribbon = 50¢) is provided by the Polk County Fairboard. Cloverbuds (pre-4-H'ers formerly known as Adventures) are not judged competitively, and do not receive premiums for their Rainbow ribbons.

*At this time there is no premium money for the 2009 Fair.



Fair Decorations:

4-H Clubs should be planning how they will decorate their stalls, pens, and cages for this year's Fair theme – "*Honoring Our Pioneer Heritage.*" Be sure any 4-H logo's you use meet the national rules and regulations regarding color, position, and appearance.

Passes & Camping:

4-H'ers must enter a 4-H Exhibit to receive a free bracelet pass to get into the Polk County Fair. Pass bracelets can be picked up at the 4-H Building when 4-H'ers are bringing in their Exhibits prior to the start of Fair. Parents can purchase a season pass for \$15, or a day pass is \$8. Adult passes are purchased from the main Fair office.

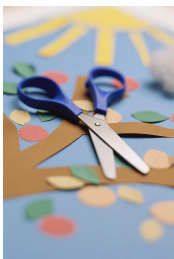
There will be camping at the Fair for youth who are exhibiting animals. Campsite reservations can be made starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 24th at the Fairgrounds office. Cost is \$55 for a campsite. See a Fairbook for more details.



Helpers Needed

Enclosed is a Helper Form for a variety of ways you can help make the Fair happen. We need help moving out to the Fairgrounds, checking in exhibits, clerking for judges, bringing goodies for the judges lunch on Monday, setting up the 4-H Building on Tuesday, and helping in the Horticulture area on Wednesday and Thursday. We also need help with transporting exhibits to State Fair. We can't do it without the help of many volunteers. Please don't assume that "some-one else" will volunteer. We need lots of volunteers to make County Fair and State Fair happen for our 4-H'ers

Educational Displays:



Exhibiting an Educational Display at the County Fair is an excellent venue for communicating the valuable things you have learned from your involvement in 4-H. The exhibit may be a poster or a three-dimensional display. Individual exhibits are limited in size to 30" wide, 24" deep, and 36" high. The exhibit may include pictures, models, diagrams and actual articles. Each display must be accompanied by an explanation to the judge. 4-H members can enter up to eight educational displays, one in each of the following classes: Animal Science, Home Economics, Expressive Arts, Natural Resources, Horticulture, Engineering, Citizenship/Leadership & Other. A Club display may also be entered. See Fairbook for complete details.

Contests at Fair:

Now is the time for 4-H members to consider preparing for and entering a special contest at the County Fair. Check the Fairbook to learn about special awards and how to prepare for the following contests at Fair: Presentations, Food Contests, Outdoor Cookery Contests, Young Entrepreneur and Monster Cookie, Fashion Revue, Floral Arranging, Small Animal Judging, and Livestock Judging.



Explanation Cards/Judges Information Forms

Static Exhibits usually require that an Explanation Card be attached to qualify the exhibit for judging. Certain contests also required that information forms be filled out and given to the judge when the contest begins. Be sure to check your Fairbook to see what is required for each of your exhibits. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

Vaccinations Needed:

Cats, dogs, dairy and beef animals all have specific vaccinations that are required in order to show at the County Fair. Dog and Cat 4-H'ers received a letter earlier regarding vaccinations required when you turn in the Fair Entry Form. Poultry Disease (Pullorum-Typhoid) Testing will be conducted at Fair after judging has taken place. As required by Oregon law, all exhibition birds must be tested.



Live Animal Award Applications

The Live Animal Award is a great way for 5th – 11th grade 4-H'ers to start a new project or expand an existing one. Live animal awards include: a pair of Rabbits, a market Hog, and a Hostein heifer Dairy Calf. The Application form and supporting story are due in the Extension Office by Monday, July 20th. Applicants will need to sign up for interviews to be held Monday, July 27th. Information and application forms are available at the Extension Office.

Other help needed during County Fair

County Fair requires many hands (as well as heads, hearts, and good health) in order to ensure this event runs smoothly, timely, and leaves all who participated with warm fuzzies. Please volunteer to help as a clerk, helper, setting up or doing most anything during Fair. We need your help! A few hours is all we are asking for. We promise not to overwork you!

Junior Superintendents Needed

All areas in the barns and exhibit building need Jr. Superintendents. Teens with a willingness to serve and help are needed during the Fair. Call and ask the different superintendents if you can help them.

Les Schwab Scholarship

Applications are now available for the Les Schwab \$500 College Scholarship. Applications must be received in the Extension Office by July 13th. Pre-scheduled interviews will be held later at the Extension Office.



Congratulations Graduates!

~ Congratulations to the following Polk County 4-H'ers who graduated from high school this year. We wish them much success in their future endeavors:

Jin-Hoon Brooks, Derek Burbank, Anna Burgess, Nicole Cobb, Joseph Deardorff, Anne Dundon, Ben Fertig, Priscilla Harlow, Tenisha Hoptowit, Cody Janes, Trenton Johnson, Carissa Kuenzi, Barbara Lerwick, Leigh Anne MacCarthy, Emily Martin, Joanna Nibler, Kylie Phillips, Kyle Sickles, Daniel Silberstein, Anna Smith, Liz Szczepanski, Aimee Tipton and Ariel Wilson.

State Fair News

State Fair Clerking Opportunities

Leaders and teens, do you know about this great learning opportunity that happens only one day a year? Some 5,000 exhibits are judged by 80 of the best 4-H judges in the state on that day. By assisting as a clerk, the volunteer leader/teen learns what the judge is looking for and how to improve their work with 4-H members who exhibit at Fair. This information helps leaders share the latest information from judges for County Fair the next year. This assisting also helps the leader answer questions from the member when the exhibit returns, and they wonder why something is judged a certain way.

Be a 4-H Volunteer at the Oregon State Fair

State Fair 4-H Staff are looking for clerks to assist judges on Tuesday, August 25th, starting at 9 a.m. Both leaders and older youth are welcome to serve as clerks for the whole day. Also needed are helpers to receive exhibits on Monday, August 24th, starting at 9 a.m; to display exhibits on Wednesday & Thursday, August 26 and 27 at 9 a.m. If you know of interested volunteers who would like to assist, please have them email monaeasley@oregonstate.edu or call Mona Easley at 541-737-1327.

Opportunities are being planned for the older youth who want to be involved with State Fair beyond showing or entering contests. They assist the 4-H State Fair Staff with tasks of all types. They may also spend some time staffing the 4-H Information Desk to share their knowledge about joining 4-H and answer questions for the Fair visitors who tour the building.

In the 4-H Exhibit Building there are several types of opportunities which will give 4-H'ers the experience of leadership at the state level and the fun of helping/being at Fair even if they are not exhibiting.

Here are some of the possibilities:

- Chair or co-chair an exhibit area
- Chair or co-chair a contest
- Assist someone else who has volunteered to chair
- Clerk for a judge on Judging Day
- Assist for a day or more with day-to-day operations in the 4-H Department

If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions, please contact Mona Easley at the State 4-H Office at (541) 737-1327, or email her at: mona.easley@oregonstate.edu Lunch will be provided on Tuesday, August 25th and a free state Fair admission pass will be furnished for each day you volunteer.

Take Down Party

On Labor Day we will help take down exhibits at the State Fair 4-H building. We will have a pizza party for those helping. Approximate time 8:00pm-11:30pm. If you are interested in helping, contact Judi Peters.

Entering Exhibits for State Fair

Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H'ers with static (non-animal) exhibits, that are selected to go on to State Fair do not have to do a State Fair entry form. We'll take care of it for you. An info slip on how the exhibit gets to and from State Fair will be attached to State Fair qualified exhibits. Be sure to read it carefully.



Horticulture exhibits are selected for State Fair by the Judge. Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H'ers must fill out a State Fair entry form, which is due in the 4-H Building by 6 p.m. Sunday of County Fair.

If an Intermediate or Senior 4-H'er decides to go on to State Fair, with their Livestock, including Horse, they must complete a State Fair entry form. Horse entries are due by 6 p.m. Saturday of County Fair, and Livestock by 6 p.m. Sunday.

State Fair 4-H Entry forms will be available in the 4-H Building during County Fair. Both the 4-H'er and a parent must sign the form.



State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

The State Livestock Judging Contest will be held at the Marion County Fair on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with the contest beginning at 9 a.m. All participants will place 9 sets of animals (beef, sheep and swine). They will be asked to evaluate performance data for some classes. The contest may also include one class of meat goats. There will be one questions class and seniors will give 3 sets of reasons, while intermediates will give 2 sets.

Alternates entered as individuals will compete for individual honors only. Counties who are unable to fill a team may combine with another county to form a combined team that will compete for team honors at the state contest by indicating that on the registration form. The champion team will be eligible to represent Oregon at the National 4-H Livestock Judging contest at the North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville. If you are interested in being on the Polk County Team, call or email Judi at the Polk County Extension Office by 5 p.m. July 6th.

General News

4-H Wild West Camp July 14-18 Tuesday-Saturday

Youth Grades: 4th-7th Cost: \$215 by June 27th and \$240 after

This camp provides outdoor recreational activities in horse riding, swimming, fishing, canoeing, archery, digital photography, outdoor cookery, crafts, natural science, Native American Arts and more. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend this camp.

Two special tracks at camp: * Leadership track for 8th-9th grade * Horse track

Info available at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/> or by calling (503) 623-8395

Lost

The Extension Office is missing two items. Please let us know if you have them as we need to get them back for use at Fair and meetings.

Large, green & white "4-H In Action" vinyl banner

Slide Projector



Toxophilite 4-H Archery Club

Meeting in Dairy Barn at Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7 & Tuesday, July 21

Polk County 4-H Rifle Club

Meeting in Dairy Barn at Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

Monday, June 29, Thursday, July 16 & Wednesday, July 29

The Archery & Rifle clubs will not meet again until October, at the earliest.

April Freeman Round

Bare Bow Grade 5

Kyle Miller – 4th, Logan Shamblin – 16th, Justin Mikkelsen – 20th

Jassamine Church – 22nd, Blake Grover – 23rd

Grade 7 Kalon Schmidt – 6th **Grade 9** Emma Miller – 3rd

Grade 10, 11, 12 Kelby Schmidt – 2nd, Emily Crowe – 8th, Jeremery McBride – 13th

Freestyle Grade 4, 5, 6 Corbin Kirkman – 17th, Samuel Metzler – 30th

Releases Grades 7, 8, 9 Nathan Thompson – 19th

Work on livestock judging skills at regional camp

4-H and FFA members are invited to gain more experience in Livestock Judging, with an emphasis on oral reasons, July 14-16, 2009 in Jerome, ID. The Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp is \$75 per participant. There is a livestock judging contest following the camp as well. Contact Cindy Kinder at 208-934-4417.

Meat Goat opportunities and awards

4-H members are encouraged to check the websites of the Cascade Boer Goat Association and the Oregon Meat Goat Producers. Both offer scholarships and awards for youth producers and lists of local shows and workshops. Next up is the Red White and Boer Show July 4-5 in Ridgefield, WA.

Willamina 4th of July Parade

The West Valley Wranglers are going to sell bottled water during the 4th of July activities and parade in Willamina. The club will also be in the parade.

Independence 4th of July Parade

Join 4-H as they participate in the parade. Call Elena Pena

Summerfest Parade

One of the highlights of the summer is Dallas's famous **Summerfest Parade!** What a fun time for all! This year's parade is on Saturday, July 25th and the theme is Happy Birthday Oregon! I would love for any 4-H club to consider entering the parade to show off 4-H to the public. It is a great way to show our animal projects or remind folks of the **upcoming fair!** Entry forms are available at the I-O newspaper office, the Dallas Chamber of Commerce office, the Dallas Aquatic Center or online at www.dallasoregon.org Questions? Call Terri at 503-931-8444

Right up My Alley

4-H is working with the cities of Monmouth and Independence in a Community Service Project. They each have an alley that needs cleaning up. All 4-H youth and families are invited to help in this great project. You can clean, sweep, wash, pick up trash and anything else involved with clean-up. Then you can help paint and decorate the alleys. The first phase of this project will begin July 3-4. Info – call or email: Judi Peters

Club News

Remember to email your club news and photos to: Judi.peters@oregonstate.edu

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Additional Fair Entry Forms are available on the Polk Website.
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/>

Polk County Fair Aug. 3-9	
Monday	Static Exhibit Judging
Wednesday	Horse Show Begins
	Livestock haul-in Day
Thursday	Horticulture Judging
	Fair Open to the Public
Saturday	Youth Livestock Auction
Sunday	Fair Closes at 6 pm

The Extension Office will only be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday starting July 1st, 8:00am-12:00noon and 1:00-5:00pm.