

# LANE COUNTY



Oregon State University  
Extension Service

# CLOVER CONNECTION

APRIL  
2026

## Happy April!

Hello Cloverland!

Birds are chirping, sheep are lambing, daffodils are blooming--Spring has sprung! This month's newsletter is chock full of fair updates, deadline reminders, workshops to join and exciting opportunities for all!

It's that time of year when Fair requirements and deadlines start popping up - please be sure to keep an eye on the important dates listed below!

April 29 is Dam Proud Day which is an opportunity to help support Lane County 4-H Foundation funds. You can learn more about the day of giving at [www.damproudday.org](http://www.damproudday.org). Please share this opportunity with your friends, family and community!

Onwards and upwards,

Your Lane County 4-H Team

Elizabeth, Melinda, Heather, Sandi & Corinne



# 4-H Calendar of Events

## APRIL

- April 4 → 4-H & FFA Cattle Clinic
- April 11 → Livestock Field Day
- April 25 → 4-H Ambassadors @ Lane County Master Gardener Plant Sale
- April 29 → Dam Proud Day - a day of giving for Lane County 4-H!

## MAY

- May 7 → 4-H & FFA Fair Registration **OPENS**, online
- May 15 → Summer Conference Registration **OPENS** online, 3 pm
- May 15–16 → Market Goat, Sheep, & Swine Weigh In
- May 21 → 4-H & FFA Fair Registration **CLOSES**, online
- May 25 → OSU Extension offices closed for Memorial Day

## JUNE

- June 19 → OSU Extension offices closed for Juneteenth
- June 22–23 → Eugene Summer Day Camp - details coming soon!
- June 24–27 → Oregon 4-H Summer Conference @ OSU

## JULY

- July 3 → OSU Extension offices closed in observance of Independence Day
- July 7 → Dog Fair
- July 10 → Horse Fair
- July 17 → Statics Judging Day & Exhibitor Packet + Wristband Pick Up
- July 21 → Small & Large Animal Vet Checks & Move In for County Fair
- July 22–26 → 2026 Lane County Fair
- July 25 → 2026 Youth Auction, 1 p.m.
- July 26 → Cloverbud Show 'N' Tell, 11:30 a.m.
- July 27 → Static Exhibit Pick Up, 4:00–6:00 p.m.





# Fair Square



Lane County 4-H has some exciting opportunities to help YOU prepare for Fair!

## NEW Fair Participants!

Is this your first year participating in the Lane County Fair? If yes, this is for you!

- First year Fair participants are required to attend the Mandatory Pre-Fair Meeting. We will have one in person option paired with a YQCA training (also required) and one option on Zoom
- Youth are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training + certificate every 3 years. If its your first year at Fair, you must complete this to remain eligible for Fair!
- **Help us select dates by completing this survey: <https://beav.es/xZJ>**

## Fair Registration Coming Soon!

- Two-part online registration process for Fair
- Step one in Ideal Logic to complete consent forms, animal counts, and animal housing requests
- Step two in ShoWorks where you sign up for actual classes to show in

## More Reminders

- Required Pre-Fair Weigh-Ins Goat, Sheep, Swine - May 15 & May 16
- Fair Registration, online, May 7-21
- Small animal market project proof of ownership requirements coming soon - stay tuned!
- Have you read the Fair Book? It's on our Fair webpage now, classes will be released April 1

**LANE COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS**

**MAY 15  
4-7 PM**

**OR**

**MAY 16  
8-10 PM**



**SHEEP  
GOAT  
SWINE  
WEIGH  
IN**



**Required for all 4-H  
& FFA sheep, goat,  
and swine members  
entering these  
species in the 2026  
Youth Auction**



# Camping at the 2026 Lane County Fair

**Registration opens  
March 31 at 9 AM**

**Apply: <https://beav.es/NFh>**

This link will be in draft mode until 9:00 am on March 31. In the meantime, follow the link to create an account and read the fair camping rules.

Availability is limited and spaces go fast! Spaces are sold on a first come first serve basis. Once spaces sell out, you will automatically be placed on the waitlist.

All camping is handled through the Lane County Fair Office, please reach out to Alyssa at 541-682-4292 [alyssa@laneeventscenter.org](mailto:alyssa@laneeventscenter.org) with any questions!

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# FREE Emergency Preparedness Workshop:

**Empowering Youth:  
Be Prepared Not Scared!**

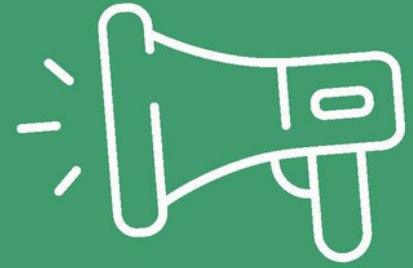
**Siuslaw Area  
Friday, April 10th  
10:30-12:30 P.M.**

Siuslaw Public Library-Bromley Room  
1460 Ninth St.  
Florence, OR 97439

**Join Lane County Extension Service  
4-H for a FREE Emergency  
Preparedness Workshop**

We can accommodate 25 participants. Attend the workshop to receive a FREE "GO BAG" with 24 items!

**No registration required!**



**Join us to learn about:**

- Emergency preparedness
- Types of disasters
- Lane County Emergency Management (Be Ready, Be Set, GO NOW!)
- Cascadia Subduction Zone

**Get a FREE Go Bag  
+ make a paracord  
bracelet!**



**Adults are  
welcomed too!**



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# Support the Lane County 4-H Association!

## Fundraising Opportunity

**FRED MEYER'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM NOW HAS A LANE COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION OPTION!**

This does not affect personal rewards. This is an added bonus that Fred Meyer does if a personal card is linked to a Community Rewards partner as a % of purchase.



### IT IS AN EASY FUNDRAISER!

Start by visiting your Fred Meyer Account, Go to My Account on the left-hand side of the screen and scroll down to Community Rewards

**Select:** Lane County 4-H Association

**Organization Number: BD337**

**PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**

USE ORGANIZATION NO.: **BD337**

### Questions?

Call or email 541-344-5043  
Lane4H@Oregonstate.edu



# 2026 Fair Book Coming Soon!

Fair season is quickly approaching! The full 2026 Lane County 4-H & FFA Fair Book will be available starting April 1 at: <https://beav.es/x3L>



## 2026 Lane County 4-H & FFA Fair Book

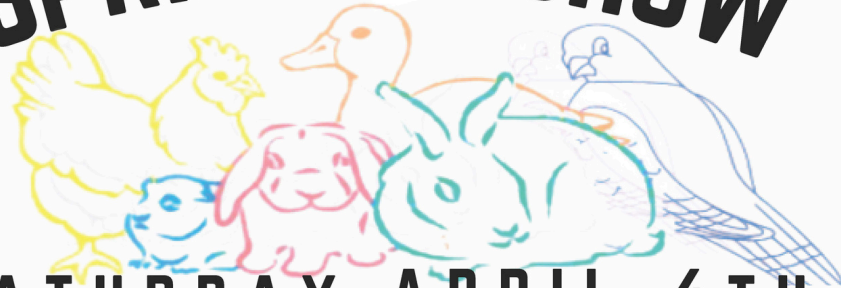


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# Statewide Opportunities

# Benton Rabbiteers SPRING SHOW



## SATURDAY APRIL 4TH

Benton County Fairgrounds  
Solar Building  
110 SW 53rd Street Corvallis, OR 97330

### TIMES

**7:15 AM HEALTH CHECK & LATE REGISTRATION**  
Late registration available until 8:30 am.

**9:00 AM SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**  
**CONCESSIONS & SILENT AUCTION**

**LUNCH COSTUME CONTEST &**  
**SILENT AUCTION RESULTS**  
**PEE-WEE SHOWMANSHIP**  
(Held separately since it is not a 4-H class.)

**AFTER BREED CLASSES**  
**LUNCH**

### COSTS

**\$10 COVERS FIRST TWO ANIMAL SPECIES FOR SHOWMANSHIP.**  
**\$4 FOR EACH SPECIES THEREAFTER,**  
**\$3 FOR EACH ANIMAL IN CONFIRMATION.**

**THERE IS A \$10 LATE REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED AFTER**  
**MAY 12TH INCLUDING THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**

### REGISTER

By Mail

-OR-

Online

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK TO:**

**BENTON RABBITEERS**

**C/O ANITA HOUPERT**

**PO BOX 1979**

**CORVALLIS, OREGON 97339**



**ONLY ANIMALS WHO PASS HEALTH**  
**CHECK WILL BE ADMITTED.**  
**PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR**  
**ANIMALS IN LEAK PROOF CAGES!**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**  
**ANITA HOUPERT AT 541-602-8289.**



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Benton County 4-H

# Dog Pre-Fair

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Benton County Fairgrounds | Solar Building  
110 SW 53<sup>rd</sup> St, Corvallis, OR 97333

Registration  
8:00am



Open to all  
Oregon 4-H  
Members

**9:00am** | All shows begin in separate rings (Showmanship, Obedience, and Rally)

**Lunch TBD** – Judge discretion

**Pre-Register Online:**

<https://beav.es/GKk>

Payments can be submitted online in advance at <https://beav.es/NTR> or at the event by cash, card, or check.

**Questions?**

**Email: [Elli.Korthuis@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Elli.Korthuis@oregonstate.edu)**

**\$10/class OR all three classes for \$20**

Rally  
Obedience  
Showmanship

Silent Auction

Please see  
Pre-Fair  
expectations on  
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# Scholarship opportunity for high school seniors!

## NewSun Climate & Ag Scholarship

Graduating high school seniors in Lane County are invited to submit an essay exploring how climate change is affecting their community and way of life, including impacts on ranching and farming. Awards will range from \$500–\$2,500.

**Learn more about essay requirements and apply at:**  
**<https://www.newsunenergy.net/scholarship>**

Deadline to apply is April 10, 2026.

# CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

**WIN:** 2 roundtrip tickets to DC to see  
your artwork in the Capitol

**DEADLINE:** April 20<sup>th</sup>

SCAN FOR  
DETAILS



'Shining Light' by Teakki Rain Legg, OR-04's 2025 Winner

Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://beav.es/Ngm> to learn more!

**Oregon 4-H is offering monthly animal science webinars! Check out the Oregon 4-H Events Webpage at the link below to see the topics and links.**



## **Oregon 4-H Animal Science Monthly Webinars!**

**<https://beav.es/wwD>**



**Next webinar is on poultry, pigeon and turkey showmanship on April 8 from 6-7:30 PM**

If you're still looking for a lamb, goat or hog, this sale is a great resource!

## Banner Bound Sale

March 28, 2026

@ Oregon State Fair & Expo Center



Learn more at <https://beav.es/c6y>

Questions? Contact:

- Sheep & Goat
  - Karie Kelley 503-789-4111 or Brendan Kelley 541-621-9882
- Hogs
  - Wynn Mayfield 971-275-2769 or Kathy Mayfield 503-998-6302

# STATES' 4-H SUMMER HOSTING



Youth from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan seeking host families this summer!

HOSTING BRINGS THE RICHNESS  
OF THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME!

- JULY 21 - AUGUST 16, 2026
- HOST A YOUTH AGED 12-18  
OR AN ADULT CHAPERONE
- THIS PROGRAM IS  
VOLUNTARY; NO STIPENDS  
ARE PROVIDED

## HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- Have a child of the same gender within 4 years age of hosted youth (ages 9+ are eligible to host)
- Families with no children (or younger children) may host an adult chaperone
- No special activities need to be planned - host youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by becoming a member of your family.

For more information, visit:  
[states4hexchange.org/state-contacts](https://states4hexchange.org/state-contacts) to find contact  
information for your state

\*Host family selection dependent on completion of application and screening process and student availability.





# STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

## 2026 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

COSTA RICA · JAPAN · TAIWAN · SOUTH KOREA · ARGENTINA



**OUR MISSION:** Enhancing world understanding and global citizenship through high-quality 4-H international cultural immersion and exchange programs for 4-H aged youth.

### Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruits host families and plans enrichment activities.

#### 2026 PROGRAM DATES \*

- Costa Rica:** June 25–July 24
- Japan 8-Week:** June 10–August 7
- Japan 4-Week:** July 8–August 7
- Taiwan:** July 8–August 7
- South Korea:** July 15–August 14
- Argentina:** July 11–August 3

\*Program dates subject to slight change or modification.

#### 4-H YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

- ➔ 12-18 years old for Japan 4-Week & Taiwan
- ➔ 12-18 years old for South Korea
- ➔ 15-18 years old for Costa Rica, Argentina, and Japan 8-Week

*Applicant must not be in college*

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Contact your State Coordinator and/or reach out to States' 4-H to learn more
- Applications open in Fall 2025

[www.states4hexchange.com](http://www.states4hexchange.com)  
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