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Reminders...

- April 1 Enrollment Deadline for all new 4-H members, volunteers, and clubs to participate in the Washington County fair or Horse Fair. Project Service Fee is \$11 for general members, \$12 for horse members.
- April 23 All Leader's Meeting: Extension Office, at 7pm.
- April 25 4-H Super Saturday
- June 1 Fair Entry Form Deadline: for all 4-H members to participate at horse fair or county fair.
- July 6 Horse Fair begins
- July 25 Washington County Fair Static Exhibit Judging begins
- July 30 Washington County Fair opens

Notes from the 4-H Staff

This is an exciting year for 4-H in Washington County. Registrations for new and returning volunteers have been flying in the door, 4-H clubs and advisory groups are busy at work and learning, and the 2009 County Fair is not too far away. In the last two months, I have had the opportunity to meet many of the 4-H volunteers and advisory groups. I am honored to be working with such dedicated and involved 4-H volunteers and youth. The opportunities are many in Washington County 4-H. Our volunteers are providing young people amazing opportunities in life-long learning while accomplishing the mission of mastery, belonging, independence, and generosity.

Please feel free to stop by or call if I can help your 4-H club in any way.

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Announcements

All Leaders Meeting April 23rd

Come meet with Pat Willis for this fun and informative meeting about Washington County Fair 2009. Some basic information about the fair will be reviewed and Pat's vision for a fun and easy going atmosphere. Pat will go over the mission and how we can make fair a great experience for youth. The All Leaders' Meeting will begin at 7pm at the Washington County Extension Office. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

Washington County 4-H Presents "4-H Super Saturday"

The OSU Extension Staff and Washington County 4-H Volunteers welcome you to the first annual 4-H Super Saturday. Open to all 4-H volunteers, members, parents, and anyone interested in learning about 4-H. The fun begins at 8:30am and ends at 12pm. Open to everyone, this event is free of charge. Topics include: Lego Robotics, Raising Rabbits, Poultry and 4-H, Digital photography, Choosing the correct food for healthy living, and more. Volunteers, youth, and community members will be teaching these exciting and informative classes. If you are interested in seeing how you can help out and be a part of 4-H Super Saturday, contact Pat Willis, 503-821-1120 or email Patrick.Willis@Oregonstate.Edu. Come be a part of the fun. Registration information and a class schedule will be available soon on the [Washington County 4-H website Dates & Events page](#).



State 4-H Publication Changes

Check out the new State 4-H website. As some of you may have noticed the new State 4-H website is up and running and has a new Projects section. Publications, explanation cards, score sheets, and resource material are now listed under the project areas. With the new website also comes a new generation of project materials. Some new publications or publications now online to note are: The Dressage Manual, The 4-H Pigeon and Dove Project, The Knitting Member Guide, The 4-H Crocheting Member Guide, Meat Animal Whole cuts Series, as well as versions of Foods of the Pacific Northwest, and Fit It All Together. The State 4-H Office and advisory committees are hard at work updating publications. As the publications become available they will be posted to the State 4-H website. To keep up to date with the latest publication changes and other statewide information, take a look at the State 4-H Newsletter: [Pathways to Possibilities](#).

4-H in the Community



Scuttlebuns at Winterfest

Members of Scuttlebuns Rabbit and Cavy Club were at the Mtn. View Middle School Winterfest on Feb 5th. This is an annual community service event for our club, where the youth share their outside interests and hobbies. Club members are shown with their animals and interested onlookers.

Mary Walker

George Lucas Foundation "DIGITAL YOUTH"

In December, Intel 4-H Tech Wizard participant Luis Chavez of Forest Grove, was one of 10 youth selected nationally to be featured in the George Lucas Educational Foundation, publisher of *Edutopia* media, Digital Youth Project.

The multimedia portfolios feature youth who are deeply immersed in digital media of all kinds: blogs, social networks, virtual environments, games, media making projects, and so on.

These portraits are intended to provide an in-depth look at how young people are using new media for learning, socializing, and entertainment, giving adults insight into the new generation's digital lives.

Chavez was selected for the project based on his portfolio of multi-media work with the Intel 4-H Tech Wizards, his service learning projects which include GIS work for the Hillsboro Planning Department, participation as a Digital Connector (tutor and trainer) through Centro Cultural, mentoring young children in Lego Robotics after-school, and a series of essays.

The portrait will appear on the [Lucas Foundation website \(Edutopia\)](#) in May.

Lisa Conroy

Opportunities

Summer Conference June 24th-27th

Youth in grades 7-12 can take a trip down to the OSU campus in Corvallis to participate in fun activities, take classes, and make new friends. Past classes and activities have included: knitting, dance, scuba, rock climbing, marine trip, Greek life, a tour of OSU campus, a pool party, and more. Registration begins May 1, 2009. The registration fee is \$200. See the [Summer Conference website](#) for registration and activity information. The Washington County application deadline is May 27, 2009. Scholarship opportunities will be announced.



Washington County Science Fair

Science Fair is back again. Open to any youth in grades 4-6 in Washington County, here's a chance for you to showcase the Science Fair Project that you worked on for school. Any students interested in science that enjoy science fair competition are welcome. Similar to the science fair at schools or the Northwest Science Fair Expo, youth have the opportunity to compete in seven categories. Registration opens May 1, 2009. Winners from the Washington County Science Fair will have the chance to exhibit at the Oregon State Fair in August. Registration and project entry form deadline is June 30, 2009. Fee is \$5 per project entry. Youth will exhibit during the Washington County Fair July 30th-Aug 2nd.

Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Youth Advisory Board 2009-2010

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation is looking for young people from all across the country to serve. We're looking for tweens and teens with unique experiences and opinions to shape the programs of our Kids' Movement and generate fresh ideas on how to make healthy living the norm, not the exception.

Applicants must be between the ages of 8-17 years old when membership begins July 16, 2009 and live in the United States, including US Territories. To learn more and apply, visit www.empowerme2b.org. Deadline to apply: March 31, 2009.

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Alliance for a Healthier Generation*



4-H Camp Junior Wildlife Stewards August 4th-8th

Open to all youth who have completed grades 3-6 join the fun at this overnight resident camp. Spend your time at the 4-H Center in Salem participating in fun outdoor activities including: fishing, wildlife tracking, archery, nature crafts, bird watching, forestry, canoeing, evening campfire programs, and more. Horseback riding is back again this year. Campers will learn basic horsemanship and care. Older youth opportunities are also available. Youth in grades 7-8 have the opportunity to get involved in the Counselor in Training program. Early Registration Fee for 4-H Members is \$275. See the [Wildlife Stewards website](#) for more details.

What 4-H Activities are Available to you?

Take a look at the [Washington County 4-H website Date & Events](#) page to find out how you can get involved in some of the fun activities. A few that are coming up include: [Poultry Learning Day](#) (3/14/09), [FOWL Poultry Showmanship](#) (4/4/09), [2009 Spring Odyssey Rabbit & Cavy Show](#) (4/4/09), and there will be more to come. Don't forget the [Cross County Events](#) page to find out about upcoming events in other counties.

4-H Camps

If you haven't seen the camps available through 4-H you are missing out. These are few of the upcoming camps that are open to 4-Hers. As more camps and activities become available they will be posted to the Washington County 4-H website. Keep checking the [Dates & Events](#) page and the [Cross County Events](#) page or visit the [State 4-H website](#) for more opportunities coming your way.

4-H Members Horse Camp: June 12-14; 4-H Center Salem. Open to members in grades 4-12. Camp is free to the first 20 youth and horses. [Registration](#)

ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp: August 4-15; OSU campus. Youth entering grades 6-8 can apply to be a part of this STEM camp. [Application](#)

Important Dates

2008-2009 ENROLLMENT DEADLINES	
January 30, 2009	Returning 4-H volunteer, member, and club re-enrollment deadline.
April 1, 2009	Deadline for new volunteers, members, and clubs who want to participate in Horse Fair or the Washington County Fair
June 1, 2009	Fair Entry Form Deadline for all members who want to participate in Horse Fair or the Washington County Fair

2008-2009 WEIGH-IN DATES		
February 14, 2009	Beef	8am-10am
April 11, 2009	Swine	8am-10am
May 9, 2009	Sheep and Meat Goat	8am-10am
Washington County Fair	All (see superintendents for lineup)	6:30am

Fun with 4-H

4-H Word Search

Find the 4-H related words from the list in the box. Remember to look forwards, backwards, horizontal, vertical, and diagonal to find them.

FIND:
CHARACTER
CLOVER
CLUB
CREATIVITY
DOG
FAIR
FOODS
FUN
HEARTH
LEADERSHIP
LIVESTOCK
PLANTS
PONY
SEWING
TECHNOLOGY

D P L A N T S J V S T D Z M O
 H M K Z Z V L T E C E H P X P
 H L Q T W L I O H G C Y Y O N
 B B E N I F V R N P H M N E Q
 C R E A T I V I T Y N Y H E B
 F B T L D H W N C C O R I A F
 N O F V J E J N H T L X L U W
 H R O X S G R A U B O N I N F
 Q T O D D P R S X F G R P M C
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 Y V W A C O J U P I U V R B U
 G O B T E O I A W S P O K I B
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Be the first to complete the word search and turn it back into the 4-H office and receive a prize.