

# LANE COUNTY



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## CLOVER CONNECTION JANUARY 2026

### Happy January!

Happy (almost) New Year,  
Cloverland!

As we jump into the new year, there are many opportunities with Lane County 4-H! See the Fair Square below with some Fair dates, Adulthood 101 registration details, and some 4-H opportunities beyond the county lines - all in this edition of the Clover Connection!

The Lane County Livestock Association Youth Producer of the Year application closes January 16, see the details below!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy start to your new year! 🍀



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### Important Dates

#### January

**Jan. 2-28** → Adulthood 101 Registration

Open, all teens age 13-18

**Jan. 15** → 4-H & FFA Auction

Registration OPENS

**Jan. 17** → Cattle Clinic (Mark Meyers Ranch)

**Jan. 27** → 4-H & FFA Auction

Registration Office Hours 4-6

**Jan. 31** → Last Day to Enroll in 4-H to be eligible for Lane County Fair

#### February

**Feb. 18** → 4-H & FFA Auction

Registration Office Hours 4-6

**Feb. 24** → 4-H & FFA Auction

Registration CLOSES

#### March

**Mar. 14** → Market Steer Weigh In

#### April

**April 11** → Livestock Field Day

#### May

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

# 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 will be available January 9 on the 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 1/28**

## 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](mailto:Elizabeth.Gangwer@oregonstate.edu)



# Lane County Livestock Association Youth Producer of the Year Award



The Lane County Livestock Association (LCLA) is pleased to honor a youth, 21 years and under, who is producing livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, and/or pigs) to be sold on the open market, shown at county/state fairs, entered in open competitions, or some other similar event.

**Application: <https://beav.es/UUD>**

*Application deadline: January 16*

**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 green leaves, an orange leaf, and a yellow circle, next to a green four-leaf 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



[beav.es/mfp-volunteer](https://beav.es/mfp-volunteer)



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**

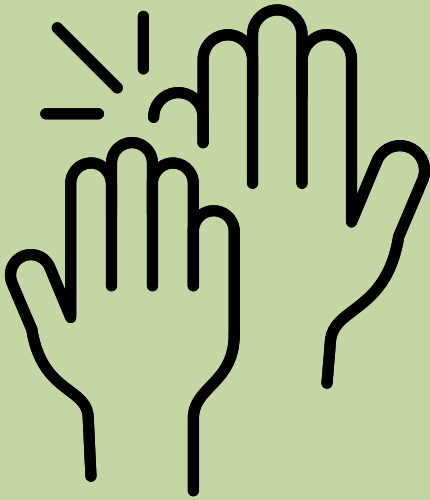
**PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**

USE ORGANIZATION NO.: **BD337**

### Questions?

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





# Cattle Clinic

All youth welcome!

Thank you Mark Meyers Ranch for hosting!

Bring your steer or heifer, or just come and you'll get practice!  
Outdoors undercover, so dress for the weather and wear appropriate cattle footwear.

Saturday, January 17th, 2026

Weigh In @ 9, Clinic @ 9:30 AM

84239 Cloverdale Road, Creswell



# 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!



# WINTER CLOTHING & BLANKET DRIVE

DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED COLD WEATHER ITEMS AND HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER

Donations will be distributed to Black Thistle Street Aid and Looking Glass Community Services.

## WHAT WE'RE ACCEPTING:

- Coats & jackets (all sizes)
- Warm socks, shoes and boots
- Hats, gloves, and scarves
- Hand and toe warmers
- Gently used blankets & cold weather gear

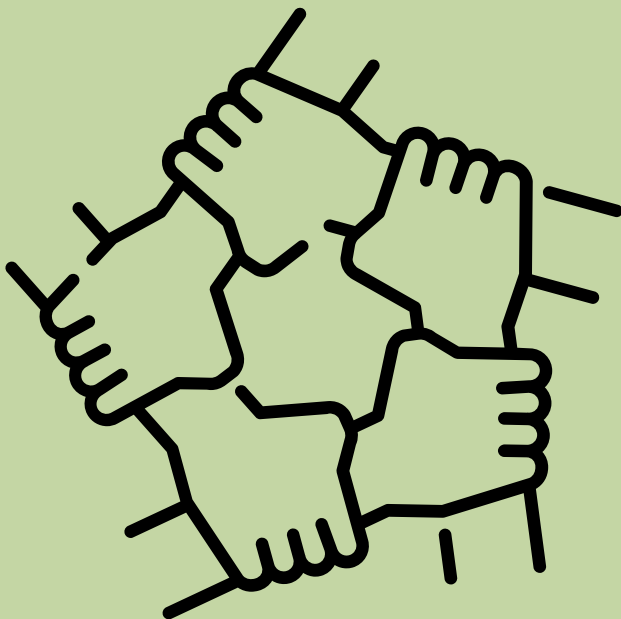
*Please make sure all items are clean and in good condition.*



## DROP OFF LOCATION:

OSU Extension – Lane County  
996 Jefferson St, Eugene

**PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS BY DECEMBER 19.**



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## LANE COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE

To Benefit Food For Lane County and Black Thistle Street Outreach



- Canned Soup with Pull Tabs
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruits, Vegetables
- Tuna or chicken packets
- Protein bars
- Jerky
- Nuts, trail mix
- Crackers
- Tasty Bite & Apple sauce pouches

Drop off Food at:  
Lane County Extension Office  
996 Jefferson St.  
Eugene, OR 97402

Monday - Friday, 8am-4:30pm

(Office will be closed 11.11.25, 11.27-11.28.25, 12.25.25-1.1.26)

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED STARTING 11.10.25**

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# 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)  
[exchange@states4h.org](mailto:exchange@states4h.org) · (206) 462-2200



# Contact Us!

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Call or email to schedule an appointment.  
Monday - Thursday 8 am - 4:30 pm



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