June 27, 2019

Dear 4-H Families:

It’s time again for another Union County Fair, and wow can you believe it’s my third fair! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email or on my cell phone! Attached are a list and outline of fair check in times, as well as a schedule! This year’s theme is “From Wagon Wheels to Ferris Wheels.” You’ll want to keep this theme in mind when planning for “Cowabunga at the Fair!” decorations for your stall area, our 4-H Exhibit Building, and the Fair Parade.

PLEASE read this letter carefully. Again this year, our office will be publishing a complete 4-H Premium Book. Our 4-H book will contain a complete listing of all 4-H classes and contests. A copy is available at the OSU Extension Office or online for each family.

MANDATORY LEADER MEETING: If you are a leader, and are having members exhibit at the fair, you or another club leader, must attend the Leader Meeting. It is schedule for July 16th from 5:15-6:30. We will be reviewing rule and schedule changes and procedures, and go over county fair award areas that you members are eligible for!

UCF Clean-up Day – Saturday, July 15th, 23rd and 25th. Bring shovels, rakes and wheelbarrels and help to get the grounds ready. We will be meeting from 5:30-7:30 each time! Please plan on attending at least ONE of the clean-ups scheduled! We have a long list of fair-prep items that we need to get done!

Be sure to check out the section of contests that are open to ALL 4-H members (no matter what your project is). These contests are lots of fun, so check them out!

4-H members who are exhibiting at the fair and participating 4-H leaders will each receive one free pass for admittance. Please do not expect additional passes or exceptions to this policy, it will be enforced as written. Check the Fair premium book for details on discount family passes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

How to enter 4-H county fair exhibits: The primary 4-H leader of each club is responsible for collecting the entries for their club members and then entering those into the on-line entry system. Instructions on how to enter are enclosed with this letter. As a club member and parent you can help your 4-H leader by making a list of the exhibits and contests you want to enter. A blank entry form is enclosed to help you.
**Fair Passes:** This year a list of exhibitors will be given to the fair office, and fair passes can be picked up there. They will be handing out all fair related credentials: parking passes/fair passes. Additional passes can also be purchased at the time of pick-up.

**How to find a list of 4-H classes and contests:** You will find a complete list of 4-H classes and contests in the 4-H County Fair Premium Book. Copies can be picked up at the Union County Extension office or accessed online at our county website at: [https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/union/fair-eols-ucf-state-fair](https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/union/fair-eols-ucf-state-fair)

**Exhibitor Packets:** Each 4-H member exhibiting at the Union County Fair will receive an Exhibitor Packet. These can be picked up at the 4-H Fair Office beginning Monday, July 31st from 4 pm-6pm or on Tuesday from 8 am- 10 am. The packet will include:
- Exhibitor number
- Class list of your entries
- Stall cards (if applicable)
- Judging Card(s)
- Livestock exhibitor parking pass
- Exhibitor pass for Fair admission

**Also each exhibitor will need to pay a $10 Exhibitor Fee – even if they are entering static exhibits only. This fee needs to be paid by the entry deadline of July 10th at the Extension office. Payable to the Union County 4-H Association.**

**Parking Passes:** There will NOT be a charge for parking inside the grounds this year. Livestock parking passes for the barn area will be available at check-in time.

**Camp Trailers:** There is a charge for camping on the grounds and reservations are required. Reservations can be made with the Fair Manager, Margaret Spence by calling (971) 374-7849. Camping/Parking is NOT available until Sunday night after the Junior Rodeo ends at 6:00 p.m.

**Record Books:** ALL 4-H members interested in being a delegate for State Fair MUST turn in a current record book by 5:00 pm, Friday, August 9th, at the OSU Extension Office. This will allow members the opportunity to update their records with their county fair placing. Record books *can be* turned in prior to this date at the Extension Office. Record books for Special Contests need to be entered by Wednesday August 31st by 9:00 am. **Record books required for specific contests are due according to premium book directions.**

**Fair Parade:** Join us at the fair by riding on the Union County 4-H Ambassador float or make a club float for the parade. The parade will be Friday, August 2nd at 6:00 pm – line up begins at 4:00 pm. Call Lori Ritter @ (541) 910-9836 to register.

**Release of Fair Exhibits:** All exhibitors are responsible for picking up their exhibit items and awards from the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 4th, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. No Exhibits will be released before this time, except horses & dogs. Other emergency situations MUST be preapproved by the 4-H Agent.
State Fair Participants: Dog, horse, livestock, static exhibits and contest winners that are exhibited at the county fair will also be judged for the honor of competing at the Oregon State Fair. If a static or livestock exhibit is selected there will be a State Fair sticker or card attached to the item/stall. Instructions on how to register for State Fair will be included or are available in the 4-H Exhibit Building. Dog and horse exhibitors will be notified by Friday of the Fair. If an exhibitor is selected to compete in State Fair Contests, they need to sign up at the 4-H Fair Office before the conclusion of fair and pick up an information package. Also if you are physically representing Union County in a State Fair contest you MUST turn in a record book for review by the deadline (see above details).

CONTESTS FOR ALL 4-Hers

The following contests are open to ALL 4-H members in any project area. These are extra contests that are lots of fun. Look in the 4-H Fair Premium book for details on each contest guidelines. Contest guideline packets for each of the following contests are available at the Union County Extension Office and on the 4-H website: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/union/fair-eols-ucf-state-fair

Quick Fix Meals: This contest is open to ANY intermediate or senior 4-H member. Participants may compete as individuals or in teams of 2. Intermediates and Seniors will compete together. The focus of this challenge is to prepare a nutritious meal in a short amount of time. Participants will demonstrate creativity, efficiency and cooking skill in this challenge by creating a nutritious meal for two people in less than 30 minutes. County only.

4 for 6, 8, or 10: This contest is open to any intermediate or senior 4-H member. Participants may compete as individuals or in teams of 2. Intermediates and Seniors will compete together. The focus of this challenge is to prepare a nutritious meal for low cost. Participants will prepare and serve a nutritious meal for four that costs under $6 (breakfast), $8 (lunch), or $10 (dinner). County only.

Fashion Revue – Ready to Wear: This contest is open to any junior, intermediate or senior 4-H member. Participants combine newly purchased clothing with up to two items or accessories they already own to present a “Total Look” including shoes and accessories. Top intermediate and senior competitors advance to State Fair.

Fashion Revue – Recycled Clothing: In the recycled/re-purposed Clothing Style Revue Contest the participant models an item or garment they have made from another garment or fabric source. Participants may combine their recycled/re-purposed item or garment with accessories to present a “total look”. County only.

Presentations: All presentations will be given on Monday, July 29th through Tuesday, July 30th 1st starting at 8 am. Horse Presentations will be Sunday the 28th. Please double check your scheduled time, and let us know if there is a conflict or you need to cancel PRIOR to your scheduled time.
**Favorite Outfit Contest:** This contest is open to ALL 4-H’ers. It is easy and lots of fun! Set-up for the contest is on Friday, July 26th. Each exhibitor will be given a scheduled time (1 hour) to be mailed to you prior to fair with detailed instructions. We will provide 4’ x 4’ boards for displays and clear plastic to cover them. Bring your own push pins to attach outfits. *County only.*

**Favorite Foods Contest:** This event is scheduled for Monday, July 29th at 10:00 am. Each exhibitor MUST turn in a copy of their favorite recipe with their entry form. You must bring your own table for the display. Clear plastic will be provided to you for covering your favorite food exhibit. *County only.*

**Crop & Weed Contest:** This contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members. Contest is held on Wednesday, July 31st at 8:30 am. *County only.*

**Educational Displays:** This contest is open to an individual or a club exhibit. Displays are entered on Monday, July 29th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm or Tuesday, July 30th from 8:00 am – 10:00 am at the 4-H exhibit building.

**Scrapbook Contest:** Open to all 4-H clubs to exhibit their club scrapbooks. Scrapbooks are entered on Monday, July 29th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm or Tuesday, July 30th from 8:00 am – 10:00 am at the 4-H exhibit building.

**Cake Decorating Contest:** Open to all 4-H members. Specific contest guidelines are available in the 4-H Premium Book. Cakes MUST be entered for exhibit on at the Tuesday, July 30th 4-H exhibit building from 8:00 am – 10:00 am.

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**Information Specific to Project Areas**

**HOME ECONOMICS**

**Contests for Sewing Skills, Knitting & Crocheting, and Home Economics Judging:** These contests will be held the week prior to county fair, (July 25th, 8:00 am-12:00 pm) Check the schedule for specific day and location. A schedule with specific times for each exhibitor will be mailed out to each participant after the entry deadline.

Exhibitors need to bring all the items needed for their contest. We will provide a work table, ovens, microwave oven, sinks, and refrigerator. Card tables are NOT provided, please bring your own. All contests will be held in the 4-H exhibit building at the fairgrounds. 4-H’ers may use a microwave to help cook some of their foods in all contests.

**Knitting and Crochet Exhibit:** Static exhibits in knitting and crocheting (only) are to be checked in at the 4-H exhibit building on Thursday, July 25th from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. These items will be judged that day and then displayed at the county fair. Members may sign up at the time of check in for an interview with the judge to receive feedback on their exhibit item.
**Intermediate and Senior Foods Contest:** Judge’s information forms for intermediate and senior foods contests will be mailed to 4-H’ers with their contest schedule. They must bring the forms with them at the time they are being judged.

**Interview Judging:** When cooking, clothing, and photography exhibits are brought to the fair, Tuesday, July 30th, 4-H’ers can sign up for an interview with the judge. This is a great opportunity to talk with the judge about their exhibit. Parents and leaders are welcome to listen to the judge’s comments. If you’d like, you can block out a section of time for your entire club so members can learn from each other’s projects.

**Static Exhibits:** (except Knitting and Crocheting)

- All static exhibits must be checked in at the 4-H exhibit building Monday, July 29th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm or Tuesday, July 30th from 8:00 am – 10:00 am (no late entries permitted) at the 4-H exhibit building. **All foods exhibits must be brought in on Tuesday.**
- Recipes for food products must be sealed in a plastic container (zip lock bag works great) and included with the exhibit.
- Canned foods must have special labels which are available at the Extension Office.
- Please read the exhibit requirements in the premium book and follow instructions closely.
- Please pick up exhibits between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm on Sunday, August 4th!!

**Fashion Revue:** Fashion Revue will be judged on Thursday, July 25th at 2:00 pm in the 4-H Building. Exhibitors need to arrive ½ hour early so they can check in, get dressed and be ready prior to their scheduled judging time.

- All exhibitors are expected to turn in a typed narration along with a photo of their garment to the 4-H Extension Office by Tuesday, July 23rd. Narrations will be “Pre-Recorded” so exhibitors can use them during practice time.

**Public Fashion Revue:** This event will be held on Wednesday, July 31st at 5:00 pm in the 4-H Exhibit Building. Ribbons will be awarded to participants as they leave the stage. A practice session will be held earlier in the day at 1:00 pm.

**LIVESTOCK, HORSES, & DOGS**

**Stalls:** Stalls will be pre-assigned. The first bedding of chips will be provided, additional bedding must be provided by the exhibitor. Bring your own hay, grain, buckets, hoses, etc. Stalls must be clean and animals presentable at all times.

**Orientation Meetings:** Exhibitors should attend the livestock and/or horse orientation meetings. These meetings will cover additional details about the show, any schedule changes or updates, and provide exhibitors an opportunity to talk with the judge.
- Dog orientation is at 8:00 am on Monday, July 29th
- Horse orientation is at 7:30 am on Friday, July 26th
- Livestock orientation is at 8:00 am on Wednesday, July 31st
Livestock Judging Contest is now Thursday at 12 p.m.

Arrival Times for Livestock: All livestock must be in place Tuesday, July 30th by 7:00 pm, market animals can be weighed in between 3:00 pm and 7:00pm. All animals will be released at 9:00 am Sunday, August 4th.

Market Animals: Market animal exhibitors MUST submit the following documents at weigh-in:
- Market Animal Health Record (available at the Extension Office or online at: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/union/fair-eols-ucf-state-fair)
- COOL (country of origin affidavits) (completed)
- 4-H Feed and Growth Record (available at the Extension Office or online at: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/union/fair-eols-ucf-state-fair). This form will be given to the weigh master to record the official weight. Exhibitors will then need to complete the form and turn it in at the 4-H/FFA Barn Office no later than 9:00 am on Thursday of the fair.
- Change of ownership slips (E-Slips) for steers.

Market Weight Rules: Please read the guidelines in the Union County Fair Premium Book very carefully.

Home Grown Market Animal: A special market animal class will be conducted for each species. This class will be for 4-H & FFA exhibitors (combined) who have market animals that have been bred, born and raised on the family farm. A grandparent’s farm counts as a family farm, however, other relatives (such as aunt or uncle) do not. Exhibitors must pre-register for this class and must have turned in the homegrown verification form.

Neck Ropes: Neck ropes are required on all beef animals and must be tied securely to their stall.

Small Animal Exhibits: Need to clean out cages and remove food from the feeders before checking out of fairgrounds on Sunday, August 4th.

Horse Exhibitors: Please read the “Union County Horse Project Guidelines” for special rules and award details (revised 2010). Copies are available at the Extension Office or on our Union County Extension website at https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/union/fair-eols-ucf-state-fair.

Horse Exhibits: Horse exhibitors may check into their stall on Thursday evening- the 25th Check the schedule in the premium book. Note the venue change- this horse show will be held at the La Grande Mavericks.

Patterns: The patterns for Advanced Horse, Reining, and Dressage can be picked up at the Extension Office. Patterns for the other contests, i.e. showmanship, western equitation, will be available in the exhibitor packets at orientation.

State Fair Selection: To qualify for state fair, exhibitors must have turned in a record book, be intermediate or senior level and must have a minimum combined qualifying score of 170 in
showmanship and their chosen area of equitation (Western or English) and their individual score in each must be at least 80 points. Exhibitors competing in Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences will be subject to a safety screening by the judge when going over their practice jump. If the judge feels they are unsafe they will be dismissed from entering the class.

DOGS

**Orientation:** An orientation for 4-H dog exhibitors and parents will be held Monday, July 29th at 8:00 am. This will be an opportunity for the judges to talk with exhibitors prior to classes. If your club has a scrapbook for the contest, remember to enter them at the 4-H building by 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 30th.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the fair. **GOOD LUCK and please call if you have questions!** *(During Fair I can be reached via cell phone: 503-789-4111)*

Sincerely,

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Directions for UCF Entries

Entries should be made using the on-line entry system. If you need help or do not have access to a computer with internet service, please call our office for assistance. We will also accept paper copies if needed. Additional copies of the premium book can be picked up at the Extension Service office in La Grande or downloaded from our county website

https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/union/fair-eols-ucf-state-fair

Online Entries:

1. All entries must be made by:
   - Club leader

2. For on-line entries go to the Union County 4-H website:
   https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/union/fair-eols-ucf-state-fair

3. Click on the orange Union County 4-H button on the left side of screen. Then the link for Fair (EOLS-UCF-State Fair)

4. Log in as a club (club leaders: your password will be your club number, listed on your club roster).

   Note: All exhibitors that are currently enrolled in Union Co 4-H are in the database so you can enter your member’s name (as it is listed on your roster), then password of “1” for exhibitor registration. Their name will appear in the database exactly like it is on your club rosters. Please check to make sure spelling and address are correct. Make changes at this time if needed. If they are not in the database you must call the office because that means they are not currently enrolled member.

   More detailed instructions are available on the entry website before you log in or you can click “Home” in the upper right corner.

5. Remember to complete the stalling requests at the end of your entries. Having the correct stalling needs is very important. Be sure to go to the stalling division to request stalls by species class (i.e. 4-H breeding beef) then complete the description box with specific numbers (i.e. 3 stalls for 1 cow/calf pair and 2 heifers). This stalling summary MUST be completed for each class and species. A limited supply of shavings will be available for stalls. We are asking everyone to be a good neighbor and share accordingly.

6. When entries are completed, print a receipt for your records.

7. Mail or drop off a copy of the receipt with the Show Entry Fee & penning fee ($10 per 4-H exhibitor) to the Extension Office by July 10th. Make checks payable to Union County 4-H Association.
**Paper Entries:**

Fill in the form provided with exhibitor names, class numbers, and indicate stall preferences.

Mail or drop off completed forms with exhibitor fees to:

OSU Extension Office  
10507 N. McAlister Road, Rm 9  
La Grande, OR 97850  
(541) 963-1010