Welcome to 4-H: A Guide For Members and their Parents
Club Meetings? Exhibiting at Fair? Premiums? Barn Duty? Because navigating 4-H can be overwhelming to families, we have put together a guide that can help you through your first year in Wasco 4-H (and beyond).

If you are new to 4-H and even if you aren’t, you will find this guide helpful in answering questions you didn’t even know you had! It is posted it on our website and we will begin sharing it with new enrollees. Check it out!

Market Weigh-In Updates
Beef Weigh-In was rescheduled to April 5-6. A notice was sent out to all registered in the beef project.

Following on the heels of the beef weigh-in is the Livestock Weigh-In (sheep, goats, swine) on May 17-18.

Friday weigh-ins are held at the Auction Yard in The Dalles from 4-6pm. Saturday weigh-ins are held out at the Fairgrounds in Tygh Valley from 8-10am.

NOTE: These weigh-ins are for market animals only. Do not tag your breeding animals. Once you tag an animal as market, it cannot be changed later to breeding.

4-H Camp Sign-Ups Posted
Check out the excellent camps we are offering for Summer!

A new opportunity has joined the line-up: River Explorers! This camp is designed for youth ages 10-16 and will be held on several Tuesdays June 25-July 16. Youth will explore rivers, learn how to fish, and test for healthy fish habitats. Students will collect and record data about climate change and water temperatures in the Columbia River.

Other offerings this Summer include a cooking camp, babysitting, 3D Printing, Maker Lab and Protobots. Space is limited so sign up early! https://tinyurl.com/fourhcamps

HEARTH Clinic Cancelled
The HEARTH event planned for Saturday, May 4th has been cancelled due to multiple scheduling conflicts. See back page for new events planned.

Help Our Team Go Worlds!
Our team has put in the hard work to beat out 66 other teams at State! Now, we ask your help in getting our team get to Kentucky by pledging some of your hard earned dollars. Give these students the experience of a lifetime! They have to raise $6000 in less than a month.

To donate to these 4-H members, go to https://vex-robotics.edco/wasco-county-4h-robotics.
Parents and 4-H Exhibitors:

Save the Date to Prep the Grounds

If you (or your items) or your child will be exhibiting at fair, please plan to help us get the fairgrounds ready. This is YOUR fair and we can’t do it without you!

The following dates/times have been scheduled for set-up/clean-up:

Livestock/Small Animal Exhibitors:
Saturday, August 17th beginning at 8 am

Static Exhibitors: Monday, August 19th beginning at 9 a.m.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Webinars for Leaders Announced

Let us help you get your members ready for fair!

In an effort to give leaders guidance in teaching their members about the FCS Classic county contest as well as changes to state fair classes (which often trickle down to county), Lynette will hold two webinars that you can watch from the comfort of your home computer via Zoom.

- Thursday, April 25th at 6:30pm (FCS County Contest)
- Tuesday April 30th at 6:30p (Fair classes)

A link to the training will be sent out at a later date.

4-H Robotics Team Advances to World Championships!

Pictured: Team System Overload members Ian Castaneda, Hayden Jacobsen, and Jack McCallister.

Congratulations to Wasco 4-H Robotics team System Overload for advancing to the VEX Robotics World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky, April 24-27.

Students Ian Castaneda, Hayden Jacobsen, and Jack McAllister won the Middle School Robotics excellence award at the Oregon VEX Robotics State Championship March 9 earning a seat in the upcoming VEX World Finals Competition.

The competition is recognized by the Guinness World Records as the largest robotics competition on earth with more than 11,500 of the best VEX Competition teams, leading technology companies, and volunteers at the competition.

The team’s season highlights include:

- Received Judges Award, November 2018, for achievement and enthusiasm for a Middle School Team
- Won Excellence Award, March 2019, for excellent robot design, performance and documentation
- Placed 3rd in State Championship Platinum division, placing higher than 66 high school teams and 12 middle school teams
- Earned 3 top-ten finishes in 3 regional tournaments

4-H Policy Manual Updates Posted
Updates to the 4-H Policy Manual have been posted to the State 4-H Website: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/search?search=4-H+Policy+Manual

Buy Clovers For Kids Through April
JOANN stores are helping 4-H bring more hands-on programs to local communities across the nation to inspire kids to lead lives with their head, hands, and hearts. Between March 1 – April 30, 2019 visit your local JOANN store and purchase a clover tear away at the register for either $1 or $4.

Statewide Opportunities
Follow the links to learn more about how to participate!

May 17-19: Spring Classic in Redmond—New small animal contests added this year. Intermediates and Seniors only.

June 26-29: OSU Summer Conference for grades 7-12; Registration opens May 15 at 6 am.

July 9-13: Oregon 4-H Migrant Middle School Summer Camp. Online registration underway.

August 6-10: Oregon 4-H Multicultural Middle School Summer Camp 2019. Last day to register: Saturday, June 22.

Raise Your Hand for Oregon 4-H
April 1-May 15th
In 4-H, we believe in the power and future of America’s youth. However, only one in three youth say they have the skills they need to handle what life throws their way. Together, we can change that! We’re asking 4-H alumni and friends to “Raise Your Hand” so that more youth can benefit from the life-changing opportunities that 4-H provides.

“Raise Your Hand” is a nationwide call to action for 4-H alumni, supporters, and friends to vote for their state to win funding to help more kids in their communities benefit from 4-H hands-on learning programs.

The three states with the most hands raised will receive $20,000, $10,000 and $5,000 to bring local 4-H programs to more kids.

Please join us, Oregon, and Raise Your Hand, because every child deserves a chance to succeed. www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand

Club Financial Statements
Each club will be getting the Financial Statement forms sent to the club contact leader at the end of June. Our fiscal year is July 1-June 30 and our taxes are due to the IRS by October 15.

All clubs are required to complete a Financial Statement and turn it in after July 1 but before August 1.

The 2019 statements are required for our 4-H Association to prepare required tax reporting income and expenses from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. This is a VERY IMPORTANT DEADLINE and all clubs need to be prepared!
Calendar of Coming Events

April
4 Horse Leaders (and parents) Meeting 6 pm Extension Service
5 Beef Weigh-In 4-6pm Auction Yard
6 Beef Weigh-In 8-10am Fairgrounds
6-7 Teen Leadership Retreat
22 New Leader Training 5:30 pm Extension Service
25 FCS Classic Webinar for Leaders 6:30 pm Online via Zoom
29 New Leader Training 8:30 am Extension Service
30 Fair Class Changes Webinar for Leaders 6:30 pm Online via Zoom

May
14 HEARTH Leader’s Meeting 6 pm Extension Service
14 Livestock Leader’s Meeting 7 pm Extension Service
15 **OSU Summer Conf. Registration begins** 6 am
17 Livestock Weigh-In (Market Animals) 4-6pm Auction Yard
18 Livestock Weigh-In (Market Animals) 8-10am Fairgrounds
17-19 Spring Classic Redmond
27 **Memorial Day Observed** Extension CLOSED

**LAST DAY FOR NEW MEMBERS TO REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN FAIR:** Monday, June 3rd by 5 pm

July 9th: 6 pm **Fair Meeting** for Parents of Exhibitors and Leaders
July 11th Fashion Revue and FCS Classic Clinic, 1-5 pm
July 15th Art and Photography Exhibit Prep OPEN HOUSE, 1-5 pm
July 17th: **Fair Entry Deadline** for HEARTH, Horse, and County Fairs—5 pm
Jr. Superintendent Applications Due by 5 pm
July 19th: Jr. Superintendent Interviews
July 30th: HEARTH Superintendent Meeting
August 6th: Jr. Superintendent Mandatory Training (held prior to Livestock Super Meeting at which your attendance is also requested)
Livestock Superintendent Meeting
August 9-11: HEARTH Fair
August 17: Horse Fair
August 17: Livestock/Small Animal Fair Set-up/Clean-up Day
August 19: Static Exhibitors Clean-up/Set-up Day
August 22-25: **Wasco County Fair** (Animals must be in place on Wednesday, 21st by 2:00 pm.)
Aug 23-Sept. 2: Oregon State Fair

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