



Wasco County 4-H Newsletter



October 2008

IT'S OCTOBER! TIME TO RE-ENROLL FOR ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR!

It's that time again! The new 4-H year has begun! As is often true, new beginnings bring new opportunities and change.

Your club leader received a mailing that included a survey form to complete and return to us. As the forms are received, we are sending a packet containing member and leader enrollment forms as well as health forms/code of conducts.

To re-enroll in 4-H, fill out the enrollment form and the Health Form/Code of Conduct, attach the \$5 enrollment fee and give the entire packet to your leader. All club members will be enrolled in 4-H through their leader.

All leaders, including resource leaders (leaders who do not have an active club at this time), and 4-H Fair Superintendents must re-enroll every year. If this does not happen, the new leader process must be started over - complete with a new application, references and background check. By the way, the leader enrollment form's title is "4-H Volunteer Enrollment Form".

2008 FALL AWARDS BANQUET

This year's Fall 4-H Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 1st at the Ramsey Park Grange in Dufur. The evening will begin with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. The 4-H Teen Council will present the awards following the potluck.

Awards presented include recognition of our Adventure members, members who submitted record books, awards based on fair participation and leader recognition.

Clubs are needed to help with decorations, setup and cleanup. Contact us with your club's interest in taking on one of these activities. This is a great community service opportunity!

Mark your calendar—you will not want to miss this fun, social event. All 4-H members, their families and guests are encouraged to attend. Join in the fun & celebration of a great 4-H year!

Calendar of Events

October

- 4 Horse Clinic by Liz Turner
12-6pm, call 296-4041
- 5-11 National 4-H Week,
recruitment at schools
- 6 4-H Record Books,
County Medal Applications
Jr. Cert. due at 5 pm
- 8 2008 Nat'l Science Day
Experiment
- 11 Teen Council Car Wash
- 11 Regional Leaders Forum,
Redmond
- 14 **Leaders' Assoc. Mtg, 6 pm
Fairgrounds**
- 21 Horse Leaders' meeting,
6:30pm, Extension Office
- 25 Regional Leaders Forum,
La Grande
- 26 Teen Council mtg.
4 pm, Extension Office

November

- 1 Awards Banquet, Ramsey
Park Grange, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 4-H Leaders' Mtg, 7 pm
CGCC, Rm. 2.278
- 23 Teen Council Mtg, 4 pm,
Location TBA

December

- 9 4-H Leaders' Mtg, 7 p.m.
CGCC, Rm. 2.278
- 21 Teen Council Holiday Party,
4 pm, Location TBD

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CHANGE IS IN THE AIR...

It's the beginning of a new 4-H year and a year where we will be seeing some changes in the administration of the 4-H program. National 4-H, with the help of technology, has created a safe, hierarchal, online social networking community called ACCESS 4-H.

ACCESS 4-H is more than a website or online portal - it will offer a comprehensive set of integrated online applications, services and tools. The goal is to provide the 4-H community with a one-stop internet home for information, instruction and interaction. The whole system is amazing and exciting. Oregon 4-H is one of the first to grab onto this new system which includes on-line 4-H enrollment.

As we learn more about it, we will share our knowledge with you. In the meantime, we have made the decision to continue with 4-H enrollment as has been done in the past. Each member and approved leader must complete the appropriate 4-H enrollment form, and Health Form/Code of Conduct. We will enter the information into ACCESS 4-H for you. Once you are entered you will receive an e-mail with your ID and password. This is what will allow you into the secure web portal containing online tools, message boards, and more.

To learn more about ACCESS 4-H & hear Oregon 4-H Program Leader, Roger Rennekamp, explain it, visit: <http://access4-h.blogspot.com/>. ACCESS 4-H officially opens Oct. 6th – visit <http://www.4-h.org/>

NEW WEBSITE TO BE UNVEILED OCTOBER 6TH

On October 6th there will be a new look and feel to the Oregon 4-H website. You will be pleased with the results of the redesign, as it will be much more user friendly.

As a heads up for next year... the state is working towards having 4-H records available in a 'fill-able' form. Some of the records have recently been made available in this form (including the Permanent Records). Wasco County will make the move to using the state's permanent 4-H records next year (2008-2009 4-H year).

If you would like to take a look at the permanent records, they are currently available at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/>.

Other 4-H records are available on the Oregon 4-H website at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/resources/materials.html>.

The Extension Office now a toll free number for use by Wasco County 4-H leaders, members and parents outside the local calling range. This number is 866-721-2040.

OCTOBER 5-11 IS NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

The 2008 National 4-H Week is coming up. This is a great time to celebrate 4-H by helping promote the program to friends and classmates.

We will have a display in the JCPenney window and The Dalles Public Library. We are also scheduled to visit 4th & 5th grade classrooms in Wasco County.

If you would like to help promote 4-H by visiting classrooms, please contact Lynette as soon as possible (541-296-5494). Also, if you have any further ideas on how to promote our wonderful program to others, please let us know!

HOP TO IT ACCEPTING MEMBERS

Hop To It Rabbit Club is accepting new members. If you are interested in learning to hop jumps with your rabbit, meetings are held on the third Monday of the month, from 3:45 to 5:00 pm, in the basement of St. Paul's Church, at 1805 Minnesota St., The Dalles.

INTERESTED IN BEING ON A STATE COMMITTEE? READ ON...

Ever wonder how decisions are made regarding 4-H project areas? Do you want to be a part of the group who reviews the project areas and make recommendations? We are looking for Wasco County representatives (youth and adults) on the following state committees: Small Animal, Dog, Expressive Arts, Home Economics, and Natural Sciences. Representatives on the Oregon 4-H Foundation, Summer Conference and State Fair Board of Trustees are also needed. If you are interested, please contact Lynette as soon as possible. Some of these committees have an application deadline of October 15th.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Record books are due October 6th. You could win a cash prize! Also, remember, record books are used in the selection of County Medal and Junior Certificate winners leading to special recognition at the Fall 4-H Awards Banquet on Nov. 1st!

We would again like to publicly thank Mid-Columbia Producers for donating \$2000 towards Wasco County 4-H member's fair premiums. Thanks to Mid-Columbia Producers, you will notice an increase in your premium check!

Premium checks are now available. Remember to write those thank you notes! Also, the checks are only good for 90 days, so don't delay – pick them up soon! They will NOT be mailed.

Do you have a skill and would like to share that skill and knowledge with others? We are looking for 4-H members, leaders and resource leaders who would like to help with the after school programs. The time commitment would be up to you. We will design the program around your availability. Call and let's talk (541-296-5494)!

2008 OREGON MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST

The 2008 Oregon Make It With Wool Contest will be Saturday, Dec. 6th in Newport, OR at the Agate Beach Inn. Entry deadline is November 14, 2008. The contest is open to all ages, pre-teen to adult. Garment must be constructed of a fabric that includes at least 60% wool. Winners of the Junior (age 13-16) and Senior (age 17-24) divisions receive an expense paid trip to compete in the National Make It with Wool Finals held in January (21-25) in San Diego, CA. Entry forms and contest rules are available from the Oregon Director, Maureen Krebs, at 541-442-7548 or eatlamb@wildblue.net or online at www.oregonmiww.com.

WASCO COUNTY YOUTH SCORE BIG AT OREGON STATE FAIR

Many Wasco County 4-H youth who participated in the Oregon State Fair took home the coveted Champion and Reserve Champion placing.

These youth include: Lindsey Ellett receiving a champion for her food exhibit, Sarah Ferrer and Megan Gould both receiving two reserve champions for art exhibits, and Callista and Leah Howell both receiving multiple champion and reserve champion placings for art and fiber art exhibits. Riley Howell received a champion and reserve champion on his leatherwork as well as a champion on a fiber art project, Carly Lowe and Sara Maslen created champion art projects, Erika Maslen received a champion for a fiber art project, Sabrina Mohr received a reserve champion on her wearable accessory, and Kasey McCullough received a Reserve champion on his food exhibit. Melissa Weimer took home the second fastest time for Pole Bending at the State 4-H Horse Fair and Hailee Olheiser received one of the top awards at the 4-H State Fair Fashion Revue.

Other Wasco County 4-H members who qualified to participate in the state fair included: Portia Anderson, Mariah Brennan, Brooke Brumley, Lindee Burgett, Dana Chase, Melissa Cool, Brianna Dela Torre, Chrysta Despain, Fiona Duyck, Abby Gannon, Mikaela Hernandez, Ben Iremonger, Kelly Shanan, Bradley Knight, Dome-ann Knight, Zoe Ley, Laura Lowe, Kayla Magill, McKenzie McCabe, Kate McNamee, Lisa McNamee, Janae Peterson, Tai Rogers, Rose Stephens, and Samantha Treichel.

ANYONE CAN VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT WITH ESRI!

Elections offer an excellent opportunity for youth to learn about our country and system of government. Anyone may participate in the ESRI Presidential Election survey at <http://edcommunity.esri.com/projects>. This is an informal survey – if you are of voting age you will still need to place your official vote in November! You'll be asked your presidential preference, your state, age group, gender, and role - and then you can submit your vote for the candidate of your choice.

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM...

Lynette

One of my goals for this year is to visit each club at least once. I would like to attend one or more of your meetings and if I could have a little bit of time to share or teach that would be great, too. There are many topics I would like to share with you, such as creating educational displays, giving presentations, giving oral reasons for judging contests, how to get involved at the state fair, and state and national opportunities for 4-H members - or, let me know what you and your club would like to learn about! Talk to your club members and give me a call at 541-296-5494.

4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY ANNOUNCED

On October 8, 2008, the 4-H Program is launching the first annual 4-H National Youth Science Day to help build America's future science, engineering, and technology workforce.

The National Science Experiment will focus on the environment and will use science principles to teach youth across the country about the importance of water conservation. It is a really cool experiment using hydro gels.

At this point, the Wasco County 4-H program is participating in the national program through the afterschool programs in The Dalles. The experiment will be available for any 4-H member to participate at The Dalles Middle School (room 221) and Colonel Wright Elementary (Gym).

If you would like to offer the experiment in your school, please contact Lynette as soon as possible. For more information, contact Lynette at 541-296-5494.

NEEDED: AWARD SPONSORS

We are looking for individuals and businesses willing to sponsor an award. If you or someone you know would like to help support our youth in this manner, please call Denise Minson at 541/298-1077 or e-mail her at dminson@netcnct.net.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR LEADERS' FORUMS

If you are planning to attend the regional leaders' forum in Redmond on Saturday, Oct. 11th or in La Grande on Saturday, Oct. 25th, Lynette needs to know ASAP! Complete information on the forums was included in last month's newsletter. These forums are a great way to increase your 4-H leader knowledge and skills.

2008 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Interested in participating in an International Exchange? Opportunities for 2009 involve Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and Mexico. Complete information and application materials will be available on the state 4-H web site after November 1st. Application deadlines are December 15th for Mexico and January 7th for all the rest.

SMALL ANIMAL SHOW:

All Cavy, Rabbit and Poultry members: the Monster Mash is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th at the Astoria Middle School in Astoria, OR. The show includes showmanship, conformation, breed ID, educational displays, costume contest, and more. For more information please contact Clatsop County Extension at 503-325-8573 or e-mail charlcie.gill@oregonstate.edu.

WASCO COUNTY GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN BVD PROGRAM

Controlling Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD) is no small task, however, Oregon is taking steps towards implementing sound biosecurity practices which will decrease the risk of exposure and spread of economically detrimental diseases. The BVD control program in the state of Oregon is designed to demonstrate the benefits of biosecurity and will result in increased marketability and potential premiums for cattle sold as BVD PI free. Large and small scale cattle producers in Wasco County have the opportunity to participate in this program. The cattle will be screened for BVD PI and assistance in writing biosecurity plans will be given. The prevalence of BVD in the state of Oregon will also be documented. To learn more about this program please visit: <http://ans.oregonstate.edu/bvd/html/about.html>