



**Extension Service Union County**

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Dear 4-H Families:

Its fair time already! **PLEASE** read this letter carefully. There are changes to the schedule that did not get published in the Union County Fair Premium book. **The correct schedule is enclosed in this letter.** A complete listing of all 4-H classes and contests can be found in the County Fair Premium Book. A copy is available at the OSU Extension office for each family.

4-H Contests will begin on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and continue through the close of the Union County Fair on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's fair theme is "***How the West was Fun***". Keep this in mind when decorating your stall areas and our 4-H exhibit building. The fair gives a special award for the best decorations!

Again this year is **FREE ADMISSION** to the fair for *everyone*. The fair board has secured corporate sponsorship which has purchased the gate receipts so everyone can attend the fair as many times and as often as they want! Please thank the sponsors and fair board for their support by attending the Union County Fair!

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**How to enter 4-H county fair exhibits.** The primary 4-H leader of each club is responsible for collecting the entries for their club members then entering those into the on-line entry system. If you are an individual member (not belonging to a club) you will need to do this step yourself. Instructions on how to enter are enclosed with this letter. As a club member and parent you can help your 4-H leader by making a list the exhibits and contests you want to enter. A blank entry form is enclosed to help you.

**How to find a list of 4-H classes and Contests:** You will find a complete list of 4-H classes and contests in the Union County Fair Premium Book. Copies can be picked up at the Union County Extension office or access on line at our county website at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/union/index.php>

**Exhibitor Packets:** Each 4-H member exhibiting at the fair will receive an Exhibitor Packet. These can be picked up at the 4-H Fair Office beginning Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The packet will include:

- Exhibitor Number
- Class List of your entries
- Stall Cards (if applicable)
- Exhibitor Parking Pass

**Also each exhibitor will need to pay a \$5 Exhibitor Fee – even if they are entering static exhibits only. This fee needs to be paid by the entry deadline of July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Extension office.**

**Parking Passes:** There will a \$5 charge per vehicle for fair parking inside the grounds. Exhibitors will receive a free parking pass in their packets.

**Camp Trailers:** There is a charge for camping on the grounds. Reservations can be made with the Fair Caretaker, Brandon & Paula Craig by calling 963-1011. Fee schedule is located in the premium book on page 4.

**Record Books:** ALL 4-H members interested in being a delegate for State Fair MUST turn in record books by 7:00 pm, Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Exhibit Building on the fairgrounds. Record books can be turned in prior to this date at the Extension office. Record books required for specific contests are due according to premium book directions.

**Fair Parade:** Join us at the fair by riding on the Union County 4-H Ambassador float or make a club float for the parade. The parade will be Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Release of Fair Exhibits:** All exhibitors are responsible for picking up their exhibit items and awards from the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. No Exhibits will be released before this time except horses & dogs.

## **State Fair participants**

Static exhibits and contest winners that are exhibited at the county fair will also be judged for the honor of competing at the Oregon State Fair. If an exhibit is selected there will be a State Fair sticker or card attached to the item. Instructions on how to register for State Fair will be included. If an exhibitor is selected to compete in State Fair Contests, they need to sign up at the 4-H Fair Office before the conclusion of fair and pick up an information package.

## **CONTESTS FOR ALL 4-Hers**

The following contests are open to all 4-H members in any project area. These are extra contests that are lots of fun. Look in the premium book for details on each contest guidelines.

**Presentations:** All presentations will be given on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm and Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to noon.

**4-H Beef Ambassador Competition:** The contest involves public speaking using beef as the product. Instructions are available at the extension office.

**Favorite Outfit Contest:** This contest is open to ALL 4-H'ers. It is easy and lots of fun! Set-up for the contest is on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Each exhibitor will be given a scheduled time (1 hour) to be mailed to you prior to fair with detailed instructions. We will provide 4' x 4' boards for displays and clear plastic to cover them. *Bring your own push pins to attach outfits.*

**Favorite Foods Contest:** This event is scheduled for 10:00 am Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Each exhibitor MUST turn in a copy of their favorite recipe with their entry form. You must bring your own table for the display. Clear plastic will be provided to you for covering your favorite food exhibit.

**Crop & Weed Contest:** This is a crop and weed identification contest open to all 4-H and FFA members. Contest is held on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am on the large stage.

**Educational Displays:** This contest is open to individual or a club exhibit. See page 34 of the premium book for more details. Displays are entered on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H exhibit building from 8:00 am – 10:00 am.

**Scrapbook Contest:** Open to all 4-H clubs to exhibit their club scrapbooks. This is a county only entry. Scrapbooks are entered on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H exhibit building from 8:00 am – 10:00 am.

## Information Specific to Project Areas

### HOME ECONOMICS

**Practice Session for Contests:** July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Open to ALL members wanting to participate in the contests (see enclosed invitation from Happy Homemakers 4-H club).

### Contests for Sewing Skills, Knitting & Crocheting, and Home Economics

**Judging:** These contests will be held the week prior to county fair, (July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>). Check the schedule for specific day and location. A schedule with specific times for each exhibitor will be mailed out to each participant after entry deadline.

Please remind exhibitors to bring all the things needed for their contest. We will provide a work table, ovens, microwave oven, sinks, and refrigerator. Card tables are NOT provided, please bring your own. All contests will be held in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds or Ag Service Center Conf Room. 4-H'ers may use a microwave to help cook some of their foods in all contests.

**Knitting and Crochet exhibit:** Static exhibits in knitting and crocheting (only) are to be checked in at the Ag Service Center Conference room on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. These items will be judged that day and then displayed at the county fair.

Members may sign up at the time of check in for an interview with the judge to receive feedback on their exhibit item.

**Intermediate and Senior Foods Contest:** Judge's information forms for intermediate and senior foods contests will be mailed to 4-H'ers with their contest schedule. They must bring the forms with them at the time they are being judged.

**Interview Judging:** When cooking, clothing and photography exhibits are brought to the fair, Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 4-H'ers can sign up for an interview with the judge. This is a great opportunity to talk with the judge about their exhibit. Parents and leaders are welcome to listen to the judges comments. If you'd like, you can block out a section of time for your entire club so members can learn from each others projects.

**Static Exhibits:** (except Knitting and Crocheting)

- All static exhibits must be checked in at the 4-H exhibit building between 8:00 am and 10:00 am, Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Recipes for food products must be sealed in a plastic container (zip lock bag works great) and included with the exhibit.
- Canned foods must have special labels which are available at the Extension Office. Please read the exhibit requirements in the premium book and follow instructions closely.
- Please pick up exhibits between 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sunday!!!

**Fashion Revue:** Fashion Revue will be judged on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (NEW DATE & TIME) in the 4-H Building. Remind 4-H'ers to arrive ½ hour early so they can check in, get dressed and be ready prior to their scheduled judging time.

All exhibitors are expected to turn in a typed narration along with a photo of their garment to the 4-H Fair Office Extension Office by **July 16<sup>th</sup>**. Narrations will be "Pre-Recorded" so exhibitors can use them during practice time.

**Public Fashion Revue:** This event will be held on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Exhibit Building. Ribbons will be awarded to participants as they leave the stage

**Ruth Becker Memorial Award:** This is an award that is being reinstated (with some upgrades). This award is for an outstanding intermediate 4-H member in Home Economics who exhibits in the following:

- Presentation 20%
- Interview 30%
- Record Book 20 %
- Home Economic Exhibits 30 %

To be eligible for the contest intermediate exhibitors will need to sign up for an interview and submit their up-to-date record book to the 4-H Fair Office by 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## LIVESTOCK , HORSES & DOGS

**Stalls:** Stalls will be pre-assigned. The first bedding of straw will be provided, additional bedding must be provided by the exhibitor. Bring your own hay, grain, buckets, hoses, and etc. Stalls must be clean and animals presentable at all times.

**New Show Times:** *Carefully read the enclosed Fair Schedule...* This is the correct times!!! Small animals will show on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am (both conformation & showmanship). Market Steers & 4-H Beef Showmanship will be on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Beef breeding classes will be held on Thursday morning following the market swine classes.

**Orientation Meetings:** Exhibitors should attend the livestock and/or horse orientation meetings. These meetings will cover additional details about the show, any schedule changes or updates and provide exhibitors an opportunity to talk with the judge.

- Horse orientation is at 7:30 am on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>
- Livestock orientation is at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Dog orientation is at 8:00 am on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

**Decorating Contest:** Awards will be given to 4-H livestock clubs for decorating their exhibit areas in this year's theme "How the West was Fun". The clubs will be judged by the fair board.

**Arrival Times for Livestock:** All livestock must be in place Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> by 7:00 pm. Market animals must be checked in and weighed between 2:00 -7:00 pm Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. All animals will be released at 8:00 am Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Market Animals:** Market animal exhibitors MUST submit the following documents at weigh-in:

- COOL (country of origin affidavits) (completed)
- 4-H Feed and Growth Record (available at our office and on the county website <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/union/4-h/ucf>). This form will be given to the weigh master to record the official weight. Exhibitors will then need to complete the form and turn it in at the 4-H/FFA Barn Office no later than 1:00 pm on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Change of ownership slips (for steers).

**New Weight Rules:** There will not be a top weight on Steers, Lambs, Swine and Goats. The auction will only pay to the following weights.

Steers - 1,000 lbs – 1450 lbs.  
Sheep - 100 lbs to 155 lbs  
Swine - 230 lbs to 280 lbs  
Goats - 55 lbs – 120 lbs.

Fryer Rabbits – 4 lbs to 6 lbs, pen of 3 (live weight)  
Roaster Rabbits – over 6 lbs, pen of 3 (live weight)  
Fryer Chickens - 4 lbs to 6 lbs, pen of 3 (live weight)  
Roaster Chickens - over 6 lbs, pen of 3 (live weight)

**Neck Ropes:** Neck ropes are required on all beef animals and must be tied securely to their stall.

**Small Animal Exhibits:** Need to clean out cages and remove food from the feeders before checking out of fairgrounds on Sunday, August 2nd.

## **HORSE**

**Horse Exhibitors:** Please read the “Union County Horse Project Guidelines” for special rules and award details (revised January 2009). Copies are available at the Extension Office or on our Union County Extension website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/union/4-h/ucf>.

**Horse Exhibits:** Horse exhibitors may check into their stall on Monday evening on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The 4-H horse show will be held Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday July, 29<sup>th</sup>. Check the schedule in the premium book.

**Patterns:** The patterns for Advanced Horse, Reining, and Dressage can be picked up Extension Office. Patterns for the other contests, i.e. showmanship, western equitation, will be available in the exhibitor packets at orientation.

**State Fair Selection:** To qualify for state fair, exhibitors must have turned in a record book, be Intermediate or Senior level and must have a minimum combined qualifying score of 170 in showmanship and their chosen area of equitation (Western or English) and their individual score in each must be at least 80 points. Exhibitors competing in Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences will be subject to a safety screening by the judge when going over their practice jump. If the judge feels they are unsafe they will be dismissed from entering the class.

## **DOGS**

**Orientation:** An orientation for 4-H dog exhibitors and parents will be held Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. This will be an opportunity for the judges to talk with exhibitors prior to classes. If your club has a scrapbook for the contest remember to enter them at the 4-H Building by 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**GOOD LUCK AT THE FAIR and *Please call if you have questions!***

Sincerely,



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