Dear 4-H Families,  District Update and Request

As you may know by now, the petition process was successfully completed. The signature sheets were submitted (8200) to the County Clerk before the November 18 deadline, and the signatures were verified within three days. The first of two public hearings was held on Wednesday, December 16. The second is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6. These hearings are required by law and are designed to make sure all the T’s have been crossed, and the I’s have been dotted. The Board of Commissioners formally accepted the petition and our report. Following the January 6 hearing, and barring any unforeseen circumstances, we expect that the Board of Commissioners will authorize the County Clerk to place the Extension Service District on the May 2010 ballot. The ballot title will be, Polk County 4-H, Master Gardener, Agriculture, Forestry Extension District. At that point a Political Action Committee will be formed, perhaps to be called, Friends of Polk County Extension.

The Chief Petitioners (Karen Lippsmeyer, Berend Faber and Warren Lamb) and their committee are now organizing for the next phase of this effort. We cannot act formally until after the Board of Commissioners take action on January 6. Our tentative plan is to use the period from January 6 through February 28 to prepare for the campaign, which will likely begin on or around March 15 with a rally. The campaign will need lots of help, and we will be counting on you and your groups to lend a hand. As we move into the "Political Action" phase, the Extension staff and office are limited to providing general information about the programs in Polk County, but cannot be involved in the campaign directly. The best contacts remain Jim Clawson (503-623-1920, wjclawson@msn.com), Roger Fletcher (503-623-8275, riverstouch@msn.com), and Karen Lippsmeyer (503-838-0864, mike.karen.lippsmeyer@gmail.com)

We would like your help to address two immediate needs:

1. **We want to identify a campaign slogan**, five words or less that captures a central theme of Extension. Perhaps you can help. Take a little to think about how you or your club, chapter or association have benefited from Extension. Is there a three to five word catch-phrase you can think of that describes the benefits Extension provides? If you come up with an idea, please reply to this email so the committee can consider it.

2. **Testimonials.** We will soon be looking for testimonials from people about the value of Extension. These should be one or two sentence declarations of Extension’s program value to you. We will also be seeking your permission to use your testimony in our literature, with our speakers’ bureau, etc.

3. **About 4-H in 2010:** Regardless of the outcome of the election on May 18, 2010, 4-Hers will be able to participate in County Fair in 2010. We have learned that there is some resistance among some families to join 4-H this year because of uncertainties about our future. PLEASE encourage those who are interested in 4-H to join us as members or leaders. The last thing we need during the campaign is a weakened 4-H program.

Let me hear from you soon.  Onward, Roger Fletcher and Jim Clawson

Judi Peters
Judi Peters, Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth
*** RE-ENROLL NOW ***
If you do not have an active club, Sign up to be a resource leader to keep your leader membership active.

We need your Email Address!!
Because of budget cuts we are no longer able to send the newsletter by snail mail. Please share with those interested in 4-H. We need your email address to send you a notice of when the newsletter will be available online at our Polk website - http://extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/4h
We would also like to send updates, between newsletters, of upcoming events.

National Camping Institute 2010 ** March 16-20

You are invited – to the 2010 National 4-H Camping Institute #10
March 16-20, 2010

Hosted by the faculty, staff and volunteers of the Oregon State University Department of Youth Development Education. Visit this site for the latest information on the NCI 2010 in Oregon. Our team is planning for a quality, in-depth educational experience, beginning with comfortable lodging and meals, based on Oregon products, at the Oregon 4-H Center (http://www.oregon4hcenter.org/) in Salem, just an hour south of Portland. We will be offering two optional pre-conference workshops, three pre-conference tours, two keynote speakers, 40+ seminar sessions and a day of tours to museums and outdoor sites that will give you a look at the beauty Oregon has to offer! Guest Speaker: Dr. Jim Cain Open to all leaders or anyone interested.

Registration NCI Registration and Information

Western Regional Leaders Forum Plan to join us in the Land of Enchantment!
The 2010 WRLF planning committee, New Mexico 4-H Leaders and New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension staff look forward to hosting you at the 2010 WRLF in Albuquerque. Come and experience the Land of Enchantment - New Mexico! Review workshops, teen activities, tour descriptions and souvenirs before going to the registration page. http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/ Come prepared to learn, have fun and network with others.
Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forums

The Southwest Oregon 4-H Regional Forum will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 in Roseburg and Roseburg High School. We are now accepting workshop proposals from staff, volunteer leaders/teens and judges who would like to present at this event. Registration forms and workshop. Registration cost is $10, which includes lunch. State 4-H Website.
4-H W.O.R.L.D. (Western Oregon Retreat for Leadership Development)

February 12-14 at 4-H Center (5390 4-H Rd, NW, Salem, OR 97304)

The WORLD of Hollywood is the 2010 4-H W.O.R.L.D theme. We welcome you to come and boogie with us at this fun and engaging leadership development retreat. Attention 7th-12th graders!

Retreat Goals:
- Develop leadership skills for Western Oregon youth in a retreat setting
- Meet new people from other counties
- Have fun
- Build confidence
- Develop appreciation and encourage involvement in community service

This is a retreat planned by youth for youth! A Regional Youth Governing Board has gathered to plan this year’s retreat including the theme, classes, and activities, basically everything you will do! You can be guaranteed a worthwhile and memorable experience! We look forward to having youth participate from Benton, Clatsop, Hood River, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, Wasco, and Yamhill Counties! Come & make some new friends!

What is in store? A few highlights include:
► Youth led hands-on sessions, including:
  - Playing the Lead Give your leadership skills a boost by learning the 21 irrefutable laws of leadership.
  - Getting Ready for the Big Screen Preparing you for a great job interview & for college scholarships.
  - Mission Not So Impossible Speech Great tips for impromptu speaking & entering this new 4-H contest.
  - Getting in the Act Discover new icebreakers and games to use in a variety of settings.
  - Best Actor Award Goes to YOU! Acting skills that can be used in leadership and public speaking.
► Dance – plus games and of course a couple of movies
► Cottage Decoration and Dress Up Contests based on different popular movies:
  Pirates of the Caribbean, 007, Indiana Jones, Super Heroes, Narnia
► A community service project focused on the homeless, which will include an informative speaker to help us learn more about this important issue affecting many youth and families.
► Lots of time for interaction and meeting new people

Costs and Logistics:
Registration is from 5:30-6:30 pm on Friday. Retreat ends at 11:30 am on Sunday.
Youth will stay in beautiful cottages, 16 per cottage, decorated in different movie themes.
Cost: $75.00 per participant if paid by Feb. 5th. A late fee of $10.00 is added after Feb. 5th.
  (Check with your county 4-H youth development agent for availability of scholarships)
Costs cover: 4 meals, 2 snacks and two nights lodging, t-shirt, insurance and class supplies.

To register, please complete the 4-H W.O.R.L.D registration forms and mail to:
4-H W.O.R.L.D.
OSU Extension/Marion County 4-H
3180 Center Street Room 1361
Salem, Oregon 97301
Questions call 503-373-3774
or email: pamela.rose@oregonstate.edu
KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT

A New Name for Know Your Government (KYG) = YOUTH VOICE, YOUTH ACTION
Volunteers have been making great suggestions during KYG each year. We have the opportunity to incorporate many of those suggestions in 2010. And with new opportunities - a new name for 2010.

Youth Voice, Youth Action (formerly known as KYG) will be:
Dates: Sunday, February 28 – Tuesday, March 2, 2010
Location: University Place Hotel and Conference Center, Portland, OR
Registration: $155 (covers lodging for 2 nights, meals, speakers, program materials, and metro travel during the program.
Youth ages 13 to 19 are invited to attend. This program challenges young people to be responsible for self direction and active participation. Participants do not need to be 4-H members. The program is open to everyone.

Scholarships: Although the location is different and educational program is evolving, opportunities to apply for a scholarship remain the same. About five individual scholarships are available each year. Teens can go to the state 4-H website, under Youth (activities), to complete a scholarship application.

More Dates: Scholarship applications are due to M. Lesmeister, Monday, February 1, 2010. Scholarship recipients will be notified by Friday, February 5, 2010. Registration deadline (with payment) is: Monday, February 15, 2010
Program: Teens will be leading small groups, examining issues that are important to them, creating plans to take action in their local communities, applying skills for civic engagement, sharing, negotiating, public speaking, and more! The program also includes walking, meeting public officials, and representing the 4-H program each day.

National 4-H Congress Video and Fundraising
A video of the 2008 Oregon delegation’s trip to National 4-H Congress is now available for viewing at http://oregonstate.edu/media/cfskqv. Please encourage your members to check it out and see if they might be interested in attending National 4-H Congress in the near future. Fundraising efforts for sponsoring the 2010 Oregon delegation’s trip are underway. Please donate today.

New Guidelines for State 4-H Awards and State 4-H Resume
State 4-H Awards in Citizenship, Communication and Leadership are now eligible ONLY for Intermediate members (grades 7 – 9).
Guidelines for preparation of the State 4-H Resume have incorporated the following changes:
* My 4-H Story” has been reduced in maximum length from 6 pages to 3 pages
* The “Goals, Growth and Contribution” section of the “4-H Summary” has been omitted

New Publication CD Available Now
The CD has electronic pdf files of most State 4-H publications and other resources which can be quickly accessed and printed without relying on an internet connection. All of the pdf files on the CD are also on the state 4-H website.

**Beekeeping Essay**
Join others in a great opportunity to research and write about honey bees! There are cash prizes of $750, $500, and $250 for the 3 top National winners, the essay theme this year is “Is My Community Honey Bee-Friendly?” For detailed essay contest information, or check the American Beekeeping Federation website http://www.abfnet.org/
Essays are due to the State 4-H office by February 1
SUMMER CONFERENCE

The 2010 4-H Summer Conference is scheduled for June 23-26, 2010. We are excited to announce that we have booked Craig Zablock as our speaker. Below is the link to a YouTube video about him [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONMjbjNgdHA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONMjbjNgdHA)

Check the website for schedule updates; there have been some fairly significant changes to the 2010 schedule, including a later start time. We also have numerous partnerships for this year’s events including working with the 4-H “million trees” [http://www.4hmillontrees.org/](http://www.4hmillontrees.org/) project for our community service and doing an activity with a campus based community change group “Peacejam” [http://www.peacejam.org/](http://www.peacejam.org/)

Prices for the 2010 conference will not change ($200 per member), although look for bus fees to be restructured. We are just beginning the process of finding classes. If you have class ideas or have leaders who would be great teaching classes please let us know.

LEADER INFORMATION

We would like all leaders to take a refresher course online. If you or another adult you know is interested in becoming a 4-H leader please contact the Extension Office at (503) 623-8395.

To access 4-H Volunteer e-Learning go the Oregon State University Extension 4-H website: [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu)

1. Click on Volunteer at the left, shaded information bar.
2. Under the heading, “Volunteer Orientation and Training” click on the Volunteer e-Learning Course
3. In the “Welcome” box, click on the link: [http://4h.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/](http://4h.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/)
4. Go to the left panel and click on the box, “4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course
5. Complete the four boxes: First Name, Last Name, State, Password=VOLUNTEER
6. Click on “About 4-H” to begin learning the first of the four e-Learning modules.
7. When the CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION is on the screen, you may fill in “Polk County” and print your certificate.

Exciting Opportunities in 2010—Outbound 4-H Exchange Programs

Oregon 4-H will be offering outbound 4-H exchange programs to the following countries during the summer of 2010: Australia, Japan, Norway, and Costa Rica. All of the exchanges are approximately 4 weeks in length (Japan has both a 4-week and an 8-week program), and are chaperoned experiences that involve a host family stay while in the country. Application deadline is January 7, 2010 for all programs.

Complete details are also available on the Oregon 4-H web site: [http://Oregon.4H.oregonstate.edu](http://Oregon.4H.oregonstate.edu). Click on the 4-H World Citizenship icon located toward the bottom of the page.

Hosting This Summer — Costa Rican Delegates

- There will be potential hosting opportunities for Oregon families from mid-June to mid-July with delegates from Costa Rica.

Complete details are on the 4-H website at: [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/node](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/node). The web site is up and ready to use. You just need to go to the first page of the Oregon 4-H web site and click on “Things to Do”, then click on “Travel Abroad/International Exchanges”. Click on exchange program information and then look under Inbound Ambassador Programs.

***Interested host families need to have all of the application materials completed and sent to the State 4-H Office by February 22, 2010.***
Records!!
4-H members can find their 4-H Record forms online at: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/projects
The permanent record can be downloaded as a MS Word file to fill in.

****Spring Weigh-in for Market Animals****
Feb 27th for Beef, 8-9am
All other market animals, May 22nd, 8-11am
Questions: luckylrnch@aol.com

Polk County Livestock Association Annual Meeting
The Polk County Livestock Association will hold its annual meeting Saturday Jan. 16, 2009 at the Hong Kong Restaurant, 325 Main St., in Dallas. The evening event starts at 6 pm with a Chinese Family buffet dinner served at 6:30 pm. The evening’s speaker is Dr. Aurora Villarroel, OSU Extension Veterinarian. The 4-H Poultry Judging Team will report on their trip to the National 4-H Poultry Judging contest in Louisville Kentucky. A short business meeting and election of officers will round out the evening. The dinner is $14 per person and the annual family dues of $13 are payable that evening. The Association conducts the market classes and auction at the Polk County Fair and sponsors livestock education programs in Polk County. Those interested in attending should respond by Jan. 11 to Pat Letsch at luckylrnch@aol.com or 503-623-4956 or 503-507-9017 If you know of anyone who might be interested in PCLA , Please let them know about this Meeting.

Western Oregon Poultry Field Day
SUNDAY, January 23, 2010
Registration 8:30-9:00
Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon 1/2 mile south of Hwy 22 on Hwy 99W
Workshops on Poultry Breeds, Poultry Judging, Diseases, Care and Grooming, Small Flocks, Showmanship, Avian Bowl, Getting started and lots more.
Workshops will be taught by: Dr. James Hermes – OSU Poultry Specialist, OSU Poultry Club, Jim Atkins (Ask questions; discuss your situations with the experts)
Please bring: A bird (of some kind, may be fake) to practice showmanship (In a solid bottom cage please!) A Notebook, Pencil and Questions There will be many classes to choose from on a first come basis and showmanship. You do not need to be in 4-H to attend. A “Make it Yourself” Omelet lunch will be included in registration. $3.00 for Registration and an Omelet Lunch, on-site registration $5.00 Pre-registration by email or phone before January 20. Adults are encouraged to attend. OSU Extension Office in Polk County 503-623-8395 or judi.peters@oregonstate.edu

Poultry Workshop – Free!!!
Jim Atkins – National Poultry Judge, will be speaking on care and feeding and managing your small backyard flocks of hens and meat birds!!
Saturday, January 23 1:00-2:30 Polk County Fairgrounds Open to any youth or adult.

***Spaghetti Feed – Community Service Opportunity***
YOU are needed!!!! We need clubs, Families or individual 4-H members to help. Invite your friends to come and work with you. There is a need for help with the fun booths, donations for the auction, help serving with the dinner and setup and cleanup. We need your help to make this a success!!!! Call: Laurie Smith @ 503-623-8991 or email: lauraodegard@yahoo.com or jnsd04@peoplepc.com
4-H Night with the Portland Trailblazers
Visit Rip City this year at 4-H Night with the Portland Trailblazers!! This is the third year Oregon 4-H has partnered with the team to provide this opportunity to our members, it is a lot of fun! This year’s game is March 25, 2010. It’s a Thursday evening game against the Dallas Mavericks and makes a great spring break family, club, or county wide activity. The official flyer from the Trailblazers is still in production. Tickets are offered at a discounted price for our members and even in the 300 section you have a really good time. We will have the opportunity to let 20 of our middle school and younger members high five the blazers before the game. Get your tickets early. They reserve a block of tickets for 4-H, however once the rest of the Rose Garden starts to fill up they release those tickets. All friends, family, and alumni are welcome. Don’t miss out on the 40th anniversary of the Blazers franchise celebration! http://tickets.trailblazers.com/deals Password: 4hnight

Relay for Life – American Cancer Society
WHEN: January 16, 2010
WHERE: Polk County Fairgrounds
3pm to 5pm - Cake Walk, Games, Silent Auctions and more!
5pm to 7pm Dinner – includes roll, salad, dessert and beverage
*Dinner prepared by: Paula’s Kitchen / Homemade Cooking
~ located in Falls City ~ 503-787-4503 ~
*BRING A CAN OF FOOD OR NON NON-PERISHABLE ITEM AND GET 4 FREE GAME TICKETS!   PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE 2010 RELAY FOR LIFE OF POLK COUNTY
Sponsored by: The 4-H Achiever’s Club
For questions contact: Laurie Smith @ 503-623-8991 or email jnsd04@peoplepc.com
SUGGESTED DONATION:   Individual - $5.00 - OR – Family $12.00 Children under 6 yrs free!
OVER 100 SILENT AUCTION ITEMS! CARNIVAL GAMES: Bowling, Bean-bag toss and much more!   BINGO!   CAKE WALK SALES TABLE: All kinds of great items from pens & pencils to note pads & hand bags!   Miniature Horse Rides!

Rickreall Round-Up
Cat * Rabbit * Cavy * Poultry
February 13, 2010
Polk County Fair Grounds, Main Building
520 Pacific HWY, Rickreall, OR
Sponsored by THE 4-H ACHIEVERS CLUB
MANDITORY HEALTH CHECK: 7:00 am – 9:00 am *show starts promptly at 9 am
COST: $5.00 for first 3 animals - $3.00 per animal over 3
$5.00 for ADVENTURER – SHOWMANSHIP ONLY
REGISTRATION: Registrations must be post marked by FRIDAY February 5th, 2010
*ADDITIONAL $10.00 FOR LATE ENTRIES OR IF PAYING DAY OF SHOW
FOOD: Donuts, hotdogs, chips, nachos, chili, pop, candy and more available to purchase
RAFFLE: Lots of great items donated by local business and members
TATTOOING AVAILABLE: Cost will be $1.00 per animal.
COSTUME CONTEST: Don’t forget to bring those costumes for your little critters! Prizes will be awarded, so be creative!!
NESTING BOX BUILDING: $20.00 small OR $25.00 large.
LIMIT 1 NESTING BOX PER ENTRY (quantities limited – first 20 entries only!)
MORE INFORMATION: Contact: Nora Solvedt @ (503) 623-7707 or jnsd04@peoplepc.com
*Please complete and return registration form with payment.
Critter Romp – Yamhill 4-H

**February 20th, 2010**

Location: Adec Building, Yamhill Co. Fairgrounds, McMinnville, OR

Check-in/Registration starts at 8:00 am and show will begin at 9:15 am!!  For more information/questions call John Nyberg  971-832-0777

Judges: Cat- Crystal Myer, Cavy & Poultry, Poultry- Pam Thiede, Dog- Becky McCall, Rabbit- Linda Eubank

Pre entry: (postmarked by Feb 12th) Cloverbuds Show ’n Tell/Animal Costume $3.50

Showmanship $3.50 and Conformation $3.00 per entry  (Dog Obedience $3.00/pre-entry or $5.00/late entry)

Day of show/late entries:  Showmanship $5.50 and Conformation $5.00  Cloverbuds Show N Tell/Animal Costume$5.00

* Rabbits, Cavies: Bring your own show carpet. Bring animals in leak proof cages.
* Poultry: Bring animals in leak proof cages.
* Cats with unclipped nails or claws will not be allowed to show. Bring own show carpet.
* Cats: A figure 8 or H-harness and leashes are required when showing your cat.
* Cats and Dogs: Please bring proof of rabies vaccination/health certificate.
* Dogs: A 6’ leash and kennel or exercise pen required.

Silent Auction: Proceeds will support the Yamhill County 4-H Small Animal program. A variety of nice items will be up for bid. Your auction items are welcome as long as they are new or almost new in condition. Auction will open at 10:00 am and close at 1:00 pm.

**WASHINGTON SWINE INFORMATION DAY**

**February 5, 2010**  8:50 AM to 5:30 PM   
Pillar Rock Restaurant, Moses Lake, WA

*A seminar designed for Progressive Pork Producers and Stakeholders in Washington State and other PNW States.* Information will be valuable to:  *Commercial and Small Production Swine Farms in the Pacific Northwest  *Niche Pork Marketers  *Agriculture Educators  *Agency Representatives  *Youth Producers  *Fair & Jr. Show Representatives

Registrations:  adult - $30, youth - $15   **Reminder:** Registrations postmarked after January 27 will result in a $15 late fee.  DO NOT WAIT, get your registration in early!  Contact Vicki Avery for info. – victoria.avery@oregonstate.edu

4-H Critter Campus 2010 - Marion County

**Saturday, January 30**  9:30-3:00 @ Polk County Fairgrounds

On-site registration and required animal health check at 8:30am

Workshops in rabbit and cavy showmanship, rabbit and cavy care, pocket pets, build your own cage.  For sale animal tags available for 50 cents per animal.

Questions and more information contact:  Linda Eubank at 503-769-7115 or lunybin@wbcable.net and check the Marion County Website.

Livestock Workshop – Tri-County (Marion, Yamhill and Polk)

**Saturday, March 6th** @ the Polk County Fairgrounds

Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goats

Workshops in showmanship, care and feeding and raising a market animal.

Contact Polk Extension Office for more info. 503-623-8395

Judging Competition with Feeds and Nutrition Workshop

**February 27**  2:00-3:00 Judging, 3:00-4:00 Feeds @ Old Mill Feed and Garden, 1313 Main St. Dallas

There will be a judging workshop and competition for large animals followed by a presentation by a Purina Representative on feeds and nutrition for market animals.  Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for judging.  4-H and FFA youth.  Adults are encouraged to attend also.
Club News:
Your Club can share its activities with other clubs by submitting a brief write-up and photos via email to: judi.peters@oregonstate.edu

Yellow Ribbon Event!!!
Among the 4-H members who helped with Saturday’s yellow ribbon event were (from left) Charley Millard, organizer Zachary Odegard, and Jessie, David and Emily Beasly.

December 16, 2009 DALLAS -- Zachary Odegard doesn't know anyone deployed with the 162nd Engineering Company based out of Dallas. But he feels strongly about supporting the unit and all other troops. The 13-year-old Odegard, who attends LaCreole Middle School in Dallas and is a member of the Polk County 4-H program, wanted to do more than just show his own support -- he wanted to help others do the same. So he planned a ceremony and placement of yellow ribbons in trees in downtown Dallas on Saturday, Dec. 12. Not even icy conditions following Saturday morning's freezing rain could prevent Odegard from showing his support. The event, scheduled for 9 a.m., was delayed to allow Odegard and his mom, Laura Smith, to walk into town and lead the ceremony. Due to the weather, only about 30 people attended, Odegard said. But the ribbons were placed in the trees just the same. About 80 yellow ribbons are tied to the trees dotted along Main Street, starting at Ray's Home and Garden. Odegard plans to place bigger ribbons around the trunks later. Odegard began planning the ribbon-tying event after he attended the mobilization ceremony for the 162nd in October. He had seen yellow ribbons hanging on overpasses in Fort Lewis, Wash., while on a trip to visit his grandparents. "I thought, 'why can we do that in Dallas because we have units here, too,'" he said. He approached the city for permission to hang the ribbons and contacted the Oregon Military Department to ask about providing donations for the soldiers. Odegard said the weather prevented him from recording the ceremony to send to the soldiers, but, as it turns out, members of the 162nd will be home for Christmas and will be able to see the display firsthand. "A lot of them are going to drive by and see the ribbons," he proudly said.

4-H Makes a Difference!!!!!!! Help us write letters to our soldiers. We need 4-H’s to take the time to write a letter. It is a great community service opportunity. For More Information, Contact: Polk Extension Office or Laurie Smith 503-623-8991

Polk County Ambassadors
Any youth in grades 8-12 may be a part of our County Ambassador program. You will be sharing your story about 4-H, helping at different workshops, involved with different Community Service events and learning leadership skills to use with your clubs and throughout life. We are asking that any teens sign up for Ambassadors even if you cannot make the meetings. You will be on the email list for all information involving leadership. You will be notified of any local or state opportunities to serve and help share 4-H. Contact the Extension Office of your interest.
Camp Counseling Club
Open to 8th-12th grade students interesting in learning counseling skills to serve at any camp.
The next meeting will be January 17-18 at the Oregon 4-H Center. Call: 503-931-2578

Archery Club (Toxophylite)
January 11, 26 February 9, 25
Meet in Building C @7:00 pm

Rifle Club
January 7, 28 February 4, 16
Contact the Extension Office for more information

***Polk County 4-H Fundraiser!!!!***
Tuesday, March 23, 4:00-8:30pm @ Ugo’s Pizza Parlor - 967 Main St. Dallas
We have a great opportunity to make money for scholarships for 4-H. Ugo’s Pizza Parlor will donate 50% of all in house proceeds (not alcohol) to Polk 4-H. They will honor all those that are able to dine in the parlor that evening, all “to go” (arrangements with 4-H leaders, they won’t deliver, but we can) and any gift certificates bought that night. There are so many ways to help out in this fundraiser. Invite your friends, neighbors and even your enemies to come eat pizza, chicken, potatoes, ice cream or pop that evening. If you cannot attend, please, please, prepay and order a gift certificate. They can be used later at any time. Give them as gifts to family or friends, plan a birthday party or club party.
If you make arrangements we can deliver to families in the Dallas area. Please, tell your business associates and ask if they would like to buy a pizza or gift certificate. Tell your grandparents, your relatives, get your club families to come for an evening of fun and getting to know other 4-H families. Please, Please! tell others so we can raise money for all of Polk County 4-H.

***New Leaders***
Congratulations to our new 4-H Leaders.
Lindsay Pirelli Thron Riley Jeff Dunton

Livestock and Small Animal Projects: Now is the Time!
Members who are considering Livestock/Small Animal projects should begin now to consider how and where they will acquire project animals. If you are planning on purchasing an animal, there are several things you need to consider:

- Purchase price
- Number of animals you can feed and care for
- Total project expenses
- Housing for the animal
- Transportation of the animal
- Class or breed limitations at Fair
- What will be done with the animal after the Fair

All of these questions need to be answered before you purchase any animal project. This should assist you in preparing for your project from beginning to end. Where do you go for the answers to these and other questions you may have? Your project literature will address most of them. Your leader can probably give you more current information associated with your project and give you ideas that are available to you in your area. You can also call the OSU Extension office. The important thing to remember is that you have to ask the questions. “The only dumb question is the one not asked.”

Market Weigh-ins: Beef – February 27th all other market animals – May 22
Upcoming Events:

**Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner** – Sponsored by The Achievers 4-H Club
January 16 @ Polk County Fairground

**Survivor Camp** hosted by Clatsop County
January 15, 16, 17. All counties are welcome and youth do not need to be in 4-H to attend.

**Western Oregon Poultry Field Day**
Saturday, January 23 @ Polk County Fairgrounds

**4-H Critter Campus**
Saturday, January 30, 2010 Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall (small animal educational workshops/clinic)

**Beekeeping Essay**
February 1 - Deadline

**Rickreall Roundup** – Sponsored by The Achievers 4-H Club
February 13 @ Polk County Fairgrounds

**4-H WORLD** (Western Oregon Regional Leadership Development retreat)
Friday, February 12-Sunday, February 14 4-H Center, Salem

**Critter Romp** – Yamhill County 4-H
February 20, 2010 – Adec building – McMinvile

**Judging and Feeds and Nutrition Workshop**
February 27, 2010 – Old Mill Feed and Garden

**Livestock Workshop**
Saturday, March 6, 2010 @ Polk County Fairgrounds

**All Polk County 4-H Fundraiser**
March 23, 4:00-8:30 Ugo’s Pizza Parlor, 967 Main St. Dallas

**4-H Performing Arts Camp**
Week of Spring Break @ 4-H Center, Salem (dance forms, music, instrumental, etc.)

**Oregon Meat Goat Producers Spring Pen/Wether Sale and USBGA Show**
March 27 & 28 – Polk Co. Fairgrounds.

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**4-H Leaders Association Executive Council**

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