

# LANE COUNTY



Oregon State University  
Extension Service

# CLOVER CONNECTION MARCH 2026

## Happy March!

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!

We've got lots of fun learning opportunities coming up this spring. From spring break camps to livestock field day, there is something for everyone!

It's the time of year when Fair requirements and deadlines start popping up. Please make sure to keep an eye on important dates listed in this newsletter!

## Important Dates

### 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, online

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

**May 21** → 4-H & FFA Fair Registration CLOSES, online

### June

**June 24-27** → Oregon 4-H Summer Conference @ OSU



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# Fair Square



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

## Cattle Clinic - April 4

Nutrition with Purina, Daily Care & Fitting, Hands-on Showmanship Practice

- Open to all Lane County 4-H & FFA members 9-18 years old
- Members who don't show or own cattle are encouraged to join
- Free! Just bring 3 non-perishable food items
- Lunch provided, prizes, and giveaways - registration below!

## Youth Livestock Field Day - April 11

Biosecurity, Nutrition & Feeding, Meat Quality Judging, Rope Halter Making

- Open to ALL youth in Lane County 9-18 years old
- All livestock interests are encouraged to attend - concepts will apply to all species, especially large animals
- \$10 to attend, scholarships are available
- Lunch provided, panel of industry professionals will present, and some fun giveaways - registration below!

## More Reminders

- Required Pre-Fair Weigh-Ins!
  - Cattle - March 14
  - Goat, Sheep, Swine - May 15 & May 16
- Fair Registration, online, May 7-21
- Required Pre-Fair Meetings for new members & YQCA trainings dates will be announced soon!
- Have you read the Fair Book? It's on our Fair webpage now!

# DUE SATURDAY!!!

## 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!



Great opportunity to earn funds to further support & grow your project!

# 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>



# CATTLE WEIGH IN

March 14<sup>th</sup> 8 - 10 AM  
Lane County Fairgrounds

Required for all 4-H & FFA cattle members who are entering a steer in the 2026 Youth Auction



Hoof trimming available! \$35 per head, offered to all 4-H & FFA cattle projects



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





# 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.  
Please bring a water bottle.



# 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)**



**Innovative**



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](http://beav.es/4H26SpringMcKenzie)

*Registration closes March 16th.*



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# SPRING BREAK WORKSHOP

ART LAB:

YOUNG MAKER'S STUDIO



**MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**4TH-6TH GRADERS**

**LCC FLORENCE -  
4-H ROOM**

3149 Oak Street  
Florence

**FLORENCE • MAPLETON • DEADWOOD**



**\$20 PER PERSON (\$10 IF A CURRENT 4-H MEMBER)**

LIGHT BREAKFAST, SNACKS AND LUNCH PROVIDED

Lane County 4-H invites you to join us for a one-day creative workshop where youth will step into their own working studio.

Participants will explore a variety of hands-on art techniques while experimenting with color, texture, and design. This immersive experience encourages creativity, problem-solving, and self-expression. Each child will leave with original, handmade creations they're proud to share.

**You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend!**

Registration is open to all Western Lane County Youth in 4th - 6th grade.

Please register by March 20th.

**Register Here: <https://beav.es/qfN>**

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# FREE Emergency Preparedness Workshop:

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

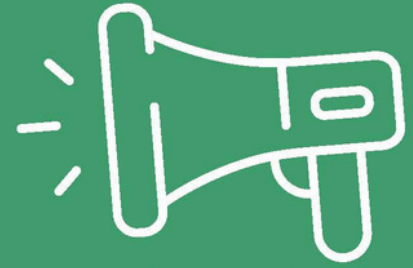
**Siuslaw Area  
Friday, April 10th  
10:30-12:30 P.M.**

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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# 4-H & FFA Cattle Clinic

## A DAY OF LEARNING + FUN

- Nutrition Education with Purina
- Daily Care & Fitting
- Hands-On Showmanship
- Interactive Games & Activities
- Prizes & Drawing Giveaways!

## HANDS-ON EDUCATION TO HELP YOU BE FAIR READY!

Open to all enrolled 4-H and FFA members in Lane County. All experience levels welcome!

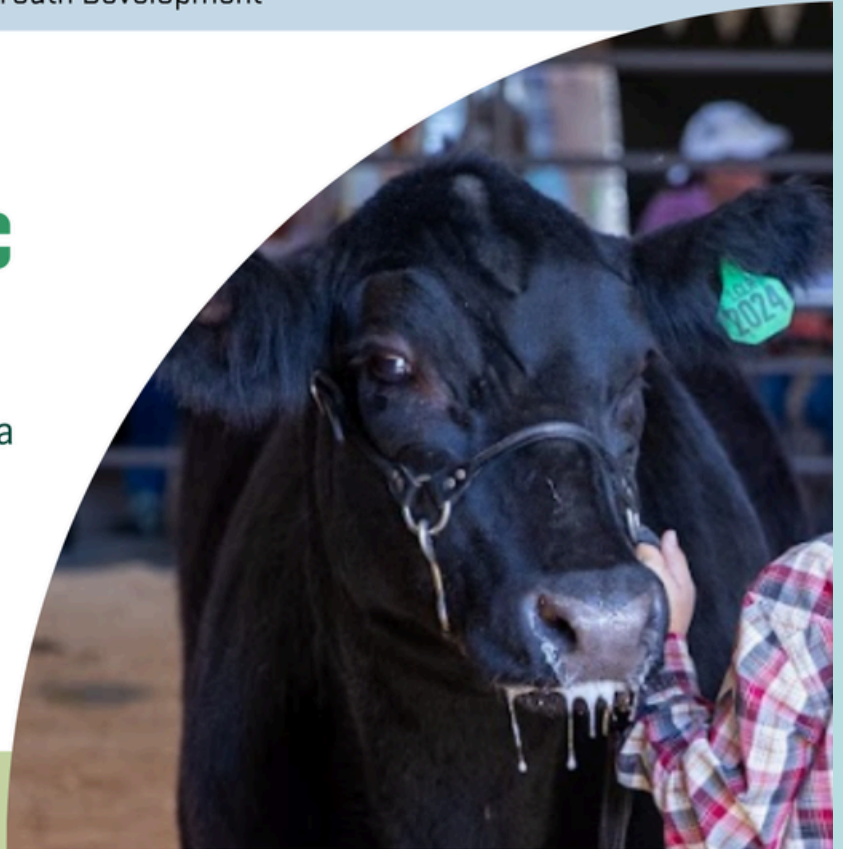
**When:** Saturday, April 4 @ Lane County Fairgrounds

Check in 8:30 - 9:00 AM

Clinic 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Cost:** 3 non-perishable food items to donate to Food for Lane County - otherwise, FREE! Lunch & snacks provided

**Questions?** [elizabeth.gangwer@oregonstate.edu](mailto:elizabeth.gangwer@oregonstate.edu)



**REGISTER FEB. 19 - MAR. 16!**

<https://beav.es/qCC>

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# Youth Livestock Field Day



**Saturday, April 11**

**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

WOE Fairgrounds  
Cottage Grove

*For Lane County youth  
ages 9-18.*

**Fee: \$10 per youth**

*Scholarships available*

Join the OSU Extension Small Farms & 4-H programs for a day of hands-on learning & fun! Activities include:

- Livestock bio-security
- Nutrition and feeding
- Livestock vaccines and injections
- Meat quality judging
- Rope halter making

Plus, hear from a panel of industry professionals and ask questions about future jobs related to livestock and agriculture.

*Lunch will be provided.*

**Register: [beav.es/SFj](https://beav.es/SFj)**

Register by March 18



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 “feeding up your swine project” on March 2 from 6-7:30 PM

# 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



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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