

SHERMAN 4-H NEWS

July 2023

4-H and FFA Entries Due NOW for Sherman Co Fair!



Hooray, the Sherman County Fair is next month, and so 4-H and FFA members, send in your entries. Earlier this month, fair information, schedule and entry forms were sent to 4-H and FFA families. The theme is "Hold On To Your Hat" with Royalty Violet Woods.



Deadline for completed and signed entries is Wednesday, July 26 at the OSU Sherman County Extension Office in Moro (yes there is a drop box).

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Make sure to enter all of your exhibits including photography, sewing, cooking, food preservation, and baking exhibit(s) and/or market animals; yourself for Showmanship and horse competition classes; your Record Book; and for all livestock members, the Livestock Judging Contest. Class information and numbers were in the packet we sent you. If you have questions, call us at the office 565-3230.

Monday, August 21...interview judging of static exhibits like photography, dog show

Tuesday, August 22...4-H and FFA horse show and gaming events

Wednesday, August 23...4-H and FFA market livestock weigh-ins

Thursday, August 24...record books due, livestock market and poultry classes

Friday, August 25... livestock showmanship classes and livestock judging contest

Saturday, August 26... Style revue, All Around Showmanship, awards and livestock sale



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Sherman County 4-H Day Camp was a Busy Fun Time!

Sherman County 4-H Day Camp this year was held Tuesday June 21-Wednesday June 22 at Brooks Memorial Retreat Center north of Goldendale, with busing provided to/from camp and to the Goldendale pool each day. Changing the format to a day camp resulted in more campers (we had 35 youth!), a greater diversity of kids and families, and everyone got to enjoy splashing and swimming in the pool.



Six teen counselors and five adult chaperones helped organize and guide the campers each day. Youth just finishing grades 4-5 enjoyed a wide variety of activities packed into two days, with three meals and a snack each day; being a part of a team; tie dyeing t-shirts; singing; receiving “good behavior” beads from the counselors; free time games including volleyball and kickball; leathercrafts; garden crafts; field game competition including team skiis and tug-o-war; messy games with bubbles; and of course, the waterslide at the Goldendale pool.

“Not all classrooms have four walls” was a good description of the nature classes including bees and pollinators, Leave No Trace When in the Outdoors, stream health, hiking to look at flora/fauna /insects, and archery. This natural resource based camp was funded in part by the Sherman County 4-H Assn, the Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District, Sherman County Prevention, private donations and camper fees.



Left: counselors and 4-H staff

Middle: field games with team skiis

Above: learning about pollinators

Top: camp photo by Jeremy Lanthorn



RAFFLE BASKET DONATIONS WANTED!

4-H supporters, 4-H clubs and/or families, we would LOVE your donation of a fun, wonderful “theme” basket for the annual raffle at fair. Hosted by the Sherman County 4-H Association, this activity raises funds for Sherman County 4-H camp scholarships.

Have fun shopping and we’d love to see what you come up with. Drop off baskets to the Sherman Extension Office by mid-August, so we have time to wrap them and get the signage made. Thank you!



Record Books are all about YOU and YOUR projects!



Record books are all about YOU and YOUR projects! 4-H record books are an important part of the “learning life skills” aspect of Sherman County 4-H.

We require up-to-date record books to be submitted by all 4-H members who will be exhibiting at the fair. Record books are due on or before Thursday, August 24 by 9:30am to the 4-H pavilion.

Supplies and forms are available at the Sherman Extension Office and online at OSU Extension 4-H web pages. Look under your specific project area (cooking, dog, poultry, etc).

Order to assemble your book: Cover, Identification Page, My 4-H Resume, My 4-H Notes, Project Records and Advancements (one section for each of your projects), Photos and Previous Project Records. Use labeled tabs between each section.

“Drop In” 4-H Record Book Workshops at Extension Office

Monday, July 31 1pm-3pm

Wednesday, August 2 11am-1pm

Friday, August 4 8am-10am

Monday, August 7 1pm-3pm

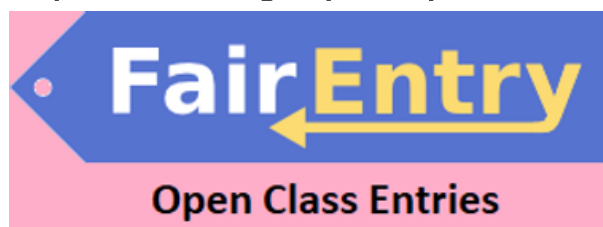
Monday, August 14 9am-11am

Thursday, August 17 4pm-6pm

Or stop by the Extension Office anytime we are here Monday-Thursday 8am-4:30pm for supplies and help.

Yes, Everyone Can Have Exhibits at the Sherman County Fair, too! Sign up for Open Class!

Not in 4-H or FFA but you’d like to exhibit something at the Sherman County Fair? Do you have all sorts of kids’ art projects and collections that are competition-worthy? Do you have grain samples from this year’s harvest? Did you grow anything wonderful in your garden? The Sherman County Fair would LOVE to have you enter them via the Open Class competition!



Go to the Sherman County Fair website: <https://shermancountyfairfun.com/open-class>

There you will find all of the open class categories. There are two entry forms: one specifically for the Kid’s Corner (youth exhibits) and the general Sherman County Fair Open Class Entry Form. You can pre-enter by emailing your completed Open Class form to hermanctyfair@hotmail.com or snail mail it to Sherman County Fair c/o Open Class, 66147 Lonerock Rd, Moro OR 97039.

We especially encourage youth of all ages to enter the Kid’s Corner, with possible exhibits being baked goods, plants from your yard or veggies from your garden, eggs from your hens, sewing or stitching, collections or dioramas, DIY kits you’ve completed, holiday decorations, painted pumpkins, art from recycled materials, art and drawing, and much more! Kids can see their items displayed, receive ribbons, and earn premium money.

You bring your Open Class entries to the fairgrounds on Wednesday, August 23 from 11am to 6pm. These entries are made in the Open Class building, located under the main grandstands. If you didn’t pre-enter, bring your Open Class completed entry forms with you, along with your exhibits. There are specific guidelines for certain exhibits and contests, so check the Sherman County Fair website for details.

Fun and Learning at Extension Youth Workshops in June and July

A lot of Sherman 4-H kids enjoyed participating in Extension's youth workshops and day camps in June and July. A **food preservation workshop** was held June 27-30, with kids preserving rhubarb, cherries, tomatoes, cucumbers and meat in a variety of ways like jam, dried, canned, frozen, pickled or made into jerky.

A **STEM Sports Science Camp** was held July 10-July 13 at the Sherman County School athletic field and track. This camp combined scientific concepts with practicing basic fundamentals of sports activities. This camp will be repeated August 7-10 if you'd like to sign up your child, for kids who have finished 1st-4th grade., limit 30 kids.

A **STEM enrichment day camp with a pirate theme** will be held July 24-27. Thanks to the Sherman County Educational Foundation and the Sherman County Cultural Coalition for funding these STEM day camps! The kits from STEMfinity are simply excellent and easy 'n' fun to use.



Upper right: cutting up cucumbers to fit into canning jars for pickling

Left: jump practice over balls. Middle: parachute activities with balls. Right: lined up on the track

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