

Klamath County 4-H

New 4-H Members – Frequently Asked Questions & Answers



Q: Now that I have turned in a completed enrollment form, when will I be assigned a club leader and start having meetings?

A: You should know what club you are in close to when you turn in your paperwork. Many members already know what club they would like to be in, but the 4-H Staff can absolutely help you to find a club if needed. Once you have been signed up in a club, your club leader should be in contact with you soon to start attending the club meetings. If you do not hear from your club leader by February, make sure to contact the 4-H Staff.

Q: Who is going to be my club leader?

A: Club leaders are adults from the community that wish to share their passions and knowledge with youth in the county. Each new 4-H leader will have gone through a screening process and attended a New Leader's Training through the Extension Office.

Q: Who will be in my 4-H club?

A: There are over 450 participants in the Klamath County 4-H program. Chances are, many of these members will be a friend, neighbor, or classmate.

Q: How many meetings do I need to attend to show or exhibit at the Klamath County Fair?

A: In general, members should commit to attending 75% of the organized club meetings so they can gain the necessary knowledge to have a successful 4-H project. Of course, there are always exceptions. These are handled on a case-by-case basis with your 4-H leader or the 4-H Agent.

Q: I'm enrolled as a 4-H member, but I want to be in an additional project area.

A: Many members add additional projects throughout their 4-H career and so can you! As long as you are enrolled in 4-H by January 6th, you can add other projects and join new clubs until June 1st. However, there are some exceptions for animal projects as you must have possession of your animal prior to certain ownership deadlines (ask the 4-H staff for more information about these deadlines). If you do want to add a club or project area, you will need leader approval and the 4-H staff needs to be notified so your enrollment information can be updated.

Q: How do I find out about county and state 4-H opportunities, as well as deadlines?

A: 4-H emails and text messages are the most up-to-date sources of important 4-H information. Our Klamath County 4-H website is also a place to go for resources, important forms and documents, etc. Your 4-H leader will also be a wealth of 4-H knowledge, and do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office at 541-883-7131 (direct your call towards a 4-H staff member).

Q: What is this record book I keep hearing about? Do I need to complete one?

A: A record book is a binder or green 4-H book that holds records including your 4-H Resume, 4-H Notes, Project Records, Advancements, Project Photos, and Previous Records. These documents can be found on our website (soon), at the Extension Office, or from your 4-H leader. All 4-H members are required to complete a Pre-Fair Record Book check the first two weeks in July in order to exhibit at the Klamath County Fair. If you wish to complete your record book after fair, (this will be very important if you would like to receive scholarships one day!) they can be turned in mid to late September, yearly date will be publicized, to be judged for a ribbon and even a County Medal Award! While record books can seem scary at the start, your 4-H leader, older members, or the 4-H staff can always help you to complete them. They are an important part of the 4-H program and teach many vital skills.

Q: What is the process for full participation in Fair?

A: To be eligible for ribbons, special awards and judging, all members must successfully complete these steps:

1. Enroll as a 4-H member by January 6th, 2023.
2. Enroll in all project areas in which you would like to exhibit at Fair. This may be done when you enroll or you may add 4-H projects until June 1st. Animal projects must be declared prior to species' possession deadlines.
3. Attend Educational Division Meetings for each project area you are participating in (see Division Meeting schedule).
4. Animal Projects: meet all possession deadlines and have animal tagged and weighed-in prior to Fair per division requirements
5. Complete your fair entries with your 4-H leader prior in June.
6. Prepare a Record Book and pass the Pre-Fair Record Book check the first two weeks in July.

Q: I have questions regarding 4-H. Who should I contact?

A: There are three employees at the Klamath County Extension Office who specialize in different 4-H areas:

- Traci Reed, 4-H Agent: 4-H program oversight, leader and volunteer development, and all other 4-H responsibilities not listed.
- Janice Schooler, 4-H Education Program Assistant: 4-H communications, 4-H enrollment, 4-H Record Books, Club resources, Fair entries and Fair management.
- Mikayla Duchi, 4-H Education Program Assistant: 4-H Marketing, Club resources, 4-H communications, 4-H enrollment, Fair management, 4-H Record Books.

You may contact the Extension Staff and Faculty at 541-883-7131

Market Animal Members

Q: When and where does the tagging and pre-fair weigh in happen for market animals?

A: Pre-fair weigh-in and tagging take place at different times and places for each species. These dates will be set in late winter and published on the 4-H schedule as soon as they are decided. Make sure to be in contact with your 4-H leader so you do not miss this important step.