

# LANE COUNTY



Oregon State University  
Extension Service

# CLOVER CONNECTION

MAY  
2026

## Happy May!

Hello Cloverland!

This month's newsletter is chock full of fair updates, deadline reminders, workshops to join and exciting opportunities for all!

Lane County Extension is throwing a volunteer appreciation party at our office on May 29 and we hope to see you there so we can celebrate you! Thank you to each and every 4-H volunteer for giving their time to help youth thrive!

Fair is right around the corner! Registration opens this coming Thursday, May 7 and closes May 21. Stay tuned for the instructions for the two step online registration. Information will also be on the Fair tab of our website!

Finally, to all of our 4-H moms, we hope you have a wonderful mother's day!

Onwards and upwards,

Your Lane County 4-H Team

Elizabeth, Melinda, Heather, Sandi & Corinne



# 4-H Calendar of Events

## 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
- May 29 → Volunteer Appreciation Party

## JUNE

- June 19 → OSU Extension offices closed for Juneteenth
- June 22–23 → Eugene Summer Day Camp - details coming soon!
- June 24 → McKenzie 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!

## Fair is more than animals! Try Statics!!

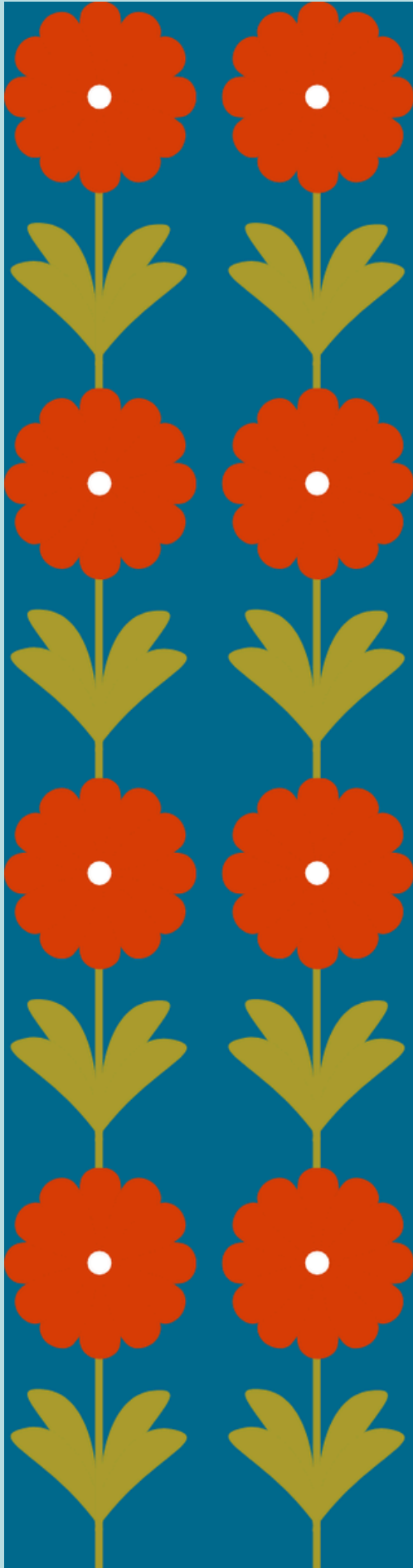
The Lane County Fair and Oregon State Fair offer a WIDE variety of non-animal, static classes for youth to participate in. Browse the 2026 Fair Book to see all the options of static projects you can take to Fair! These can be projects made at 4-H events or at home or school from August 1, 2025 - July 2026. Projects range from horticulture to photography, to baking and canning, to robotics and communications, and so much more!

## First Time Fair Participants!!!

- 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>**

## More Reminders

- Required Pre-Fair Weigh-Ins Goat, Sheep, Swine - May 15 & May 16
- Small animal market project proof of ownership requirements are due June 22, 2026. This includes banding poultry and tattooing rabbits, plus photo submissions. More details to come!
- FULL Fair Book is available! See updated classes, rules, and deadlines for this year's Fair



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LANE COUNTY INVITES YOU

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

996 JEFFERSON STREET  
EUGENE, OR, 97402

**MAY 29, 3PM-6PM**

JOIN US AT THE LANE COUNTY  
EXTENSION OFFICE FOR AN  
AFTERNOON OF FRIENDS, FOOD,  
AND GIFTS.



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**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**



# 2026 Lane County 4-H & FFA Fair Book

Fair season is quickly approaching! Check out the 2026 Lane County 4-H & FFA Fair Book now to get fair ready!

<https://beav.es/x3L>

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





# 2026 Lane County 4-H & FFA Fair

**Registration open May 7-21**

Late submissions will not be accepted.

Details and instructions will be available  
on the fair tab of our website on May 7:

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



## Help us choose a date for this year's mandatory pre-fair meeting & YQCA!

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## 2026 4-H grad packs

Congratulations to all of our graduating senior 4-H members!

*We are all so proud of you!*

We have a few gifts to celebrate your time with Oregon 4-H! Please let us know which gifts you are interested by filling out this form by May 10: <https://beav.es/fSW>



Sticker pack,



4-H Keychain,



Grad hat stress toy,



and yard sign

# Lane County Livestock Association

Youth Division Applications open now!



The LCLA Youth Leadership Committee exists to empower the next generation of agricultural leaders by providing hands-on educational opportunities, fostering leadership skills, and ensuring that the voice of Lane County's youth is heard within the livestock community.

Learn more, see available positions and apply:

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

*Application deadline: May 15*

*Questions? Contact [info@lcla.org](mailto:info@lcla.org)*

# 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



# Statewide Opportunities

Uncovering Your Way Into Leadership!

# SUMMER CONFERENCE

Calling 7th-12<sup>th</sup> graders! Join us in solving the mystery of Benny the Beaver's missing chainsaw!

**JUNE 24-27, 2026**

**@ OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY**



**Build Community. Find Your Spark.  
Get Ready For Life.**

## What You'll Gain

- A deeper sense of who you are - and who you want to become
- Skills that build confidence, independence, and real-world readiness
- New friendships and a strong sense of community
- Opportunities to explore careers, college, and life after high school



**Registration opens May 15, 2026 @ 3:00pm**

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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  
page 2



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SAVE THE DATE  
**LAKE COUNTY 4-H RANCH  
HORSE CLINIC & SHOW**

OPEN TO ALL OREGON AND NORTHERN  
CALIFORNIA 4-H HORSE MEMBERS



2 DAYS OF HANDS-ON  
LEARNING FOLLOWED BY A  
FULL SHOW DAY

SEVEN BUCKLE AWARDS,  
RESERVE HIGH POINT, AND  
CLASS PRIZES!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
COMING SOON!

**JULY 24-26,  
2026**

**LAKEVIEW, OR**



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# Save the Date

## **LAKE COUNTY 4-H PERFORMANCE HORSE CLINIC & SHOW**

All Oregon and Northern California 4-H horse members welcome!



**August 14–16,  
2026, Lakeview,  
Oregon**

Friday- Clinic covering Jumping,  
Western Equitation, English  
Equitation, and Showmanship  
Saturday- Show & Potluck  
Sunday- Show & Awards



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# BOW WOW BY THE SEA

36TH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL 4-H DOG SHOW

Silent Auction

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, 2026  
NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY  
541 SW COAST HWY, NEWPORT, OR

Dogs  
All Shots Required  All Dogs on Leash

CLASSES  
SHOWMANSHIP: JR., INT., SR.  
OBEDIENCE:  
PRE-NOVICE A & B  
BEGINNER NOVICE  
NOVICE A & B  
GRADUATE NOVICE A & B  
ADVANCED GRADUATE NOVICE  
OPEN  
OPEN UTILITIES  
VETERAN/HANDICAPPED DOG

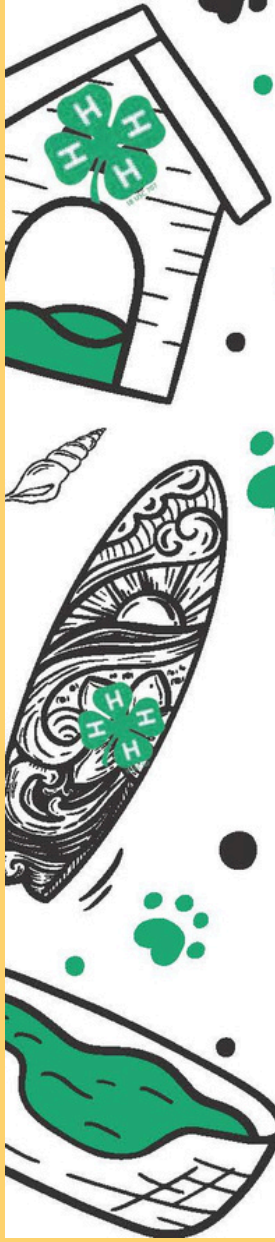
Pre-registration REQUIRED POSTMARKED  
by May 8, 2026  
\*registration day of show - extra charge

SOUVENIR LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE - SEE ENTRY FORM.  
NO CLASS CHANGES OR ADDITIONS AFTER JUDGING HAS BEGUN.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
TEXT SUE GILES @ (541)270-3768

\*\*WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY ANIMAL\*\*  
THIS IS A 4-H EVENT, BUT THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO WATCH

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**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 will cover choosing a market rabbit on May 21 from 6-7:30 PM**

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



# Contact Us!

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