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A Newsletter to Wallowa County 4-H Families



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Leader Information

2004 Oregon Leaders Forum

4-H Leaders from around the state will gather at the 2004 Oregon Leaders Forum, April 16-17, 2004 at Regis High School in Stayton (just east of Salem). The theme for the event is *Building on a Century: 1904-2004*.

Just why would you want to spend 2 days in April at the Leaders Forum? To meet new people, view educational displays on new and innovative programs, take part in a few of the many workshops, enjoy tours of the area, share your ideas and learn from others... Sometimes leaders just need to be re-invigorated!!

Registration fee is only \$35.00. Information packets will be in the office soon!

If you are interested in teaching a workshop and sharing your ideas, the proposals are due in the State Office January 15th.

PNW Livestock Judges Training

A combined livestock judges training will be held June 16-18, 2004 in Pullman, WA and Moscow, ID. Training will feature beef, sheep, swine and meat goat sections plus a tract for event managers. Be looking for more information.

4-H Enrollments Due

Re-enrollment in 4-H is required every year for both 4-H members and leaders. Now is the time to enroll or re-enroll for the 2003-2004 year. Having everyone in your club enrolled will allow everyone to get each issue of the

CloverPatch Newsletter and receive notices of upcoming activities. Fees for the year are \$2 per member, which provides project materials and insurance. Please turn in registration fees with enrollment forms.

2004 Leaders' Executive Board Officers

Congratulations to the 2004 Leaders Executive Board Officers.

- President: Robin Wortman
- Vice President: *vacant
- Secretary: Kathy Vernam
- Treasurer: Erin Melville

*If you are interested in serving in this position, nominations & voting will take place at the March Leader Asso. Meeting. Contact Robin or Debi.

Cloverleaf Hall Use

4-H Clubs have the privilege to use Cloverleaf Hall for meetings or club activities.

Here is what you need to do to use the hall:

- Call Randy at 426-4097 to schedule your meeting or event. (If the hall is already rented, you will have to choose another time.)
- Pick up a key the day of the event (or on the Friday before if it is a weekend)
- Turn the heat down when you leave
- Sweep the area you use
- Make sure all tables and chairs are clean and returned to their correct positions
- Return the key to Randy or leave it in the drop box at the Extension Office.

Leader Information... Continued

PNW Horse Judges Training

A comprehensive horse judges, leaders and parents will be held February 27—29 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany. Registrations must be postmarked by **January 23rd** to get the early bird fee of \$200. The fee increases to \$225 from January 24-Feb 24, and to \$250 after that date. A reduced fee of \$150 will be offered to accompanying spouses. Spouses will then share a resource notebook. This discount is also available to senior 4-H members accompanying a parent. Registration fee includes refreshments at all breaks; continental breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; box lunches on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; dinner on Saturday evening; resource notebook of instructor materials and university publications.

Participants will view the new PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide and identify changes; develop and practice your horse and rider evaluation skills; identify what judges look for in an equitation, driving or showmanship performance; understand the impact you have on youth within the 4-H program; discuss rule interpretations and your understanding of the program; meet and share experiences with 4-H judges and participants.

Registration packets can be downloaded at <http://Oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/horsejudges/index.htm> or you may call 541-737-1325.

State Scholarships

Information for all State 4-H Scholarships can be found on-line at http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/index_th.html. The information can be found on the state 4-H web site under "scholarships". All scholarships require a resume—the same resume needed to apply for National 4-H Congress. Applications are due in the Wallowa County Office for review by **February 15th!!**

4-H Stuffed Animals Available

We have some of the cutest 4-H stuffed animals available at the Extension Office. There are large (7") and small (4") 4-H animals available to pur-

chase. The large animals are \$10, small animals are \$5. These would make great gifts. The small animals have hangers on them and could be hung in lockers or off backpacks. There are also green and white striped 4-H socks available for \$8.

Youth Opportunities

4-H Junior Leader Training

Do you wonder what it means to be a 4-H Junior Leader? How can you help your club and get some great leadership experience at the same time? What other opportunities are available for teen 4-H members? This workshop can answer those questions for 4-H Leaders and members in 7-12th grades.

On Monday (President's Day) February 16th from **noon – 6:00 pm**, a fun, interactive workshop is planned at Eagle Cap Chalet to expose members and leaders to the expanded possibilities in 4-H. We will have some great speakers, activities, food and swimming. Members need to bring their swim suit, a towel, and a snack food to share. **Please sign up by calling 426-3143 soon.**

Eastern Oregon Leadership Retreat March 12—14, 2004 "Start Your Engines"

The Eastern Oregon Leadership Retreat will be held **March 12—14 in Harney County**. This is a leadership camp for 8th—12th grade 4-H members. It is a great opportunity to meet 4-Hers from Baker, Harney, Grant, Union and Gilliam counties. See enclosed application form.

Relissa Wortman and Joy Kuppinger are the Wallowa County representatives on the governing board this year. They met with two members from each of the other participating counties over the Martin Luther King Day holiday to plan this year's retreat.

Registration deadline is **Feb. 23**. Cost is \$20. (Money must accompany application.)
Total registration is \$40 and Wallowa County's 4-H Leader Association pays half.

Youth Opportunities... Continued



Camp Counselor Trainings Planned

Enclosed is the Camp Counselor Application. There will be one evening training and an overnight training required for all counselors. Tentative dates are set for April 19th and May 8th & 9th. Please return completed camp counselor applications by March 24th.

Youth Representative needed

Our County By-laws state that youth representatives should be part of the voting membership of the Executive Board. If you are an Intermediate or Senior member interested on serving on the Leaders Executive Board, please contact us for an application. Responsibilities include attending Executive Board meetings, helping to make decisions and relaying information back to fellow members.

Know Your State Government April 22—24

The 2004 Know Your State Government (KYSG) conference will be April 22—24 at the Phoenix Inn in Salem. This is for all high school age (9th—12th grade) youth. Registration begins Thursday afternoon and the conference runs through Saturday at noon. During the conference, high school age youth will have the opportunity to learn about Oregon's government through a series of Capitol visits, presentations, workshops and role playing. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet with various elected officials and others who work in state government.

Registration fees are \$120 per person and this includes room, all meals, transportation between hotel and capitol and materials. The Willamette County Leader's Association will reimburse half of the registration fee for members when they return from the conference. All members that have attended come home saying it is GREAT, so don't miss out! For full information, contact Debi at the Extension Office.

There is a Katy Zollner scholarship available to attend Know Your State Government. Applications are due March 1st for this scholarship. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, contact the

Extension Office, 426-3143 or for more information click <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu>, then Programs, Events, and KYSG.

Each county also needs to send a chaperone. The Leader's Association will pay the registration fee for the chaperone.

4-H Materials Go On-Line

Beginning this fall, 4-H Records will be in a downloadable file that allows members to fill out records directly on their own computer (<http://eesc.oregonstate.edu>). In fact, many materials soon will be available **only** from the web. On-line publications are in Adobe Acrobat PDF Materials. *In order to read or print them, you need to download the free Adobe Acrobat Reader (<http://www.adobe.com>).*

There are two web sites that carry Oregon 4-H Materials.

***Support Materials** are available on:

[Http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/index.th.html](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/index.th.html)

This is the State 4-H web site. From Home page, click on "Printed Materials". Items on this page include enrollment forms, exhibit cards and score sheets.

***Curriculum/Project Materials** are available on:

<http://eesc.oregonstate.edu>

This is the State Extension web site. From Home Page, click on "Publications and Videos", then "4-H Youth". Materials are organized by project area.

Older Youth Opportunities

4-H Ambassador opportunities are open to youth in grades 9-12. Being an ambassador is an honor bestowed on 4-H members who have proven to be enthusiastic leaders and promoters of 4-H in their club and county. As an ambassador you are expected to actively participate in your county program, be a positive role model and assist the county agent in promoting the county program. Current Ambassadors are Katrina Anderson and Relissa Wortman. Some of the things they were involved in this last year were: record workshops, taking fair entries and record books, the Thank-You writing Clinic at County Fair, and the upcoming Junior Leader Training in February. Ambassadors are required to attend the 4-H Summer conference. Request an application from the county office.

Youth Opportunities

National 4-H Congress Program is for youth in grades 10-12 with selection based on a member's project achievements, leadership, citizenship and communication activities. The information from your record book is used to assemble your 4-H Resume. About 50 applicants are chosen to be interviewed at Summer Conference. Those members selected through the interview process win a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia in the fall of 2004. Deadline for resume is Feb. 15th. If you are interested, please contact Debi and we can set up a time to work on your resume. Usually we give you guidelines and then help edit the resume a couple times before we send it in, so it is important to start working on it soon!!

State 4-H Recognition Awards.

There are four awards available for individuals and teams. The state 4-H Citizenship, Communication and Leadership Awards are for individuals in the 10-12th grades who demonstrate outstanding contributions in those three areas. The state 4-H Team Community Service Award is for a team of 4-H members (grades 4-12) who have performed community service work in the past 12 months. For specific details, contact Debi. All of these award applications are due Feb 15th.

Complete information for preparing the 2004 State 4-H Resume can be found on the state 4-H website at http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/index_th.html. Click on recognition on the left side menu. There is also updated information on National Congress and the State Level Recognition Awards. Please be sure to use this information in preparing the applications for 2004.

2004 Summer Conference

The dates for the 2004 Summer Conference will be June 23—26. The conference will be at Oregon State University in Corvallis and will include the Ambassador Training and interviews for National 4-H Congress finalists. Summer Conference is for youth currently in grades 7- 12.

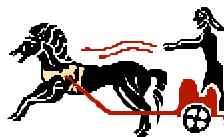
Horse

Horse Bowl

Horse Bowl is a fun quiz game related to the horse project. All members may compete at the local level, and the five top scoring Intermediates and Seniors will be eligible to compete at the state level. If you are interested in participating in a county horse bowl, please contact Debi by **February 15th**.

Horse Clinics to be scheduled

George Kohlhepp and Vixen Barney are working to schedule horse clinics this spring and early summer. If you have suggestions for them, please contact them. Look for more information in future newsletters.



New Horse Leader Board Elected

Thank you to the new leadership for the horse committee are:

- Chairman: Amber McDowell
- Vice Chairman: Robin Lewis
- Secretary: Anne Smith
- Horse Show Chairman: Erin Melville & Jeanie Mallory
- Open Show Chairman: Amber McDowell
- Judging: Cammie Hale
- Clinics: George Kohlhepp & Vixen Barney
- Jumping Pre-Qualifying: Kate Barrett

Horse Judging Contest: April 4th, 1:30 at the fairgrounds.

Livestock

EOLS Possession Dates

The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show will be held **June 7–12** in Union. The Horse Show is on the 7th & 8th and livestock weigh in will be on the 9th. The livestock shows are Thursday and Friday with the auction being on Saturday the 12th.

Possession Dates:

Beef: February 9th (minimum fair wt 1000 lbs. No maximum)

Lambs: April 11th (Fair weights: 100-145 lbs)

NOTE: Weigh-in for Sheep: Maximum of 90 lbs. To give adequate gain of 1/2 to 3/4 lb/gain/day to equal fair weight.

Hogs: April 11th (Fair weights: 230-280 lbs.)

Livestock Weigh In Dates

Beef: March 6 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Larry McFetridge's in Enterprise
 Carman's in Wallowa
 Perry and Donna Mae Johnston's in Wallowa
 Wallowa and Imnaha members make arrangements at certified scale.

Swine: May 1st 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
 Fairgrounds

Sheep: June 5th 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
 Fairgrounds

*** Please note that lambs weighing in should not exceed 90 pounds. If your lamb weighs 90 pounds and gains 1/2 to 3/4 pound a day, they will easily make weight. This is strongly suggested for this year, and will become a mandate next year.

Livestock Judging Tour

The Livestock Judging Tour has been set for March 28th at **1:30 p.m.** beginning at the fairgrounds.

Changes in State Livestock Judging Contest

This year the State Livestock Judging Contest will not be at the Oregon State Fair. The contest is tentatively set for July 10th at Linn Benton Community College. This means that since it is before the Wallowa County Fair Contest we will have to adjust our county qualifications. If parents, leaders or members are interested in helping to form the new plan for livestock judging this year, please plan on attending a meeting on Feb 23rd at **7:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office.

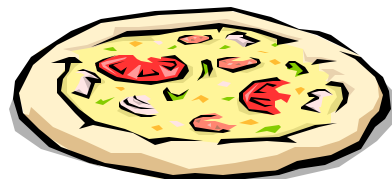


Community Service

Food Drive

Win a pizza Party for your club!!! The club that earns the most food to donate to the Wallowa County Food Bank will win a pizza party for their club. Form a committee in your club and start planning now. The winning club raised over 600 pounds of food last year! When you collect food, please drop it off at the Extension Office.

The contest will run from February 1-27th and running results will be posted on the bulletin board at the Extension Office.



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CPR/ First Aid Class Planned

The 4-H court, Rayanna Mitchell, Katrina Anderson, and Lelia Wortman, would like you to know about their Community Service project chosen for the 2003-2004 year.

As most of you know, Lelia was hurt while helping at Hell's Canyon Mule Days. Due to the severity of her injuries and the necessity for quick emergency response and treatment, we realized the importance of having experience in First Aid and CPR. Therefore, we would like to invite all 4-H leaders, co-leaders, and teen leaders to become certified in First Aid and CPR.

We have set two separate dates with the Red Cross as training days: **Saturday, March 6th and April 3rd**. Each training day will last 8 hours covering both First Aid and CPR. The cost for certification is usually \$25.00, but because of the generosity of the Red Cross, the price will be lowered to \$15.00 per person to help make our community service project a success. The Red Cross has also donated an extra \$100.00 in memory of one of their board members, who recently passed away. This money will be divided up and used as \$5.00 bonus refunds for the first 20 people with paid class reservations.

There are a limited number of spaces available, so reserve the day you want as soon as possible. To sign up, stop by the Extension Office during regular office hours or contact me during the evening or on weekends. If you have any questions, you can email Rayanna at moon_beam_55@hotmail.com or call 426-4147.

The more people we have participate in the First Aid/CPR training, the safer our 4-H kids and program will be; so please join us in making 2004 a safe year.

Thanks, and we hope to hear from you!



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To the 4-H Family of:

The **theme** for the 2004 fair will be:
“Commitment to Youth”

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