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Reminders:

December New Mentor trainings have begun, see the [Get Involved](#) page on the Washington County 4-H website or contact the [4-H secretary](#) for a complete schedule of sessions

December 14 Enrollment **Deadline** for **all** returning 4-H members and mentors to participate in the horse fair or county fair. *Project service fee is \$10 per member plus \$1 per member (\$11 total) for insurance and \$2 per horse member (\$12 total) for insurance*

January 31 All Leaders Meeting: Extension Office starting at 7:00pm.

April 1 Enrollment **Deadline** for **all** new 4-H members to participate in the horse fair or county fair. *Project service fee is \$10 per member plus \$1 per member (\$11 total) for insurance and \$2 per horse member (\$12 total) for insurance.*

April 30 All Leaders Meeting: Extension Office starting at 7:00pm.

June 2 Fair Entry **Deadline** for **all** 4-H members to participate at horse fair or county fair

Letter from Faculty



All:

Terry and I are so very excited to announce the news that Washington County 4-H had one of our wonderful volunteers recognized as an OSUEA Cooperator of the Year, and two of our volunteers inducted into this year's Oregon 4-H Hall of Fame!

Our OSUEA Cooperator is Steve Kassel!

Steve began his involvement with Washington County 4-H by mentoring 14 year old Intel 4-H Tech Wizard Pedro Estrada in his nationally award winning 2002-03 AT&T Young Leaders Consortium project. Pedro and Steve designed and delivered a 4-H service learning project teaching low income Latino families with school aged children how to build their own low-cost home computers, as well as service and upgrade them.

In 2003, and again in 2007, Steve co-authored a new 4-H digital video editing curriculum used by the Washington County 4-H. Since 2002, Steve has volunteered 200-400 hours annually in the 4-H program resulting not only in significant educational gains, but also with the Intel Volunteer matching grant, securing significant financial resources as well. (Intel Volunteer Matching Grant program contributes \$10 for every hour that an employee or retiree volunteers in an education entity each year)

In addition to working with 4-H youth and faculty directly, Steve creates a new promotional video each year about the Intel 4-H Tech Wizard project which is used at annual fundraising events, published on the Tech Wizard website, and sent to local decision makers.

Steve and his wife Nancy are the parents of three children. Steve's motto is: "I'm happy to help!" Those of us in the Washington County Extension Office witnessed first hand his dedication to youth, volunteers, and community members through countless weekends, afternoons, and evenings as he inspired and shared his experiences and expertise!

Hall of Fame Inductees! Janet Rash and Emilio Cañas

In 1997, the *Oregonian* published an article citing an 86% drop-out rate for Latino youth in Western Washington County. In response, Washington County 4-H faculty convened a series of focus groups and community conversations, resulting in the design of a program model which they took to local business, government agencies, educators and non-profits in search of support. Providing immediate leadership, Janet Rash, Intel Community Affairs, introduced 4-H faculty to Emilio Cañas, the President of the Intel Latino Network (an employee work group) and together Rash and Cañas co-authored the first of many successful grants to Intel Corporation (now approaching ¾ of a million dollars in cash, in-kind, and equipment) to support the Washington County 4-H Tech Wizard program, while at the same time contributing countless hours of their personal time and resources.

A quintessential networker, for 10 years, Janet Rash has been a tireless supporter of 4-H by making introductions to other High Tech Companies and professional organizations such as IBM, PGE, and SEMI resulting in additional volunteers, grants, and equipment. Janet has served on the Washington County 4-H Board of Directors for four years, as President for two. She has created opportunities, inspired youth through presentations, recruited additional Directors, and spearheaded fundraising efforts, all the while inspiring youth with her very personal, warm, and caring presence, cheering them on and believing that they can achieve.

Truly a visionary leader ahead of his time, over a decade ago, Emilio Cañas recognized the critical need to take extraordinary means to reach Latino youth and involve them in 4-H SET (science, engineering and technology) education and prepare them for future careers. As President of the Intel Latino Network, Emilio has championed the 4-H Tech Wizards program within Intel employee groups recruiting volunteers, in the local Latino communities garnering support (grants, internships, community partnerships) and opportunities, mentored youth, written curriculum, and made presentations locally, regionally and nationally at both education and business conferences. Emilio has served on the Washington County 4-H Executive Council and Board of Directors for a combined 5 years – currently as Treasurer.

Our Warmest congratulations to these outstanding volunteers! We are so very proud to have you in our 4-H Family!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terry A. Palmer".

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie Conway".

on behalf of all Washington County 4-H!

Announcements

Intel 4-H Tech Wizards tutor Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce



Eight youth from Intel 4-H Tech Wizards spent their time after school on the Wednesdays of November and early December tutoring local small business owners in computer applications. The youth assisted Jaime Miranda of the Hillsboro Chamber to tutor business owners in the use of computer applications such as spreadsheets, calendars and scheduling, document creation, Internet and email, and tax and accounting software. Youth experienced being a resource to local business, as well as learning from the business owners about how to own and operate a small business. Ana, a Tech Wizard for four years

said: "I didn't realize that I knew so much until I started tutoring. It felt really good to help someone else! It was fun." Hugo, one of the small business owner participants, commented that the youth were a great help and he would definitely recommend the experience to others. This program will be offered again on Wednesday afternoons in April. For more information contact Jaime Miranda at the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce: Phone: (503) 648-1102



4-H W.O.R.L.D. —Launch Into the Future

4-H Western Oregon Retreat for Leadership Development

Everyone will "Launch into the Future" during this "space" inspired retreat on January 18th-20th held at the 4-H Center! This retreat is for youth in 7th-12th grade interested in:

- Developing leadership skills in a retreat setting
- Meeting new people from other Western Oregon counties
- Building self-confidence and self-awareness
- Developing appreciation and encouraging involvement in community service, and
- Having fun

The retreat will feature classes on topics such as: survival techniques, healthy eating, successful interviewing, improve leadership, teambuilding, and effective presentations. Participants will also learn games for various audiences/needs, learn various dances styles, and be a part of a community service project for Doernbecher's Children's Hospital. It is also a great opportunity to learn from other youth and make new friends.

The event will start Friday evening (registration 6:00-6:45 pm) and finish at 11:45 Sunday (no lunch). Cost is \$70.00 per person if received by January 5th. Check with your extension office for more details and/or scholarship support. More information about the retreat and registration materials can be found on the Marion County 4-H website.

4-H GIS Youth Promote International Youth-Adult Partnerships



From October 27 to November 3, three Washington County Intel 4-H Tech Wizard youth, Lizbeth Gonzalez and Clara Mandujano from Hillsboro, and Luis Chavez from Forest Grove, represented 4-H Equipo GIS as they made their plenary session presentation at the Caribbean and Latin American ESRI GIS-Users Conference. The presentation focused on their projects involving GIS and how professional GIS-users from around the world can partner with youth in their

respective communities to complete real-world projects and help to prepare the next generation of GIS professionals. The purpose of 4-H Equipo GIS is to focus on creating opportunities for youth to participate in coordinated GIS service learning projects locally and around the globe, to connect with youth and adults doing similar work in other countries, and to participate in International ESRI conferences. Congratulations to these outstanding 4-Hers!

4-H Lego Robotics

For the first time 4-H Lego Robotics is sending six teams to tournament this year, starting the weekend of the 8th, 9th and also the weekend of the 15th and 16th. We have students representing the following schools: David Hill Elementary, Peter Boscow Elementary, JB Thomas Middle School, and Poynter Middle School in Hillsboro. The tournaments theme this year is "Alternative Energy". Students have been working hard in their projects by building, designing and programming robots for the past six weeks. The focus of this program is to build and practice skills in mathematics, science, engineering, technology, leadership, and teamwork. It is a great opportunity for our students to connect with our community by participating on real life energy audits in our local community buildings. Please help us cheer on our students.....



"I think Lego Robotics is really cool because, I learn how to build a robot from scratch, and we work as a team" *Daniela*



"I think is great that 4-H is working with our community by providing a positive, safe environment to our children where they can grow academically and socially." *Martha*



"I love to work with robots and as a team!" *Dulce*

Intel 4-H Tech Wizards Equipo Verde project!

Macro-invertebrates, stinging nettles, and native plants, Oh My!

Forest Grove and Hillsboro high school Tech Wizards are finishing up the fall session of their Equipo Verde (Green team) projects at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve and at Council Creek in Cornelius. This fall the Tech Wizards have been focused on assessing, planning, and planting native plants in their restoration sites and leading two community SOLV events. During October, two Tech Wizards, Michael and Aaron Bautista from Forest Grove, joined SOLV specialist Susan Abravanel in presenting their



Equipo Verde project at the "Regards to Rural" conference in Skamania, Washington. Over the winter the youth will be utilizing GIS technologies to map their projects and learning new Web 2.0 applications. The Equipo Verde project is funded through grants from the Washington County Commissioners' Title 3 funds and from Intel. Community partners include Clean Water Services, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, SOLV, Hillsboro and Forest Grove high schools, and 4-H.



Teen Counselors needed for the Holiday Adventures Day Camp

Come increase your skills and add some community service to your record book. On December 21st from 10am-4pm, help Adventurers make ornaments, gifts for family members, and get into the holiday spirit. If you can help even half of the day, that would be appreciated.

Junior and Teen Leader Training

It's here and we're excited about it. We'll be meeting 9am-12:30 on Saturday, January 26 at the Extension Office. Refreshments will be provided. The OSU Collegiate 4-H group will be leading us in activities to develop our leadership skills.

If you'd like to participate, please email Terry Palmer, terry.palmer@oregonstate.edu or call 725-2111 and RSVP. We will need eight attendees to provide the training. So let us know you're interested!

2008 Western Oregon Poultry Field Day

January 26th, 2008 Polk County Fairgrounds



Come learn, judge, share, and discover at the Western Oregon Poultry Field Day. The OSU Poultry Club, along with Poultry Specialist Dr. James Hermes will be teaching a variety of workshops, as well as showmanship. The health check begins at 9:00 am and the show starts at 9:30 am. Everyone must bring their own bird to practice with. Registration is \$2.00 and lunch is included in the fee. See the [Announcements page](#) of the Washington County 4-H website for registration form.

Questions? Contact the Polk County Extension, at 503-623-8395.

4-H Night with the Portland Trail Blazers

Would you like to go see the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday February 24, 2008? This is your chance. The Portland Trail Blazers are inviting 4-H members to come see them play against the Boston Celtics. A select number of youth will be chosen to greet the team with high fives as they return from half-time. If you are interested in this opportunity to get discounted tickets, go to <http://tickets.trailblazers.com/deals> and type in 4HNIGHT as the password. For more information contact Joe Isse, 503-963-3974 or joe.isse@trailblazers.com.



Holiday Adventures for K-3

Friday, December 21st, 10 am-4 pm

Adventure age youth are invited to attend a winter break holiday day camp. If you are in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, come have some holiday fun by making ornaments, gifts for family members, watch the movie The Polar Express, and make some great goodies for the holidays.

Open to non-4-Hers as well so bring a friend. Snacks will be provided, but bring a sack lunch (refrigeration available). Activities will take place at the Washington County Extension office. The cost is \$10 for 4-H members or \$15 for non-4-H members. Send in your check with the form and a health form if not already turned in with your enrollment. Please make checks payable to: Washington County 4-H Leaders Association.

Space is limited, so get your registration in quickly.

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____

Emergency Contact Number(s) for 12/21/07 _____

Special Needs _____

_____ Member _____ Non-Member Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Questions? Contact Terry Palmer, 503-725-2111 or terry.palmer@oregonstate.edu.

State Newsletter Highlights



Spring Horse Classic

Registration begins after the first of the year when the website goes live. If any teams would like to participate in Horse Bowl or Hippology, questions must be submitted to the state office through the county by January 15th. More information is available at the [state 4-H website](#).

State Horse Fair

The dates have been set for State Horse Fair 2008. Activities will take place from August 15-19, 2008. The State Horse Fair Book, as well as descriptions of the events should be available in January. Check back to the [state 4-H website](#) for details.

Know Your State Government

Any teens in grades 9-12 interested in how government works, have the opportunity March 27-29 to find out. Tour the Capitol, meet legislators and lobbyist, and participate in a mock 4-H legislative session. Registration begins December 15th. Deadline for registration and fee (\$135) is March 7th; see the [state 4-H website](#) for details.

4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest



If you are interested in honey bees, this is the perfect opportunity for you to learn and share your experiences. The 2008 essay topic is "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in my Community." The top three National winners will earn cash prizes of \$250, \$100, and \$50. For contest details and rules see the American Beekeeping Federations website <http://www.abfnet.org/> or go to the [state 4-H website](#). Essays are due at the state 4-H office February 1st.

Outbound 4-H Exchange Program

Have you ever wanted to visit Australia, Finland, Japan, or Norway? The exchange program just may be for you. Spend 4-weeks (4-week or 8-week program available in Japan) in another country. Stay with a host family and immerse yourself in another culture. Deadline for enrollment is January 7th; contact Terry Palmer, 503-725-2111 or terry.palmer@oregonstate.edu for more information.

Folleto de Eventos del Programa 4-H

Oportunidades para jóvenes de 4-H

Si tú estas en el grado 7 al 12 hay oportunidades disponibles para ti. Involúcrate y conoce tú Gobierno Estatal, El Comités de conferencia de verano, y mucho más. Inscríbete y llena la aplicación y envíala a: 4-H Youth Development State Office; 105 Ballard Extension Hall; Corvallis, Oregon 97331: Los Comités se están formando a si que manda tú aplicación lo más pronto posible. Para más información llamar a Cecilia 503-939-5748.

Recordatorio Marca tu Calendario!	
1 de abril 2008	Fecha determinada – Inscripción para nuevos miembros que les gustaría participar la feria del condado o feria de caballos
2 de junio 2008	Registración Fecha determinada para todos los miembros del programa 4-H que participar en la feria del condado o la feria de caballos

How to Reserve a Room at the Capital Center

Contact the 4-H secretary, 503-725-2110 or the main line, 503-725-2300 to make the room reservation and provide the following pieces of information:

- Title of your event (so that support staff can create signs).
- Start and end times of the meeting.
- Name and contact number of person in charge of the meeting.
- Special requests (i.e. equipment, coffee pot, etc.).

Room Use

- To open the room, go to Reception Desk A to pick up the assigned key.
- You may move the tables and chairs in the room, but they must be returned to their original position at the end of the meeting.
- Parking permits are required, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. No parking permits are required on Saturday and Sunday.
- Clean up after the meeting is required.
- Please lock the door to your room at the end of the event and place the key in the drop off box.

Cancellation Policy

- Please contact the 4-H secretary or the main line **by 4:00 p.m. the day of your event** to cancel your meeting. *The building security needs to be informed of all cancellations.*

For reservations at the [Fair Complex](#) call 503-648-1416 for more information.

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Have you checked the 4-H web calendar lately?

Did you know you can catch up on the latest 4-H happenings on the Washington County 4-H web calendar? Not only does the web calendar include dates specific to Washington County events, but it also includes dates of events from neighboring Oregon counties that may be of interest to you.

Visit the web calendar at:
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/4h/calendar>

If you would like to announce your 4-H club or group activity on the web calendar you can click on the "+" sign located on the right hand corner of the date your activity is on. Please note that your event information does not appear instantly after you've completed filling out the information and saved it. 4-H staff will periodically check the calendar for event dates pending and then approve them so they show up on the calendar. For more detailed web calendar instructions, you may e-mail 4-H.Wash.Co@oregonstate.edu and request an instruction sheet.



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Mark Your Calendars

ENROLLMENT DEADLINES	
December 14, 2007	Re-enrollment deadline – for all returning 4-H members and mentors who wish to participate in county fair or horse fair.
April 1, 2008	Enrollment deadline – for new 4-H members who wish to participate in county fair or horse fair.
June 2, 2008	Fair Entry deadline for all 4-H members to participate in county fair or horse fair.

2007-2008 LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES		
Beef	February 16, 2008	8:00 am – 10:00 am
Swine	April 12, 2008	8:00 am – 10:00 am
Sheep and Meat Goat	May 10, 2008	8:00 am – 10:00 am
Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat	Washington County Fair	Starting at 6:30 am