

4-H Familygram



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Dear 4-H Families,

As you were aware from the previous Familygram, all OSU Extension Programs have prepared for a 15% decrease in their budget, which equates to a \$600,000 cut to the Oregon 4-H Program. 4-H will respond to this challenge with a three part strategy that involves (1) vacancy management, (2) shifting salaries off of state funds, and (3) implementing a statewide 4-H Participating fee of \$15.00 per member in addition to existing county based fees and insurance. Included in this newsletter is a Q & A on this new 4-H Participating Fee.

This strategy impacts Yamhill County 4-H in the following ways:

- In an effort to shift salaries off of state funding, half of my salary is now being paid through a grant which will require me to develop and manage 4-H
- Science Engineering and Technology Programs in afterschool settings for the next five years. There was enough salary savings from the grant to hire Lana Drew as a part time 4-H Program Assistant to pick up some of the work that I won't be able to do.
- The cost to join 4-H in Yamhill County will be \$22 per member if enrolled by December 31, 2009. For the remaining 4-H Year, the cost will be \$27 per member. Families with more than two children in 4-H will only be assessed \$7.00 per child after the first two.
- In an effort to cut expenses within our office budget, we will continue to use email as the primary means to keep our audience informed. Although you are receiving this Familygram through the mail, we are asking families to consider getting the next issue via email. Please email vickie.smith@oregonstate.edu to be placed on the Familygram email list.

The total cost for a youth to join 4-H starting October 1st will be \$22.00 through December 31st and \$27.00 through the remaining enrollment period. Checks can be made out to "OSU Extension". These fees include the accident insurance premium. Again, please read through the Q & A sheet provided by the State 4-H Office on the following page.

Sincerely,
Mike Knutz

Help us make our budget stretch
Get the Family Gram via internet

Please provide us with your email address.
Send to vickie.smith@oregonstate.edu

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The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

4-H Participation Fee Q & A Sheet ~



Beginning with the 2009-2010 program year, the Oregon 4-H Program will assess an annual fee of **fifteen dollars for each young person** enrolled in a 4-H club experience. This includes members of project clubs, community clubs, afterschool clubs, and other “club-based” experiences offered by the Oregon 4-H program. **The fee will be twenty dollars for fees collected after January 31, 2010.**

Why is the fee necessary?

Increased costs coupled with declining levels of state funding to the Statewide Public Service programs of Oregon State University has made it increasingly difficult to continue to offer the type of 4-H programs that Oregon’s youth need, deserve, and expect. To ensure that the quality and reach of Oregon 4-H remains unaffected by these cuts, we are asking that club participants cover approximately ten percent of the cost of participating in this state-assisted program.

What will the funds be used for?

All of the funds will be used for the benefit of county 4-H programs. No part of the fee will be used to support on-campus activities or administration of the state 4-H office. We are pleased to announce, however, that most state-produced 4-H publications will now be available free of charge.

How will the fee be administered?

The fee will be assessed when members join or re-enroll in 4-H for the 2009-2010 program year. The fee can be added to the participation fee that the county currently charges. To be eligible for the reduced fee of fifteen dollars, counties must transfer the collected fees to a designated OSU index no later than January 31, 2010.

Must the fee be collected directly from members?

No. Counties may choose whatever method they want to generate the funds needed to pay the annual participation fee. In some counties, the fee will be passed on to individual members. In other counties, some or all of the fees may be paid for by 4-H Associations, program sponsors, grants, or contracts.

Does every young person involved in 4-H in any way have to pay the fee?

At this time, the fee will only be assessed for young people involved in club-based experiences. Participants in short-term experiences such as school enrichment programs and day camps will not be charged the annual participation fee. A continuing effort will be made to explore how new business models can be applied to these programs to make them financially self-sustaining.

What if a family cannot afford the participation fee?

Finances will not be a barrier to participation in 4-H. No individual should be refused membership in 4-H because of their inability to pay the fee. Clubs are encouraged to work with individuals, businesses, and organizations to find donors capable of providing scholarships to young people needing assistance with the payment of the fees. The State 4-H Office recommends that eligibility for public assistance be a sufficient criterion for applying for a fee scholarship.

Is there a family limit to the fees assessed?

The fee will be assessed for the first two family members who join 4-H. The maximum annual participation fee will be thirty dollars per family, if paid by January 31, and forty dollars, if received February 1 or later. County Fees of \$7.00 will apply to all 4-H Members.

This fee will be evaluated on an annual basis and may be adjusted in the future.

Community Pride Grants

November 1st is the deadline for the Chevron USA Community Pride Grants. These grants are offered to 4-H Clubs to perform local community service projects, which improve their communities. Grants are generally between \$500 to \$1500 dollars. Please email me if you want an application mike.knutz@oregonstate.edu.



4-H Records Due

4-H RECORDS Deadline Turn Your Records in to the OSU Extension Office NOW through September 28th.

4-H Members can find their 4-H Record forms online at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/projects>.

The Permanent record can be downloaded as a Word file so you can fill it out on your computer. Hard copies are available at the OSU Extension Office. 4-H Records and Awards handbook is available at the Extension office and online at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/yamhill/4-h-youth>

Yamhill County 4-H Leaders Association

When Volunteers enroll each year as a 4-H Leader, they have the opportunity to belong to the Yamhill County 4-H Leaders Association. The **Mission of the Yamhill County 4-H Advisory Council, is to guide the 4-H Program in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner; through leadership and shared knowledge and understanding of project areas.** The council serves to represent 4-H Leaders in an advisory capacity to the 4-H staff in guiding the program and providing leadership and coordination for programming ideas.

The 4-H Advisory Council consists of 14 adults and 6 senior 4-H Members. The adults are 4-H Leaders who volunteer to serve and represent various areas of 4-H. They must be elected at the annual meeting. There are three positions that will be open for election during the annual meeting on November 9th. One in Home Economics/ Expressive Arts, At-Large, and Livestock/small animal. All six youth positions are up for election each year. If you are interested in serving in this role or have questions please contact Mike Knutz at 503-434-8913 for details or email at: mike.knutz@oregonstate.edu

4-H Advisory Council

Name	Representing	Term Expires
Tim Breeding, President	Livestock	2010
Jan Ellis, Vice President	Horse	2010
Julie Jensen, Secretary	Horse	2011
Lana Drew	Static Exhibits	2011
Michelle Carlile	Livestock	2011
Verna O'Laughlin	At Large	2011
Tammy McLaughlin	Treasurer	Appointed
Debi Brandt	At-Large	2010
Vickie Haldorson	Horse	2009
Tammy Bernards	Static Exhibits	2009
Caroline Wildhaber	Livestock	2009
Youth Representatives		
Andrea Drew		
Arianna Piscitelli		
Molly Knutz		
Erica Anderson		
Kory Blake		
Jessica Brandt		



**Thank you for
your service!**



New Leader Training ~ ~

Do you wish there was a 4-H Club closer to home? Or do you wish your Club offered some projects that are not already available? Or do you want to offer a few projects through a family club? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then maybe you should consider being a 4-H Leader.

The steps to becoming a 4-H Leader are:

- Fill out an application and background check
- Have three good references turned in
- Attend a 2-hour training
(Shooting Sports requires additional training)

New Leader Education classes have been scheduled for:

- Monday, October 5th 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 7th 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Individuals must RSVP by calling the office at least two days prior to class so enough materials can be prepared. Classes with less than four individuals registered may be rescheduled. Classes are held at the Public Works Auditorium, 2050 NE Lafayette Avenue (same building as our office.)

If you are a current 4-H Leader that would like some help with your club, ask one of your club member's parents to go thru the training.



Development Committee Members Needed

Here we are gearing up for another great year in 4-H and we're looking for some leadership in the area of development for several of the project areas. What we need are adult and teen leaders, as well as older teens who are actively involved in their project areas as Jr. leaders, to join us in making a plan for each of the following project area:

- Livestock Development Committee (swine, sheep, goats, beef, dairy)
- Small Animal Development Committee (dogs, cats, rabbits, cavies, poultry)
- H.E.A.R.T.H. Development Committee (**H**ome **E**c, **A**rts, nat'l **R**esources, **T**echnology and **H**orticulture)

These committees will meet a few times a year to plan, implement and review ways to enrich and encourage the project area to help insure success for the members involved in these projects. They will also be a resource for new leaders getting started in these projects. These are important roles that we are looking to fill. Please consider how you may be a part of any of these committees or lend your support in another way such as letting the committee know you would be willing to help with a particular event or idea.

Another area of importance is a Promotion, Expansion and Review Committee that would look for ways to promote the program within the communities of Yamhill County. 4-H opportunities grow when new leaders are recruited, facilities are located to host events, and when 4-H Members and Leaders are encourage and recognize for their service and growth. This committee would need to meet just a couple times a year after an initial planning meeting to keep things moving along and could operate ideally with a representative from each of our communities.

If these are areas where you would like to be involved please contact Mike or Lana at the extension office. We're looking forward to a great year with each of you using your willingness, abilities and knowledge to 'Make the Best Better' in Yamhill County.

Contact Mike Knutz at 503-434-8913 if you are willing to serve on any of these committees.

2009 OSU 4-H Summer Conference



Eight Yamhill County 4-H'ers attended the OSU 4-H Summer Conference held on the campus of Oregon State University June 24-27th. Pictured on the right are Nathan Mayhew, Cody Drew, Josh Knutz, Molly Knutz, Erica Anderson, Gracie Wildhaber, Andrea Hunter, and Luke Wildhaber. Over 300 youth in grades 7-10 from around Oregon attended the conference. 4-H Members attend a wide range of exciting classes taught by OSU faculty and other community volunteers. While lodging in OSU dormitories, youth had an opportunity to get a preview of college life, learn independence, examine career possibilities, make friends, learn new skills, and have fun. Plan now to attend OSU 4-H Summer Conference in June of 2010.



Traci Sirotiak Receives Oregon 4-H Leadership Award

Graduating senior Traci Sirotiak received top honors at the OSU Summer Conference Awards Brunch. The Oregon 4-H Leadership Award is based on the youth's overall strength of 4-H work in leadership, an understanding of how the member's contribution has made a difference in the lives of others, and how the applicant has grown through this work. Traci had coordinated a Horse Show where the proceeds were donated to the Yamhill County Fairgrounds. She has also served as a camp counselor, 4-H Advisory Member, Junior Horse Superintendent, and County 4-H Ambassador.

4-H WILD WEST CAMP



Stopping for a photo op is camp counselor Travis Wilfong with his crazy campers.

Over 90 campers attended the 4-H Wild West summer Camp. 4-H offers a five day, four night camp for youth in grades 4-7. The 4-H Wild West Camp held at the Oregon 4-H Center just 7 miles northwest of Salem has been offering youth the traditional summer camp for over 30 years. This camp provides outdoor recreational activities in horse riding, swimming, fishing, canoeing, archery, digital photography, outdoor cookery, leathercrafts, and of course songs and skits during evening campfire. This camp is open to all youth not just those who are 4-H Members. Camp registration begins in April for the 2010 season. High School age youth who are interested in becoming camp counselors should contact Mike at 503-434-8913 or email: mike.knutz@oregonstate.edu

Congratulations

to 2009 Graduating Seniors

<i>Kirsten</i>	<i>Aughenbaugh</i>
<i>Sydnee</i>	<i>Billings</i>
<i>Alexandra</i>	<i>Dauenhauer</i>
<i>Natalie</i>	<i>Dauenhauer</i>
<i>Deirdre</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>Andrea</i>	<i>Drew</i>
<i>Amy</i>	<i>Edwards</i>
<i>Gabe</i>	<i>Janzen</i>
<i>Augustus</i>	<i>Kreder</i>
<i>Katie</i>	<i>Lewis</i>
<i>Sheryle</i>	<i>Lewis</i>
<i>Katie</i>	<i>Little</i>
<i>Crystal</i>	<i>Meyer</i>
<i>Dakota</i>	<i>O'Loughlin</i>
<i>Brittany</i>	<i>Peasley</i>
<i>Traci</i>	<i>Sirotiak</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Jamie</i>	<i>Steele</i>
<i>Delany</i>	<i>Wurdinger</i>



4-H National Conference

Each year the state 4-H program sends a delegation to Washington DC/Chevy Chase, MD to attend the National 4-H Conference. This is a great opportunity to see the monuments/museums in DC, meet 4-H'ers from all over the United States, learn to ride the metro (subway), and gain skills to make the Oregon 4-H program better.

Oregon will send four delegates. The cost to the member is \$200 plus incidentals, all other costs (about \$1100) are covered. This is not an honorary trip like National Congress but a working opportunity. Members will get to meet with our elected officials on Capitol Hill and talk with them about the 4-H program; they are also expected to be active participants in their county and state 4-H program.

Applications are due to the State 4-H office Oct. 30, 2009 and the conference is held March 20-25, 2010 during Spring Break. If you are interested in applying, applications can be found at:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/national-conference>

First Federal Savings & Loan has sponsored a pen desk set for each graduating senior. They will be available at the Fall Awards Program, October 24th. If you are unable to attend, the pen sets can be picked up now at the OSU Extension Office.

4-H: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Yamhill County 4-H Ambassador Club is open to youth in 8th - 12th grade who are interested in increasing their leadership skills. Ambassadors learn leadership by doing leadership. Officers of the club direct the members in planning, implementing and evaluating countywide activities during the 4-H year. The club will provide leadership and service to the county and state 4-H Program.

The club's next meeting is Monday, September 21 at 7:00 PM at the public Works auditorium. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Lana Drew at Lana.drew@oregonstate.edu or call 503-434-7517.



If you are interested in traveling abroad through the International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) program, now is the time to make your plans. The Oregon 4-H Program provides opportunities for teens and young adults to travel to other countries as participants in host-family based exchange programs. In addition, Oregon hosts young people from other countries for stays ranging from 2 weeks to 10 months. Countries currently involved include: Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Mexico, and Norway. More information can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-world-citizenship-project-overview>

Club NEWS

Your Club can share its activities with other clubs by submitting a brief write-up and photos via email to vickie.smith@oregonstate.edu. Submissions are subject to editing for quality and space availability.

Photos wanted: Please email mike.knutz@oregonstate.edu your best 3 photos from County Fair and State Fair.

Did you know.....

There are two types of insurance that cover 4-H Leaders, and members are covered by one type of insurance during 4-H Activities. The following is a brief description of both:

Liability Insurance is for negligent or wrongful harm. Because a person is physically injured does not mean the states liability insurance will pay for their expenses. The state must determine that it has some negligence or liability before it will pay expenses from the self insurance policy.

Who is covered? All approved 4-H Volunteers serving under the supervision and control of Extension employees. 4-H Members are not covered by liability insurance because they should never be leading activities without 4-H Leader supervision (even if they are junior or teen leaders). Also, because money from fundraisers is not under the direct control of the Extension Service, fundraising activities done by clubs are not covered with the state's Liability Self Insurance Policy.

The **Accident Insurance** provided by American Income Life is designed to cover enrolled 4-H members and leaders at regular meetings, project days, and countywide 4-H events. This insurance covers medical expenses related to injury (within the limits of the policy). This insurance can be used as primary or secondary coverage and also covers individuals while traveling directly to and from supervised 4-H activities.

Thanks to Everyone who makes County Fair possible

Although fair is a hectic time it is also a very rewarding time as I witness the successes of our 4-H Members. Thanks to Fair Board Members, the Fair Manager, and our 4-H Fair Superintendents who work tirelessly to make the Yamhill County a place of opportunity for youth. I encourage 4-H Families to express their gratitude to these key people for keeping youth a priority at Fair.

I want to thank all the parents and 4-H Leaders who helped to make this year's Yamhill County Fair a great one for our youth. I know that there is always room for improvement, so if you have some recommendations, please get them to me while they are still fresh in your mind.

September is a busy time for 4-H Families as some compete at State Fair and all are preparing for the start of a new school year. I want to encourage every 4-H Member to complete their 4-H Records and turn them into the OSU Extension Office by Monday, September 28th. 4-H Records document the things members have learned and the awards earned throughout the year. 4-H Members are only eligible to win county medals and other special awards by turning in their record books.



Thanks

**4-H Records Due in the
OSU Extension Office
Monday, September 28th**



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To the Family of

Enrollment Begins October 1

~ 2009-2010 4-H Year ~

Once again the 4-H year begins! Hi everyone. Just a note to let you know the progress on enrollment for the new year. The State is once again updating forms so we will be waiting until October 1 for the enrollment process. We have been told that possibilities are high for online enrollment this year. As eager as most of you were for the online fair entries we look forward to being able to offer enrollment online. Please watch for further information on this subject. We will keep you informed as we get new information.



Meetings

Advisory Council:

Meets Monday, 6:30 pm

September 14th at the
McMinnville First Federal
Savings and Loan

4-H Horse Leaders:

Meets Tuesday, 7:00 pm

September, 8 at YCFG up-
stairs room.

Meets Tuesday, 7:00 pm
October, 6th location TBA