

LANE COUNTY



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CLOVER CONNECTION JANUARY 2026

Happy January!

Hello Cloverland!

Lane County 4-H has many deadlines and opportunities coming up this month and beyond, so make sure you read through this entire edition of the Clover Connection!

Are you enrolled in 4-H yet for this year? If not, **all youth must be enrolled + paid for 4-H membership by January 31 to remain eligible for the Lane County Fair!**

In addition to 4-H enrollment, there are some Auction and Fair deadlines approaching, so mark your calendars!

Important Dates

February

Feb. 2 → Enroll deadline Adulting 101

Feb. 18 → 4-H & FFA Auction
Registration Office Hours 4-6

Feb. 24 → 4-H & FFA Auction
Registration CLOSES

March

Mar. 1 → Oregon 4-H State Scholarships
deadline

Mar. 14 → Market Steer Weigh In

Mar. 23-26 → 4-H Spring Break Day
Camps across Lane County

April

April 4 → 4-H & FFA Cattle Clinic

April 11 → Livestock Field Day

April 25 → 4-H Ambassadors @ Lane
County Master Gardener Plant Sale

May

May 7 → 4-H & FFA Fair Registration
OPENS

May 15 - 16 → Market Goat, Sheep, &
Swine Weigh In

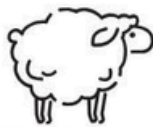
May 21 → 4-H & FFA Fair Registration
CLOSES





Don't miss the deadline!

4-H enrollments must be
submitted & paid by January
31, 2026!



FAIR SQUARE

As we move into the new year, there are many events, deadlines, and updates to help prepare you for the Lane County 4-H @ FFA Fair. See some save the dates for Fair preparation below!

January 15 - February 24 - online: 4-H & FFA Auction Registration, required for all 4-H and FFA exhibitors wanting to enter an animal in the 2026 Youth Auction

Office Hours for this registration will be provided January 27 and February 18 from 4-6:00 PM at the Extension Office.

March 14 - at Lane County Fairgrounds: Market Steer Weigh In, 8 - 10:00 AM, required for all primary and back up steers for Youth Auction

April! Stay tuned for more details on livestock clinics for cattle, goat, sheep, and swine. We are looking at hosting events on April 4 and 11.

May 15 (4-7 PM) & May 16 (8-10 AM) - at Lane County Fairgrounds: Market Goat, Sheep, & Swine Weigh IN, required for all primary and back up animals for Youth Auction

May 5 - May 21 - online: 4-H & FFA Fair Registration Open, required for all Fair participants, two step process online

The Lane County 4-H & FFA Fair Book is now available on the Lane County 4-H Website!



ADULTING 101

A 4-H LIFE SKILLS SERIES FOR TEENS 13-18

Dates & Topics



- Feb 9 - Food Preservation 101
- Feb 14 - Kitchen Basics 101
- Feb 16 - Budgeting 101
- Feb 21 - Car Basics 101
- Feb 23 - Emergency Preparedness 101
- Feb 28 - CPR + First Aid Training
- Mar 2 - Mental Health & Wellbeing 101
- Mar 7 - Self Defense 101 @ Willamette RMA
- Mar 9 - Career Readiness

**Register by
February
2nd!**

Times

Mondays: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

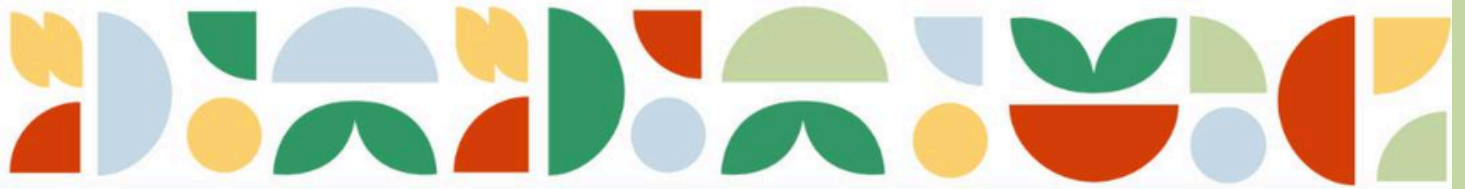
Saturdays: 9:00 - 11:00 AM (besides CPR, goes to 2 PM)

Sign-up at: <https://beav.es/U7y>

Workshops are hosted at Lane County Extension Office, besides self defense

Questions? 541-344-5043 or Elizabeth.Gangwer@oregonstate.edu





Join 4-H in Florence!

Come join 4-H for some FUN, hands-on learning opportunities! The Florence club will be exploring a wide variety of topics like STEM, art and crafts and more!

Open to ages 5-18.

Join us for the first club meeting!

Friday, January 23, 4-5:30 p.m.

at the LCC Campus in Florence

3149 Oak St. North Bldg. Rm 162





Spencer Creek Grange

4-H & FFA Scholarships

4-H & FFA youth work hard year-round to make a positive impact on their community and to grow as individuals. Share your efforts with the Spencer Creek Grange to be considered for this award!



Awards for ages 5-12 & 13-18, active 4-H and FFA members only.

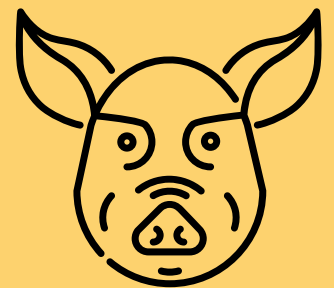
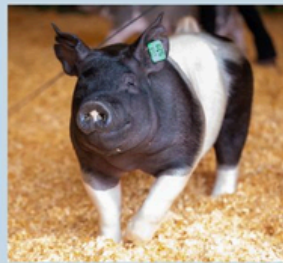
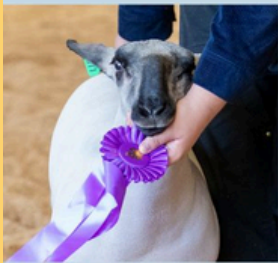
Learn more and apply: <https://beav.es/5uq>

APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 28!



Mandatory Auction Registration

open January 15–February 24



Required for all 4-H and FFA youth entering the 2026 Youth Auction at the Lane County Fair.

If you miss this registration, you cannot sell in the 2026 youth auction.

Link in caption to register!

Oregon 4-H Statewide Scholarships for Seniors

Statewide scholarships are available to Oregon
4-H'ers who are:

- Currently enrolled in 4-H
- Have been a member of 4-H for at least 3 years (including the current year, does not need to be consecutive)
- Currently a high school senior (Spring 2026 scholarships will be awarded to kids graduating high school in 2026)
- Planning to attend an accredited two-year college program or four-year college program
- Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher

Application Materials:

- My 4-H Story
- My 4-H Resume
- Copy of high school transcript
- Optional: SAT or ACT scores

**DUE
MARCH 1,
2026!**

More details here:

<https://beav.es/Sfn>



Lane County 4-H Spring Break FUN!



LANE COUNTY 4-H SPRING BREAK CAMP @MCKENZIE

Thursday, March 26th, 9:00 A.M-4:00 P.M.



Educational

Join us for a hands-on one-day camp as we learn, build and work together to explore science, engineering and art!

For youth grades K-8

\$15 for non-4-H members

\$10 for 4-H members (discount included)



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McKenzie High School Gym
51187 Blue River Dr.
Vida, OR 97488



Ready to learn and have fun?
Scan the QR code or visit
beav.es/4H26SpringMcKenzie

Registration closes March 16th.



Critical Thinking

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.
Please bring a water bottle.





LANE COUNTY 4-H SPRING BREAK CAMP

March 23-25th, 9:00-4:00 P.M.



Educational

Join us for a hands-on day camp as we learn, build, work together, explore science, engineering, math, and art!

For youth grades K-8

\$40 for non-4-H members

\$25 for 4-H members (discount included)



Innovative



OSU Extension Service - Lane County
996 Jefferson St., Eugene, OR 97402



Ready to learn and have fun?
Scan the QR code or visit
<https://beav.es/26EUG-4H-SBC>
to register today!

Registration closes March 16th.



Critical Thinking

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.
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COMING SOON!

OSU Extension - Lane County Small Farms + 4-H presents:
YOUTH LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY

Saturday, April 11th @ WOE Fairgrounds

Open to all youth in Lane County

Registration \$10, open February 18 - March

**Livestock biosecurity, nutrition, food systems, vaccines, industry
panel of professionals, & more!**

Sponsored by Lane County Livestock Association

4-H & FFA Cattle Clinic

Saturday, April 4th @ Lane Events Center

Open to all 4-H & FFA youth in Lane County

Registration open February 9 - March 13

**Bring 3 cans of non-perishable food to enter
Cattle nutrition, fitting, daily care, showmanship, & more!**

MORE DETAILS TO COME

Oregon 4-H is offering monthly animal science webinars starting January 6! 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>

The graphic includes a circular inset of a young woman with long brown hair smiling and holding a black and white rabbit. To the right, another circular inset shows a young girl in a pink shirt and helmet riding a horse. At the bottom center is the Oregon 4-H logo, which consists of a stylized plant with an orange leaf, a yellow circle, and a green clover with the letters 'H' in each leaf.

**First webinar is Choosing Your Market
Animal on January 6 from 6-7:30 PM**

Good Food is Worth Preserving

Help share the bounty with all Oregonians.
Become a Master Food Preserver volunteer.

Do you want to empower individuals to make good use of available food resources, reduce food waste, and safely preserve seasonal and culturally important foods? The OSU Master Food Preserver program is currently training new volunteers.

Master Food Preservers (MFP) support their communities with timely and relevant information about food access, food safety and food preservation. In addition to the required training course, MFPs complete 40 hours of service annually through community education, outreach and organizing.

Application opens: November 18, 2025

Notification of acceptance: January 19, 2026

Course dates: February 10 to April 25, 2026



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Applications will be reviewed on
a rolling basis from

November 18 – January 12



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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

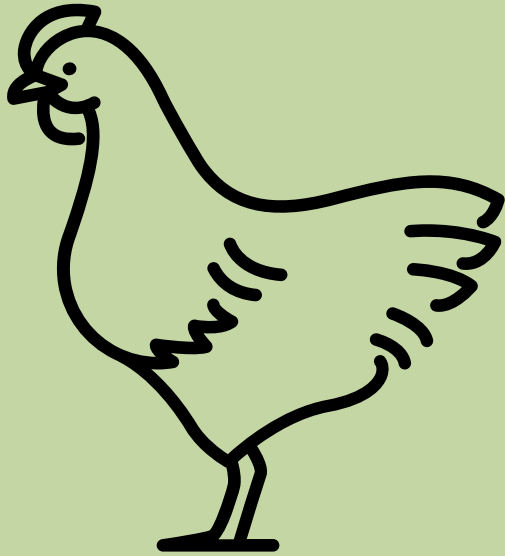
PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

USE ORGANIZATION NO.: **BD337**

Questions?

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





Mid-Willamette Valley Critter Campus

February 14th, 10 am-3 pm
Polk County Fairgrounds

OSU EXTENSION 4-H



Cost: \$10
per person

Register Today!

beav.es/wjy



You do NOT
have to be a
4-H member
to participate

Choose from over 35 workshops on
small animal science!

- ✓ Bring your critter! (Leakproof carrier required)
- ✓ Spend time with Poultry, Cat, Rabbit and Cavy Judges working on Showmanship!
- ✓ Sessions on rabbits, cats, cavies, and poultry with judges, local industry leaders, veterinarians and more!
- ✓ Two Small Animal Alternative YQCA Classes with Candi Bothum will be offered!!!

Questions? Contact:

Polk County 4-H Coordinator, Andrea Hunter
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4-H Winter Dog Show



Showmanship & Obedience

Monday
February, 16th



To register, text Julie
Carlisle
(503) 440-6065 or call
Clatsop County 4-H
(503) 325-8573

Clatsop County
Fairgrounds
92937 Walluski
Loop, Astoria, OR

8:00am to Noon!



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 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
exchange@states4h.org · (206) 462-2200



Contact Us!

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