2010 Year

To: Prospective 4-H Leaders

Fm: Mike Knutz, OSU Extension/4-H Agent

Re: New Leader Orientation

We’re so pleased that you are thinking of joining - the ranks of the super volunteers who make 4-H happen here in Yamhill County. All prospective volunteers are required to attend a New Leader Orientation, have positive feedback from three references, and pass a background check. Your club cannot start meeting until you have completed these three steps and turned in a 4-H Leader Enrollment form.

You can begin your orientation by logging into the Volunteer e-Learning course at: http://4h.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/ 

1) If you don’t have to install one of the four listed programs in the center of the screen, then go to the left shaded bar and click on the WHITE BOX, “4-H VOLUNTEER E-LEARNING COURSE”

2) Enter your first name, last name. Select your state.

3) Type in the password, VOLUNTEER

While the program does not require you to begin with Module #1, the modules do build on learning presented in each previous module. There are four modules that take about 20 minutes each on the following: About 4-H, Positive Youth Development, Getting Started in 4-H, and Leadership & Teaching. We will review information from the e-course at our orientation scheduled on:

6:30 pm, Monday, October 4th  6:30-8:30 pm @ PWA
Or
6:30 pm, Monday, November 29th 6:30-8:30 pm @ PWA

You must call to register for the training. The training will be at the Yamhill County Extension Office in McMinnville, located in the Public Works Auditorium (PWA). If three or more have not registered by Friday the previous week, the session will be canceled. If we need a volunteer application from you, we’ve enclosed it. Fill it out and return it as soon as possible so we can complete the screening process.

At orientation, we’ll talk about 4-H Youth Development essentials, expectations, forms, club operations and activities for about two hours. We’re also looking forward to meeting you! Please feel free to call or email me with your questions. 4-H makes a big difference in the lives of youth today.

Please use the enclosed envelope to return the 4-H Volunteer Service Application and the Background History Check to the OSU Extension Office. If you are accessing this letter online, you can find these materials at: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/volunteer.