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Wasco County 4-H Newsletter



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THANKS A BUNCH!



Thanks so much for your patience, help and suggestions this year during the 2008 Wasco County Fair.

A special thanks to our wonderful superintendents, assistant superintendents and Junior Superintendents. Also thanks to all our leaders for their hard work in helping their members get ready for our crowning event.

PREMIUM CHECKS COMING SOON

Premium checks will be available in the Extension Office beginning October 1st. If you exhibited at the 2008 Wasco County Fair and are not an adventurer, you will have a premium check. The checks expire in 90 days, so don't wait too long to pick them up. Checks will not be mailed.

Premiums are made possible by the Wasco County Fair Board and the Mid Columbia Producers in Moro. Please let them know how much you appreciate their continued support by sending thank you notes to: Wasco County Fair Board, 81849 Fairgrounds Road, Tygh Valley, Or 97063 and Mid Columbia Producers, Inc., P.O. Box 344, Moro, OR 97039.

Remember to record premium awards in your 4-H record book, and enter your book in the Record book contest by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6th.

LEADERS' ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU

All approved Wasco County 4-H leaders are members of the 4-H Leaders' Association. This association holds meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in room 2.273 at the Columbia Gorge Community College. This room is located next to the Wasco County Extension Service offices.

The agenda for this month's meeting on September 9th includes a review of the 2008 Wasco County Fair and the closure of the 2007-2008 4-H year.

October 1st begins the new 4-H year; therefore, nominations for new officers will be open with the actual voting occurring at the October 14th meeting. Please plan to attend and provide your input into the Wasco County 4-H Program.

Calendar of Events

September

- 1 Last day of State Fair
- 3 **State Fair Exhibits ready for pick-up at Extension**
- 4 Record Book Clinic, 6:30-9p
Extension Office
- 9 Leaders' Assoc. Mtg.
7pm, CGCC Rm. 2.273
- 10 Record Book Clinic, 6:30-9p
Extension Office
- 23 Record Book Finalizing,
6:30-9p, Extension Office
- 27 Regional Leader Forum,
Beaverton 9-3 pm
- 28 Teen Council kick-off,
Spookys Pizza, 4 p.m.

October

- 1 Start of new 4-H year
- 6 4-H Record Books,
County Medal Applications
Jr. Cert. due at 5 pm
- 11 Reg. 4-H Forum, Redmond
- 14 Leaders' Assoc. Mtg, 7 pm
- 25 Reg. 4-H Forum, La Grande

November

- 1 Awards Banquet, Ramsey
Park Grange, 6:30 p.m.

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NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?



The 4-H After school program at Colonel Wright Elementary could use your help! We are in need of volunteers to work with the children. They love to learn about new things and you could share your special talents with them while earning community service hours.

Last year, The Dalles Friends & 4-H Club visited the program and brought cavies for show and tell. It gave the 4-H members a chance to share about their projects and the kids loved being able to hold and pet the cavies. A high school student came multiple times a week to help out with craft projects and play games with the children.

If you have a special talent you would like to share or a project you would like to do with the children or just help out by playing with the them, we need you!. For more information on how you can volunteer, contact Lynette at 296-5494.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO HELP

We have another opportunity to support our local 4-H After school programs. From September 14-28, 2008, JC Penney store customers will have the chance to purchase a \$5 coupon good for 20% off almost all store, jcp.com and catalog purchases made on Sunday, Sept. 28th.

All proceeds from coupons sold at our local JC Penney store during that two week period will be donated to our afterschool programs. Please help our 4-H afterschool programs by purchasing the 20% off coupon for \$5 during Sept. 14-28. Thanks for your support!

4-H AWARDS BANQUET

This year's Fall 4-H Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the Ramsey Park Grange in Dufur. The evening will begin with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. The awards presentation will begin following the meal. This is a banquet potluck, so please plan to bring a favorite dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided.

Clubs are needed to help with decorations, setup and cleanup. If your club members are interested in taking on one of these fun community service tasks, please let us know as soon as possible.

Mark your calendar, because you won't want to miss this fun, social event! All 4-H members and their families and guests are encouraged to attend. This is a great time to reconnect with fair friends and to congratulate 4-H members on both their year-long and fair-time accomplishments.

THE FAIR BOARD WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Wasco County Fair Board is very interested in your feedback regarding this year's county fair. 4-H is a big part of the fair and your ideas and suggestions as 4-H members, parents, leaders and volunteers are important to the success of each fair. As a service to the fair board we have inserted the survey in with this newsletter. Would you please take the time to respond to the survey. Feel free to copy it for other family members who attended the fair. Thanks!

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COUNTY MEDALS AND JUNIOR CERTIFICATES

County Medals and Junior Certificates are two awards that recognize growth in your 4-H project over the course of the year. These prestigious awards will be presented at the Fall Awards Banquet on November 1st.

If you want to be considered for one of these awards, fill out the enclosed application (or get one off of our website) and turn it in with your record book. Forms must be complete and on time to be considered. Your record book will serve as evidence of your project work, so be sure your record book is up to date!

The form includes a confidential leader's statement, so after completing your form, give it to your leader to finish. The leader may elect to return it to you in a sealed envelope or return it to the Extension office directly. *The completed application and 4-H record book are due in the Extension office by October 6th, and late applications cannot be accepted so plan ahead!*

Members may receive the same County Medal only once as an intermediate and once as a senior, and they may only win one medal per year. County Medals will be judged as follows: Experience in 4-H Projects and Activities-50%, Experience in 4-H Leadership-25%, Experience in Citizenship and Community Service-25%.

County Certificates are for Junior members. Each member may be awarded certificates in two project areas per year, and they may win a certificate more than once. Certificates will be judged on growth and development within the project in the past year.

ARE YOU READY FOR A DISASTER?

September is National Preparedness Month and the Wasco County Extension Service is a partner in a local campaign to reach community members. On Saturday, September 6, 2008, the Red Flag Task Force (a group of local organizations and agencies that deal with emergency preparedness) is sponsoring a Preparedness Fair at The Dalles Home Depot and local organizations will be on hand with information and survival kit giveaways.

These organizations include the Red Cross, Wasco County Emergency Management, Wasco-Sherman Public Health Department, Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue, Home At Last, Mid-Columbia Medical Center, and the Wasco County Extension Service. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security states that, in order for a community to be prepared for a disaster, every person in that community needs to take the steps to become disaster-ready. *Are you ready?*

4-H RECORD BOOK CONTEST

You could win cash prizes *and* you could improve your record keeping skills by competing in the 4-H Record book Contest. All records should be current and closed out through the end of the 4-H year, September 30.

Record books are due in the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6th. Even if you did not turn your record book in at fair time, you are still eligible to compete at the fall contest. Record books can take time to complete, so don't wait until the last minute to finish your records.

If you need help with your records, check out the upcoming record book clinics, the Wasco County 4-H Record book Guidelines handout, or give us a call at the Extension office.

As a reminder, 4-H records are judged on neatness, completeness, and accuracy. Awards will be given at the Fall 4-H Awards Banquet.

Record books are also used in the selection of County Medal and Junior Certificate winners, so be sure that your records are complete and that they are submitted on October 8th along with your County Medal or Junior Certificate applications if you wish to be considered for one of these prestigious awards. Record book, County Medal, and Junior Certificate winners will be recognized at the Fall 4-H Awards Banquet.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL



RECORD BOOK HELP AVAILABLE

The end of the 4-H year is Sept. 30th and with the end is the closing of this year's 4-H records.

The 4-H record book is an invaluable tool when it comes to college scholarships and job resumes. In addition, the skills learned through records keeping will be of use throughout your life.

To help you complete your 2007-2008 4-H records, record book clinics have been scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 4th and Wednesday, Sept. 10th.

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd has also been set aside to help finalize your books. All clinics are from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm and will be held at the Extension Service. Leaders and parents are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY ACTION TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR CREDIT

The 4-H Afterschool program at the high school officially begins Sept. 23, 2008. Class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Participation in this class will earn you **one elective credit** through the school. The focus will be on service to your community while preparing for an emergency.

The 4-H Community Action Team training includes disaster preparedness, hazard management, search and rescue, medical first-aid (physical and mental), animal safety, teamwork, leadership, communications (including using radios) and using technology.

Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Geographical Information System (GIS) will be a major area of study. This fast growing field of study leads to careers in many different areas (from agriculture and forestry to urban planning and renewal) and is an area lacking in qualified people. This class would be a great way to check out this interesting field.

Class is open to all high school aged youth. Bring a friend and expand your horizons. Register through the high school.

TEEN COUNCIL LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

4-H Teen Council is open to all Intermediate and Senior level 4-H members – in other words, 7th through 12th grade youth.

The 2008-2009 kick-off for the Wasco County 4-H Teen Council will be held on Sunday, September 28th at 4:00 p.m. at Spooky's Pizza. Come join us for pizza and pop, meet the existing Teen Council members, discuss the coming year and have fun socializing with your 4-H friends.

Discussion will include National 4-H Week, 4-H recruitment, the 4-H Awards Banquet, Citizenship Washington Focus, fundraisers and community events.

Be sure to bring your calendars as we plan the year's events. This will be a busy meeting, so please plan to attend. If you have a conflict, please contact the Extension office so we can fill you in we don't want you to miss anything!

MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CLUB TO BEGIN IN FALL

The 4-H Afterschool Technology Club officially begins on Sept. 22, 2008 at The Dalles Middle School.

Major areas of study include Lego Robotics (which is the project we will start with); Social Networking (including pod, vod and vid casting and web-page development); Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Geographical Information Systems (GIS); Computer software, hardware and repair; and Digital Photography.

This club is open to any middle school-aged youth – so bring a friend! Register through the school or the Extension Service.

Class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15 – 5:00 p.m. Class size is limited so register early!

