



4-H Fourthoughts

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Ready, set, go online . . .

New enrollment method for 2016-2017 4-H year

Jackson County 4-H moves to online enrollment as a convenient time saving tool for all members, families, and leaders to enroll in 4-H this coming year, and enrollment can start now.

You can complete your enrollment online following the instructions provided at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/enroll>. While Steps 1 and 2 explain types of 4-H programs, and how to start or find a 4-H club, Step 3 is where your enrollment instructions start. You will notice two sets of instructions. One (**re-enrolling**) is for those who have already been set up as a family and each person in a family has a family account under the family email address. You can add extra children to your family account if they are old enough to be new Cloverbuds or 4-H members.

If everyone in your family is new to Jackson County 4-H, you will select the **new family** instructions. Both sets are very similar, with the primary difference being the log-in startup information.

Upon the completion of your online enrollment, go to Step 4 and find "Consent Forms." Click on the end of this line and you can download and print out the consent forms (there are three, one right after another), per person. You will need to fill them out, sign them and bring them to the Extension Office in person or by mail with payment. Until then your enrollment will be placed in a "pending" status. After those forms and payment are processed, your enrollment will be active.

While the enrollment fee amounts remain the same as in past years, the types of payment have been changed for this coming year to only two methods: by

check (payable to OSU or OSU Jackson County Extension) or by cash.

The most exciting aspect of this new enrollment process is that leaders can have access to their club information. As a leader, you can view/print member rosters and add/modify project areas so your members can piggy-back other projects. You can print reports

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Interstate Exchange share cultures



Members of the Oregon-Pennsylvania Interstate Exchange Group pose on at that state's highest point. See more on page 9

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General Information

Free admission for event at ScienceWorks, Ashland National Youth Science Day on Oct. 5

Attention, Kids and families:

To celebrate National Youth Science Day, come to the ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum at 1500 E. Main St., Ashland on Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. and watch and be involved with how drones and remote sensing can be used.

Admission for this event will be free.

Drone Discovery is a hands-on engineer-

ing design challenge that explores the science behind drones and how they are being used to solve real world problems. Join youth across the nation on this day as they participate in the same activities—learning about flight dynamics, aircraft types, remote sensing, and flight control.

There will be three different hands-on activities. Be sure to visit and take part in all three.



Explaining the “piggy-backing” concept

Making the most of your 4-H enrollment

Once you have enrolled in the 4-H program, it is not that hard to “make the most of it.” There is a simple way to add more projects to your record than those taught by your club leader. There are some activities that you might already be doing, in school, as a hobby, or as another form of self-expression. Such activities include photography, art, room decoration/designing, various crafts, writing, growing potted plants, and even fishing or rocketry.

This additional part of our county’s 4-H program is called **“Piggy-Backing.”** If you join an animal science club (horse, beef, goats, sheep, rabbits, etc.), you can add those favorite activities AND actually create items that can be displayed and judged at fair

The result is not only something you can hang on the wall of your room, or gift to a relative or yourself, but you also increase the amount of premium points you earn... and that equals larger premium checks! You learn these additional activities from your teacher, your parents, a friend or you teach yourself by reading instruction guides.

The only thing to remember, when adding these

“piggy-back” projects is that each project area has to be included on your enrollment record, needs to have a project record, and be registered for fair by the project deadline.

Additionally, you can increase your involvement in the 4-H program by communicating about it like giving presentations to your club and/or at the county Presentation Contest (held in April) and/or making Educational Displays that educate others every time someone reads and looks at it.

Premium Checks

The 4-H Premium Checks should be ready for pick-up by **early to mid-October**. Look for an announcement in the Monday Morning Minute. The money to pay premiums comes from entry fees. We divide the amount of money available after paying for supplies, by the number of points distributed, to determine the value of each point. **Remember—Premium checks will only be issued to exhibitors earning more than 5 points for the year.**

4-H Enrollment explanation for 2016-2017 year

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and email your families from the database. Only two leaders in each club will have access: the contact (main) leader and the IT leader (if there is a different person that sends email to the club). In order to ensure that we are setting your club up correctly and authorizing the correct people to have access, we are requiring each club to complete the fillable form (Annual Club Registration—found under leaders, club forms: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/4h/forms>) that helps us know: 1) who the authorized leaders are, 2) the club project areas, and 3) whether new members are being accepted. You can even attach the completed form to an email and send it to us.

Other types of Enrollment for those who do not have email accounts, or those who do not wish to do the online enrollment, we invite you to come into the Extension Office where a computer and assistance will be available. Please don't hesitate to ask for help: 541-776-7371.

Leader background history checks required!

Leader background criminal history check approvals are **required** of all extension volunteers working with youth *every two years*. Last year we started with the last half of the alphabet, so this year . . . **all leaders with last names starting with “A” through “K” (who trained/were last screened before 2014) must be approved before their enrollment will be fully accepted for this coming 2016-2017 year.**

The two-page **Criminal History Check Disclosure Notice and Release Authorization for Extension Volunteers** can be found at: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/sites/default/files/ext_vol_release_aug2015_0_0.pdf

Download the fillable form, type in all information (except signature), then print it off. Sign the printed form and send it – with a copy of a photo ID (driver's license, passport, or school ID) – to the OSU mailing address found on the bottom of the second page. Note: Background criminal approvals from any other agency/organization will not be accepted in lieu of this Extension Volunteer procedure because the information is confidential, and agencies can not share the results.

Remember: Member age determines eligibility

As found in the *Oregon 4-H Policy Manual*: **“Membership in 4-H is open to all youth ages 5 through 19.** A young person's age on Sept. 1 shall be used to determine their age for the upcoming 4-H

year (which begins on Oct. 1 and ends on Sept. 30). Eligibility for membership in 4-H **ends** on the last day of the calendar year in which a young person turns 19. Students who turn 19 before Sept. 1 of their senior year in high school may be enrolled in 4-H through Sept. 30 of the calendar year in which they graduate. Jackson County also has the following rule: ***Once a member graduates from high school, they cannot compete at fair the following year.***

Ages

To help everyone understand the age divisions, we quote from the 4-H enrollment policy summary:

- Juniors, 9-11 years of age last 9/1,
- Intermediates, 12-14 years. of age last 9/1,
- Seniors, 15-19 years of age last 9/1.
- Youths ages 5-8; who can be enrolled as “Cloverbuds,” have limited 4-H experiences, but do not participate in competitive events.

Clubs

Also included under the Oregon 4-H Policy Manual are rules covering clubs. Some rules are clear—they **“must have/or be” (supervised by at least two approved leaders)**, while others are strongly recommended, such as: **“Clubs should strive to enroll at least five youth from at least three different families and plan to meet at least six times a year.”**

All 4-H members and leaders must RE-ENROLL each year in the 4-H program. *And remember: Enrollment in 4-H is through a club; do not assume you can enroll in a club without getting permission from the club leader!*

Enrollment deadline

Jackson County's deadline for enrollment of members wanting to participate in county competitions is March 15, 2017. *There is no deadline for leaders, however, enrollments after March make it difficult for inclusion on lists: club rosters, and the Leaders Directory.*

What if a family cannot afford the enrollment fee?

Financial aid is available for part of the enrollment fee. To be considered for possible assistance, families must submit a letter — as soon as possible — to the county 4-H Association Board (569 Hanley Rd, Central Point, OR 97502) explaining their hardship and why the fee cannot be fully paid. Requests will be evaluated, and any amount of aid given will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

General Information

Mark your calendars ~

Western Fall Classic livestock judging, Saturday, Oct. 1

The annual Western Fall Classic livestock judging event is set for Saturday, Oct. 1 in Expo's Isola Arena. The event is being sponsored by the Jackson County 4-H/FFA Heritage Club in partnership with the Jackson County Junior Livestock Auction Committee.

The event is being advertised throughout Oregon and surrounding states. There are 12 classes in both collegiate and youth divisions with three sets of Novice questions and six sets of Advanced questions in each division. Youth teams may con-

sist of three to five members with three scores counted.

Entries must be postmarked by **Monday, Sept. 26**. For flyer and registration form, go to: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/sites/default/files/western_fall_classic_2016_flyer_v1_1.pdf

Registration cost of \$15 per person includes hamburger lunch. Check in is 7:30 am; contest starts at 8:30 am.

For questions, call Kathy White, 541-941-1660.

Can & Bottle Drive to help our winners get to Nationals

State-winning horse judging team needs help

Jackson County's Senior Horse Judging team that won the honor of representing Oregon at the National Horse Judging Competition in Lexington, Kentucky is in the process of raising funds for their trip early in November.

The senior members (Hailey Bischoff, Falon Sonnen, Dakota Cantamessa and Clayre Shaffer)

are doing a bottle/can drive to help raise money to get to the big contest.

Your help is needed. Collect those cans and bottles and donate them to our team to help them on their way. Call or text Jocelyn Cantamessa at 541-944-0656 to schedule a pick-up. Make your call today!

Continuation of horse training

Fall and winter horse clinics offered by 4-H horse judge

Starting in October on every third Wednesday through the fall and winter, 4-H Judge Cassi Soule will be hosting clinics so that 4-H horse members can continue to brush up on their skills.

Clinics will be held at her barn at Weathering Springs, 1767 Brownsboro-Meridian, Eagle Point; cost is \$20 per clinic.

Schedule and subject of clinics are as follows:
Oct. 19, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Trail

Nov. 16, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Equitation
Dec. 21, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Gymkhana
(prizes to be awarded).

Jan. 18, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Judging
Feb. 15, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Roping
(featuring professional guest instructor Don Elms)

For more information, call: 541-778-6578.

Completing 4-H Record Book offers rewards

Entries for the Record Book Contest are due 5 pm, Monday, Oct. 3, in the Extension Office. Now is the time to pull it all together; since you had to complete your project records for Fair, you are almost half way there.

Why finish that Record Book?

1) You can win awards/scholarships. Every member who finishes a book receives a prize. Winners in each category receive project pins and a cash award. Overall winners in each age division (1st Year Junior, Junior, Intermediate, Senior) receive cash awards. Winners the last couple of years won substantial amounts of money awarded to the top four spots of each level.

2) Record Books help you win college

scholarships. Without a record book or the information contained in your records, you will have difficulty applying for most 4-H scholarships. It also comes in handy when applying for non-4-H scholarships.

3) You can win state/national awards, like an all-expense paid trip to a large eastern city for the National 4-H Congress.

4) You will have a great memory book, and an accurate accounting of what it cost for your project, your inventory, income, etc.

USE STATE FORM: Remember, we are using the State's newest type of permanent record, called "My 4-H Resume" that **must** be used for the 2016-17 year. Older records do not have to be re-copied onto the new form UNLESS you will be applying for State scholarship/awards someday. Otherwise, it may be smart to copy those earlier years over to the new form now. (The earliest years must be *listed first* on the new record.)

You will need the whole 14-page form to start your permanent record (the one you keep from year to year and add on your new activities): <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/info/forms/my-resume> (download the "Word" format and save to your desktop. Read the instructions on the above page and the "IMPORTANT" notice). When you eventually fill up one of those pages, download the individual sections (again, choosing the "Word" format for your section continuation).

Required Components of a Book

- a) Application Form
- b) Cover
- c) Index Dividers
- d) Picture Page
- e) My Resume
- f) 4-H Story including past years
- g) Project Records, including past years and advancement records
- h) Project Photographs (current year only)

—That's it!

Judges needed!

Volunteers are needed to help judge the record books, starting the evening of **Oct. 3**. This is a great way to learn what makes a quality book, and see what other kids are doing. Judges work in teams, especially when evaluating project records. Some evaluate the permanent records, others read stories, check neatness... Interested? Call Diane Miller, 776-7371, ext. 229, and leave a message.

General Information to Remember

- 1) All work **MUST** be done by the member.
- 2) All forms are available at the Extension Office or online.
- 3) A Record Book Handbook has been developed to take you through the process to complete a book.
- 4) Members may compete in up to six projects.
- 5) If you haven't done one in past years, start now. Only the current year's information is evaluated.

Historian & Secretary Books due 10/3

It isn't too late to pull together your club Historian and/or Secretary Book. Clubs are invited to submit entries by 5 pm, **Oct. 3**.

Forms/tips are available in the Extension Office for both. Sample score sheets are also available. Prizes are awarded to the winning club and member.

General Information

Member Recognition Night set for Oct. 22

The annual Member Recognition Night has been scheduled for Saturday, **Oct. 22**, starting at **6:30 pm**, in the Extension Service auditorium.

Come see this past 4-H year in photos! Back by popular demand, a Power-Point presentation of photographs taken at 4-H events during the year will be held. Cari Brotherton has volunteered to produce this show. Many thanks, Cari!

A **Food Drive** will also be held, so remember to bring some commercially canned or packaged dry

food with you. The donated items will be taken to a charitable organization. This is a great and easy community service activity that can be recorded in members' record books!

Remember, this event honors members for their achievements in the last year, as well as all record book winners. All records books will be returned at the end of the evening.

All members and leaders invited! Refreshments will be served.

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 5

Open House set to kick off the new 2016-2017 year

Plans are in progress for a 4-hour Open House to kick off the 2016-2017 year. Scheduled to be held Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 am to 2 pm, we will again have hot dog/hamburger lunches available.

We have moved the event a little closer to the beginning of the new 4-H year, and are inviting all clubs to join us to set up a table (or combine with other clubs to represent project divisions).

Start planning now... create posters, bring sample projects and have your club members help sell 4-H

and your club.

We will have leaders on hand to talk about all the advantages of 4-H membership, and to accept enrollment fees and interest form for youth and adults.

Contact Kim Shelton if you would like to reserve a table or two: kshelton6373@msn.com. Give the name of your club, what project(s) you will feature and how many tables, chairs you will need.

Mark your calendar now!

Annual 4-H Association dinner, meeting recognizes and honors leaders, community members

Various leaders were recognized and honored at the annual Jackson County 4-H Leaders Association meeting last Wednesday.

After a Taco Salad dinner and short program, leaders in their first, fifth, 10th, 15th, 20th, and up years of service to the program were recognized and given appropriate pins.

Additional awards were presented as follows:

For Meritorious Service, awards were announced for: Cari Brotherton, Chrissy Reynolds, Vicki Noelle, Jason Lake, Rick Davis, Ryan Davis and Duane Haas. Meritorious awards for businesses were given to Fidelity Print, Brotherton Embroidery, B & R Tax, and Dr. Ravassipour.

Keys to Success awards were announced for Brandee Tolner, Travis Snyder, Mary Sholer and Joe Scheffler.

To additionally honor those who earned the "mile stone" pins, we wish to list those leaders for you. ***Congratulations and thank you all for your dedication to our 4-H program!***

FIRST YEAR LEADERS: Christina Allen, Eileen Baldwin, Rebecca Ball, Chris Buckley, Cathy Buttram, Whitney Byrd, Kiersti Casebeer, Alison Chan, Brandon Clark, Errol Coffman, Danielle D'Inzillo, Kristen Hanson, Demi Keller, Kimberly Krutsch, Carolina Livi, Thomas Maddox, Becky McNamee, Taylor Myers, Elizabeth North, Kaley Olson, Rachel Pesterfield, Sandra Rabjohn, Amanda Rogers, Jennifer Smith, Steven Sparkman, Brandee Tolner, Don Tolner, Kayla Torrey, Mary Wallis, Jennifer Weber, Jeffery Wilkerson, Amy Winans, Stephen Wittenberg.

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State Fair Results

We have the results on the participation and entries made by our members at the Oregon State Fair this year. Although we have a number of winners, we are proud of every member who sent exhibits or traveled to Salem to participate. They are listed below. (*Note: The meaning of the abbreviations (in addition to CH & RCH) are: JCH = Judges Choice, M = Medallion, MR = Medallion Ribbon.*)

- Sydney Baker:** Photography, B, B.
Blake Beck: Presentations, B, R.
Madelyn Bennett: Clothing, B, B.
Gavin Bjarnson: Art, B; Photography, B, R
Kaetriauna Bowser-Smith: Art, R; Clothing, B, RCH, B; Foods, W, B, B.
Grace Caron: Photography, B, CH.
Jazmin Clevenger: Art, B; Clothing, B.
Makena Clevenger: Art, B, RCH; Clothing, B; Fashion Revue, B; Mini Meal, B; Dog—Obed, B, Show, B; Sheep—Breed, B; Market, B, CH, Show, CH.
Jules Dahl: Photography, R.
Jarrett Dalton: Photography, B, R.
Mason Dalton: Photography, W, B.
Payton Daniels: Pottery, R.
Trillium Daniels: Horse—Western, R; Trail, W; Hunt Seat Over Fences, M; Dressage, B; Show, R.
Bailey Degn: Horse—Western, R; Trail, R; Show, R.
Emma Dewing: Horse—Western, R; Trail, R; Show, MR
Graycee Dorner: Art, B; Fiber Art, B; Foods, CH, B, RCH.
Braydon Dunbar: Art, B, R; Pottery, B, B.
Madison Dungey: Horse—Hunt Seat, R; Western, R; Trail, W; Show, B.
Makenna Dunn: Foods, CH MED, B, B.
Ashley Fincher: Art, R; Photography, RCH; Flower Arranging, R.
Madison Fincher: Horse—Western, R; Trail, R; Show, R.
Lily Folgate: Clothing, R, R.
Meyl Fraser: Horse—Western, R; Show, R.
Kate Gilworth: Photography, B, B.
Joshua Girodat: Educational Disp, B.
McKennah Hanson: Leathercraft, B; Fiber Art, RCH.
Sierrah Hanson: Leathercraft, B; Dog—Obed, RCH; Show, B.
Brooklyn Jacobs: Art, B, B; Photography, R; Dog—B, RCH, B, R.
Haylie Jones: Art, RCH, R; Photography, R.
Paige Jones: Food Poster, R.
Ciara Kaufmann: Photography, R, R.
Danea Kaufmann: Photography, B, W.
Jessalyn Magerle: Art, R; Photography, R, B; Clothing, R.
Lane Magerle: Photography, B, B.
Heather McAdam: Art, B.
Ethan McHugh: Art, RCH, B; Ceramics, R; Photography, B, B; Food: B, B.
Anna Meek: Art, B; Pottery, B; Clothing, B; Knitting, CH; Food, R; Food Pres, DQ, DQ.
Lillian Mickson: Art, B.
Naomi Miller: Art, B; Fiber Arts, CH; Clothing, B.
Regan Moreau: Art, B; Photography, R, R.
Mickala Morris: Presentation, B; Photography, B; Clothing, R; Food Prep Contest, B.
Amanda Morse, Photography, B, CH.
Wynn Nevin: Food, B; Food Pres, B.
Kaylee Nieminen: Art, B.
Hailey Ordal: Art, RCH; Photography, R, RCH; Computer, CH.
Emma Parker: Photography, B.
Kylee Prara: Dog—Obed, B; Show, B.
Catherine Rostel: Horse—Western, R; Show, R; Gaming, Medallion Ribbon.
Gracie Serabia: Dog—Obed, W; Show, R.
Samantha Shelton: Presentation, CH; Dog—Obed, RCH, Show, B.
Sara Shelton: Presentations, RCH, B; Photography, R, CH.
Cody Sholer: Photography, B, B; Horticulture, RCH; Dog—Obed., B: Show, R.
Alexis Smith: Horse—Hunt Seat, R; Western, R; Trail, W; Show, B.
Falon Sonnen: Art, RCH, B.
Alexis Taylor: Photography, R; Foods, CH; Food Pres, CH, R, B.
Nichole Taylor: Foods, B; Food Pres, R, B.
Zoey Townsend: Clothing, B; Foods, B; Food Preservation, R.
Olivia Tucker: Horse—In-hand Trail, B; Reinsmanship, M; Show, R.
Zoe VonDoloski: Horse—Western, R; Trail, R; Show, R; Gaming, B, M, B, M.
Emma Ward: Art, R, B; Photography, B, B.
Maddie Ward: Pottery, R; Photography, B, R.
Jillian Worley: Photography, R, B.

General Information

Effective next Jan. 1, 2017

Understanding VFD – Veterinary Feed Directive

Candi Bothum, our state 4-H animal science program leader has prepared the following to help us all understand the new VFD's that will be effective very soon:

In a recent discussion with Dr. Brett Kaysen, I learned some things I would like to pass along. Brett is actually a former 4-H Livestock Specialist for Colorado State, and head of their Animal Science Department; he now works for Zoetis (major drug company for animals). He's been doing some presentations across the nation specifically on handling the new directive. So, while he was in town, I asked him to share some of his expertise.

Here are some important things to share with youth and their families:

The argument that there are no antibiotics in animals when they go to slaughter is not the issue. The concern is about the building of resistance to drugs that are critical to human medical treatment. So, even after withdrawal times, animals (like humans) create a resistance, while there seems to be very little research to prove this point, the experts strongly believe that resistance is transferred to us through the food we eat, thus increasing our resistance to important medications.

We want youth to play by the rules, and work ethically within the system. If they feed any medicated feed (most show feeds, starter feeds, etc. are medicated) they must have a prescription from a licensed veterinarian to purchase it. It is quite possible feed stores will not want to deal with the mandatory reporting, reviewing, verifying, etc. that selling medicated feeds

will require. There is NO sign of feed companies changing their formulas. Veterinarians in some cases may go into the feed selling business. It all begins on Jan. 1, 2017.

Here are my recommendations:

1. Have a plan. Have a conversation with your local feed provider, your veterinarian, do some research, there are good alternatives to feeding medicated feeds.

2. Be sure your care standards are the best possible – don't depend on a medicated feed to make up for your lack of a quality environment, fresh water, clean pens, knowledgeable husbandry, etc.

3. If you have questions, ask the experts – veterinarians, some feed store folks, or ask me (candi.bothum@oregonstate.edu) and I'll find an expert, etc.

4. Dr. Kaysen suggested two really good resources. Both take a bit of negotiating to find relevant information, but its there and it's good stuff:

a) Feedstuffs.com: Click on the Resource Central tab and choose VFD Central; everything you could ever want to know in plain language. <http://feedstuffs.com/vfd.aspx>;

b) As always, Pork.org is also doing a good job sharing information. Go to <http://www.pork.org/?s=VFD>

Brett shared a thought he got from another expert/speaker on this topic that is worth repeating. "We can handle this; if we don't handle it right, we are definitely not going to like what comes next."

~ Candi Bothum, 4-H State Animal Science

PEOPLE HONORED *Continued from page 6*

FIFTH YEAR LEADERS: Stacey Beck, Gina Bonsi, Theresa Case, Cindy Jones, Corey Nelson, Rebecca Rademacher, Diana Schneider, Anne Thompson, Kerry Vargas, Ana Warntjes, Jesse Warntjes.

TEN YEAR LEADERS: Manette Aplin, Alfred Artman, Charles Brotherton, Deb Kubik, Jason Lake, Pamelyn Meek, Rene Miller, Tracie Mobbs, Shelly Morris, Brenda Redhead, Chrissy Reynolds, Laci Smith, Samantha Wyatt.

FIFTEEN YEAR LEADERS: Nancy Calcagno, Donna Cox, John Cox, Ed Krische, Becky Parent.

TWENTY YEAR LEADERS: Mary Davis, Rick Davis, Barbara Kozol.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR LEADER: Juanita Wright.

THIRTY YEAR LEADERS: June Brock, Tom Damon.

THIRTY-FIVE YEAR LEADER: Jennifer Anderson.

FORTY YEAR LEADER: Diane Miller.

FORTY-FIVE YEAR LEADER: Charles Elmore.

FIFTY-FIVE YEAR LEADER: Ron Anderson.

Summer fun...



**Interstate Exchange
Album with
Somerset Co., Pennsylvania**



Members of the 4-H Interstate Exchange had a great time in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, this summer. Seven Jackson County 4-H members and two chaperons flew out of Jackson County airport at 3 am on Wednesday, July 27, and came home Wednesday, Aug. 3. Participants were: Kaylee Nieminen, Abigail Rademacher, Emma Ward, Lola O'Connor, Macen Keller, Thomas Cox, Samantha Shelton, Juanita Wright, and Kim Shelton. We found Pennsylvania to be lush and green this time of year with beautiful rolling hills. We all enjoyed the area, fire flies, warm rain, and mostly the great people.

We met some wonderful 4-H families and learned a lot about their area, 4-H program, and a couple of agriculture opportunities (unlike Jackson County) in their area, like dairy farming and maple sugar production. There was a welcome dinner and dancing. We learned that in Pennsylvania square dancing is a very popular state fair event. We toured Pittsburg on a Ducky tour, saw the Amish Country, and went to the highest point in Pennsylvania, Mt. Davis at 3,213 ft. We toured the site of the Battle of Gettysburg, and

went to Hershey World and Hersheypark in Hersey, Penn. We were able to go to the Flight 93 Memorial and end our time with our wonderful hosts enjoying ice cream, a picnic, and swimming at Lake Quemahoning. All the kids spent a family day with their host families and did many different things from sightseeing and working on a dairy farm, to helping weigh pigs; Macen even gave a workshop on how to work with and show pigs.

We are very excited about hosting the seven kids from Pennsylvania next year and showing them our area where it will be much drier and we have a lot more mountains.

~ Kim Shelton



Summer camp at Lobster Creek



Coloring camp shirts with Sharpies

Lobster Creek 4-H Camp (held last August) was a great success. There were 80 campers this year, and there were many out-of-the-ordinary challenges including an abundance of angry bees/wasps. The weather was perfect and we were able to have a campfire this year which made it possible for Anne Manlove to conduct the ever popular Outdoor Cookery class! We were especially grateful to Becky Shaffer from Curry County 4-H for treating us to a wonderful morning of archery. She, her co-leader, and youth members were fantastic. We were also treated to another guest educator, Stacia Ryder from the Curry Watershed Partnership who taught about various birds and their nests. The kids built nests and placed them back

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General Information

Many thanks to...

Our summer events are behind us, and as we reflect on them, we can honestly say that our 4-H volunteers did outstanding jobs! Both our Spring Fair and Jackson County Fair were enjoyable, well-organized and relatively problem-free, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers. We are deeply grateful for the following people:

Our wonderful Superintendents . . .

Being a superintendent is a tough job! We need and want rules but often have difficulty living within them and superintendents get the heat. They need to balance the needs and desires of many.

Arts & Crafts: Patty Bunch

Beef: Ron Anderson, Jerry Mefford & Steve Baldwin

Rabbit: Deb Brown; Cavy: Pam Meek

Clothing: Rene Miller

*Fashion Revue: Melissa Clevenger, Jessica Hanna,
& Heidi Rotheray*

Flower Arranging: Kathy DeVette

Foods: Cheri Biskeborn

Goats: Dairy, Regan Dailey; Meat, Chrissy Reynolds

Horse: Kristy Artman, John Hanson

Horticulture: Teresa Reavis

Lego Challenges: Steve Tarr

Photography: Pam Meek

Presentations: Sharon Krische

Poultry: Melissa Clevenger, John Drach

Sciences & Educational Displays: Diane Miller

Sheep: Kim Skomerza, Ryan Davis, Donna D'Inzillo

Shooting Sports: Archery, Kenneth Smith;

Shotgun, Ron Manoguerra; Rifle, Steve Tarr

Swine: Chuck Elmore, Lyn McGoffin,

Hank Rademacher & Tresa Keller

Table Setting: Deb Brown

All the additional Fair Volunteers who made the fairs a success—from the auction cooks *Jim Miller and Sam Herringshaw*, and *Curtis North* who chaired the Buyers BBQs, *Kathy McGoffin* who led the herdsmanhood judging staff, everyone who helped before, during & after the auctions, the photographers *Linda Anderson, Nancy Dawson*, and the outstanding committees/helpers who worked on the different shows and *Patty Bunch* who oversaw all the static exhibit awards process. Like most things in 4-H, it doesn't happen without team effort. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team!

... and the State Fair exhibits crew

A big thank you to **Patty Bunch, and Chuck & Diane Miller** who worked to get all the State Fair exhibits ready for travel to Salem, and **Kim Skomerza** who transported the exhibits up there. It is a big job to make sure that all the written explanations are included, complete and looking their best. Thank you all!

Message of thanks from our 4-H Association President, John Cox:

Thanks to Kim Skomerza for taking charge of the 4-H program (between agents), to the Board of Directors for sticking with me and for all that they do throughout the year.

~ John

Please pick up Fair Exhibits & claim "Lost & Found" items

We still have a few County Fair ribbons and Special Awards on hand (ask the secretaries), and a good number of State Fair exhibits/ribbons/score sheets waiting for their owners to pick them up (in the Extension Office). We still have a few "lost and found" items from camp, etc. also waiting for their owners to claim them.

Please claim them all by Nov. 1. We will be making a trip to a charitable group with any lost items that remain.

Calendar

October

- 1 Western Fall livestock judging contest, Isola Arena, Expo, Registration starts at 7:30 am
- 3 Record Books due 5 pm, Extension Office (also club Secretary & Historian books)
- 5 National Youth Science Day, 6-8 pm, ScienceWorks, Ashland; admission free
- 12 Orientation on Scholarship applications & Nat'l 4-H Congress, 5:45 pm, Ext. Classroom
- 12 Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Service auditorium
- 19 Animal Science Leader Meeting, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 20 4-H candidate (for agent) presentations, Extension Auditorium, 6 pm
- 22 Member Recognition Night, Extension Auditorium, 6:30 pm

November

- 2 Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Service auditorium
- 5 4-H Open House, Extension Auditorium, lunch available, 10 am – 2 pm
- 16 Animal Science Leader Meetings, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm

December

- 7 Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Service auditorium

Looking ahead . . . 2017

Here's a few of the important dates that have been scheduled for 2017 so far:

- Feb. 18 Beef tagging in Isola
- April TBA 4-H Presentation Contest, approx. 9:30 am, Extension Auditorium
- June 2-4 Spring Fair, Expo fairgrounds
- July 12-16 County Fair, Expo fairgrounds
- Aug. 25-Sept. 4 State Fair, Salem

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in the woods to see if anything will use them for a house. Some will be sure to check next year to see how their nests fared the year and if they were used.

Thank you to all the counselors and adult volunteers for the time donated to make this camp a lasting memory for so many young members. Without all the help, camp could not happen. Many thanks go to the entire staff! Serving as this year's staff were the following camp counselors, staff and volunteers: Kim Skomerza, Teague Teece, Anne Manlove, Kristin

Cox, Ron Manoguerra, DeeDee Johnson, Patty Bunch, Cindy Townsend, Quinn Teece, Kriya Skywalker, Brian Morris, Haydn Beck, Jon Sisul, Thomas Cox, Wynn Nevin, Alek Tryon, Cole Johnston, Emry Timmons, Logan Krische, Branden Reed, Mikalya Moss, Maddy Olson, Mallory Olson, Elise Morris, Danae Kauffman, Rylee Harding, Ashley Schauffler, Lola O'Connor, Ashley Heeter, Haylee Crowe, Taylor Crowe, Taelor Thompson, Dalton Lester.

~ Kim Skomerza



Left: One of the classes at Lobster Creek Camp was for learning how to Swing Dance. Right: A group from Curry County taught campers about archery at another class.



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