

Wasco County 4-H Newsletter



May, 2003

Plan Now For Success At County Fair

The Wasco County Fair (August 11-17) may seem like a distant event, but it will be here before we know it. The goal of our 4-H program is “learn by doing” so it makes sense that the more you do, the more you will learn. And the earlier you start “doing,” the more “learning” you can fit in.

Take a few moments to set some goals for county fair. What projects would you like to exhibit? Do you want to try something new? (That is a great way to learn!) Do you have some performance goals in mind? Your leader or parents can help you to set reasonable goals with your projects.

Once you have set some goals, decide what you need to do to achieve them. What new skills do you need? How much time will you need to practice? How will you tell if you are making progress? Use your calendar or planner to make sure you can devote the time you need to achieve your goals. And remember that our ultimate goal is to “learn by doing” and have fun! That is one goal that we don't want to lose sight of. Happy learning!

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4-H Camp Morrow: 4th-6th Grade Camp

4-H Camp Morrow is the highlight of the summer for many youth. Meeting new friends, seeing old friends, and learning new activities are all part of the fun. Campers must have just completed the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, and do not need to be current 4-H members to attend. Several partial scholarships are available, contact the extension office for details. Don't miss the fun, sign up today! Registrations are due May 30th, forms can be found in this newsletter or on the Wasco County 4-H website at [Http://extension.oregonstate.edu/wasco/](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/wasco/)

2003 Fair Theme:
New Beginnings, Old Traditions

May

- 10 Ft. Dalles Jr. Riders Jackpot Playday
- 13 Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Camp Counselor Training, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Sorosis Park
- 21 Gaming Clinic, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Ft. Dalles Riders' Club
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- 29-1 MidColumbia Junior Live Stock Show, Tygh Valley
- 30 Camp Morrow Registrations Due
- 31 Dazzling Dogs Show n' Go, CGCC Courtyard

June

- 3 Gaming Clinic, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Ft. Dalles Riders' Club
- 6 Sheep, Hog, Goat Weigh In, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Auction Sales Co. The Dalles
- 7 Sheep, Hog, Goat Weigh In, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Wasco County Fairgrounds, Tygh Valley
- 8 Gaming Clinic, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Ft. Dalles Riders' Club
- 10 Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12-15 4-H Camp Morrow, 4th-6th grade camp
- 13-15 4-H Wilderness Style Horse Camp, Salem
- 15 Beef & Bronc 4th Annual Fathers' Day Horse Show
- 21 Dad Potter Clinic, Ft. Dalles Riders' Club
- 25-28 4-H Summer Conference, OSU, 7th-12th grade

July

- 8 Leaders' Meeting
- 9 Wasco County Gaming Finals

4-H Teen Council Meets to Plan D.C. Trip, Dance

7th-12th graders: do you want to visit Washington, D.C.? Are you interested in other 4-H leadership opportunities? Come to the next Teen Council meeting on Sunday, May 18th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Spooky's Pizza! Bring your calendar, because we will be planning

our summer fundraisers. We will also continue planning the Teen Dance at the Wasco County Fair. Everyone is welcome to attend, so if you haven't made it to a meeting yet plan to come to this meeting. We don't want you to miss out on the fun!

4-H Leaders' Association

4-H Leaders' Meeting: April 8, 2003

In attendance: Tonya Aitkin, Denise Minson, Molly Simer, Marcia Lewis, Crystal Conley, Vickie Young, Mary Jacobs, Janet Carter, Jo Smith and Gaylene Howell-Dunbar.

Meeting was called to order by Vickie Young, Minutes were approved. Treasurer's report: Molly reported our ending balance as of 3/31/03 is \$5,186.51 for all accounts and that we recieved our 1% commission from the auction. Guests: None, Correspondence: None, Committee reports: None

New Business:

Future of Extension update: Tonya reported everything (future of all extension programs including 4-H) is still up in the air at this time, hopefully she will know more by the end of May. The County is also experiencing a budget shortfall which could have an impact on extension programs. The County contributes money toward keeping the programs running (paying some staff salaries). Tonya will keep us updated.

4-H Premiums: There has been a lot of discussion regarding this matter, including discussions with fairboard members. We will know more next week after the fairboard meeting whether or not they will fund 4-H premiums (they could fund premiums at the same level as last year, fund premiums at a reduced level or not fund them at all). The premium point system (the way premium points are awarded) was referred to committee to see if we want to make any changes. Premiums have been eliminated from state fair to save on expenses.

Livestock Weigh-In: Tonya reminded us weigh-in for hogs, sheep and goats is Friday June 6th at the auction yard from 4pm - 7pm and Saturday June 7th from 8am - 11am at the fairgrounds. Remember maximum weight for hogs is 165 lbs. Sheep and goats need to have a scrapie tag. If you have any questions please call the extension office. No chryptorchild animals allowed on fair grounds, if you bring one you will be sent home and not allowed to show at fair.

4-H Camp Morrow: Camp Morrow is June 12th - 15th, is for 4th - 6th grades, cost is \$100.00 and there are some scholarships available. A flyer went out in our newsletter and a flyer will be going out to all 4th - 6th graders enrolled in 4-H.

4-H Website: Tonya requested feedback on our website. Comments were generally good, however people inquired if more information on jack pot shows could be added. If Tonya has the information she will added it to the website. If you have information that isn't on the website please forward it to Tonya and she will make sure it gets added. Tonya also stated 4-H fairbook updates will be on the website soon.

Teen Council: The teen council is planing a dance on Thursday night during fair for 7th - 12th grades. They are also currently working on raising money for a trip to Citizenship Focus in Washington D.C. in July 2004.

4-H Leader Trainings & Project Clinics? Tonya asked if anyone would like or has any ideas for a clinic or a trainings either county wide or club. Most leaders responded they would like a club training and will contact Tonya and set that up. We also would like a county public speaking clinic. If you have an idea for a clinic or training or want to set one up please contact Tonya.

Old Business:

Beef Obstacle course: Marcia reported she received approval to put on a beef obstacle course at fair this year.

Rule Changes for 2003: Tonya reminded us the fair book changes need to be in by April 30.

No other business, meeting adjourned.

Agriculture in the Classroom Calendar Contest

Agriculture in the Classroom is looking for artwork for their 2003-2004 AITC Calendar. Students in grades K-6 are eligible to enter artwork about *Oregon Agriculture*. Every student who submits artwork will receive a personalized certificate, and winning artwork will be featured in the calendar. Students are encouraged to use color and

creativity to highlight the diversity of *Oregon Agriculture*. All artwork must be submitted by May 31, 2003. Entry forms are available at the extension office and at the Wasco 4-H Website. For more information about the contest or about Oregon's AITC program, check out the AITC website at <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu>. There are lots of

4-H Summer Conference, Scholarships

All Intermediate and Senior 4-H members are invited to attend the OSU 4-H Summer Conference. The 2003 Conference will be held on the OSU campus from June 25-28. The 4-H Summer Conference offers classes in leadership, animal science, computers and technology, and much more. Separate classes are held for intermediates and seniors, and members may choose classes according to their own interests. Participants will live in OSU dormitories and have the opportunity to tour the OSU campus while at the

conference. Conference and class details are now available at the extension office, so contact us if you are interested in learning more about this statewide 4-H opportunity.

4-H members who are interested in participating in the "technology track" at Summer Conference may be eligible for one of several \$100 scholarships. Scholarship applications are due on May 12th, and are available at the extension office as well. Contact us for complete information!

Mandatory Weigh In for Market Lambs, Hogs, Goats

To be eligible for the Wasco County Fair, all market lambs, market hogs, and market goats must attend one of the mandatory weigh in dates:

- Friday, June 6th, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Auction Sales Company, The Dalles
- Saturday, June 7th, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Wasco County Fairgrounds, Tygh Valley

Animals will be tagged and weighed at the weigh in. Sheep and goats with USDA Scrapie Tags will be recorded using their existing tags.

We realize that this is a busy time of year for 4-H members, and they do not need to be present at the weigh in with their animals.

However, volunteer help is needed to process animals quickly so if 4-H members are able to stay and help with the weigh in they are encouraged to do so.

As a reminder, hogs weighing more than 165 pounds at weigh in will be ineligible for market classes at the Wasco County Fair. Members weighing heavy hogs will have 2 weeks to find a replacement animal.

Cryptorchid (incompletely castrated) male animals will not be allowed to show, so please check your young market animals carefully prior to the weigh in.

If you have a question or crisis concerning weigh in, please give us a call at the 4-H office.

Looking for new livestock resources? Check out OSU's Animal Sciences Extension website for the latest livestock information and publications!
[Http://oregonstate.edu/dept/animal-sciences/ext.htm](http://oregonstate.edu/dept/animal-sciences/ext.htm)

MidColumbia Junior Livestock Show Begins May 29th

The 2003 MidColumbia Junior Livestock Show will be held May 29-June 1 at the Wasco County Fairgrounds in Tygh Valley. The show offers market and showmanship classes for beef, sheep, and swine, as well as a livestock judging contest. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about fitting, showing, and judging market animals, so plan to attend! If you can't exhibit animals, plan to

come watch and cheer on local participants and enter the judging contest. This show's relaxed atmosphere and high quality competition offer a unique combination of education and fun. Complete information is available on the Wasco 4-H website and at the Wasco Extension Office. Entries must be postmarked by May 15th, so don't delay!

Club News

Tygh Valley-Wamic Cooking Club Ok, here's the update on what's been happening here in Wasco Co.; Tygh Valley/Wamic area. We had our first meeting. First off, I would like to welcome Cindy Chastain from Tygh Valley, as my new co-leader and Dana Bates from Wamic, as a volunteer helper for our club. Our meeting was more like an information type meeting, getting things setup and ready to start the club. We have "all" sorts of ideas, new and old. We also decided to combine with doing crafts as well. They do kind of go hand in hand if you think about it. I mean it deals with crafty ideas, art, attraction and tasteful. We talked about getting a name for our club, how often the meetings will be, what to expect and so on. We haven't decided on a name yet, we're knocking around some ideas for the next week then we'll take a pick. I've heard some neat ideas so far but it's whatever we pick out of the hat. So far, we only have 5

members possibly 6 with 2 leaders and a volunteer helper. Our next meeting is on May 11th but I was just reminded that, that is Mothers Day so me may change that, not sure yet. See what the club decides. We're "all" excited about our new club and can't wait to share with others. So if you're interested and would like to come join a fun and crafty time of cooking, give me a call and we'll get you started. Just be prepared to have fun, enjoy, and learn. Again, we're here for the areas of: Tygh Valley, Wamic/Pine Hollow, Maupin, and Pine Grove. We would "love" to have you join. Kerri Irving, 541-544-2741. *Submitted by Kerri Irving, Club Leader*

What's going on with your club??
Your club news should be here!! Mail, email, fax, phone, or walk it in, and we'll get it in the next issue!

Check Our Website Calendar For More 4-H News:
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