

Opportunities for Older Youth

Go to state Website (Oregon 4H) <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h>

Side bar: Statewide Events & Opportunities

Leadership

Summer Conference—Cost (last year \$275—Assoc. pays \$100)....4 days end of June at OSU Campus where participants listen to amazing speakers, choose from over 50 classes, sleep in the dorms, eat in the cafeteria....great way to learn about campus life and make new friends. Transportation is provided.

- **National Conference**-Arlington Virginia, Mid April..working.conference...teens participate in round table discussions and present to federal partner agencies along with the opportunity for delegates to engage with their U.S. Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill in DC. Registration is in the fall. Only a few each year get to go.
- **National Congress**- Paid trip to Atlanta Georgia over Thanksgiving weekend to the cream of the crop in Oregon. Over 1000 youth nationally attend. Based on Record book, and interview. Must attend Summer Conference.
 - Have at least three years of 4-H participation, including the current year.
 - Must be an active 4-H participant during the current 4-H year.
 - Must be at least 15 years old at the time of application.
 - Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by March 1.
- **Outreach Leadership Institute**-college prep with English and Spanish programming.
 - Acquire knowledge about the post-secondary educational system
 - Develop the skills, confidence, and courage needed to get good grades and finish high school
 - Acquire knowledge and skills to apply for post-secondary education and scholarships
 - Realize the possibility to become a professional and contributing member of society
- **Youth Voices in Action, returning in 2025**—(may have a new name). This conference is changing some, but it will be held at the Salem Center and focus on energy renewal and teaching youth to have a voice. I believe there will be a visit/tour of the state capital. Spring Break week.
- **4-H Ignite!** <https://ignite2025.powerappsportals.com/>
Join us in D.C. for a 4-day experience where high-school aged teens connect, make memories and find their spark by exploring the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living, Career Readiness and Emotional Well-being. Mid March in Washington DC. This event is for teen members from all over the United States who have not participated in other Nation 4-H events. The application is a 2-4 minute video on “Why Chose Me?”. Oregon will send 6 youth. This is a basically an all expense trip, and they just ask you to make a donation you are comfortable with (if you can afford it). Ashley Lacy from Clatsop County was chosen to attend in 2024! Applications due October 1 to 21, 2024

- **Local Leadership Club**-Monthly meeting to do planning, teaching, community service and more.
- **Jr. Superintendents** at County Fair.

State Contests

FCS (Family Consumer Science) (FCS) Classic is open to all members enrolled in FCS project areas (Clothing and Textiles, Foods and Nutrition, Home Environment, Knitting, and Crocheting). The FCS Classic consists of several contests and is supported by a National event. Members aged 15 and above can qualify to represent Oregon 4-H at the FCS Classic held in San Antonio, TX in Jan, 2024.

1. Fashion Revue
2. FCS Presentations
3. FCS Bowl
4. FCS Skill-a-thon
5. Consumer Decision Making

Shooting Sports Mail in and State Tournament

Spring Classic--Oregon's 2024 Spring Classic will be held at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond from April 26-28.

- Spring Classic includes the following statewide contests (* signifies that a National contest is available for Senior members/teams):
 - *Horse, Dog, Rabbit, and *Poultry Judging
 - *Horse, Dog, Rabbit, *Livestock, and *Avian Quiz Bowls
 - *Hippology
 - *Livestock Skills
 - Presentations, Team Presentations and Public Speaking in Small animal (dog, rabbit, cavy, poultry, pigeon), Livestock, Horse

Beekeeping—Essay due in Spring. National competition—they give a topic, you write an essay.

State Fair—Youth in 7th-12th grade can physically attend with animals and live contests.

Side Bar “Youth Awards, (need 4-H Resume to be submitted with application)

State Awards...Applications due to State by March 1

- Leadership
- Citizenship
- Communication
- Team Community Service

Side Bar “Youth Ambassadors”

The State 4-H State Ambassador team is a group of 10-20 outstanding Oregon 4-H youth. 4-H youth in the 9th-12th grades who are interested in rewarding experiences and opportunities to develop their leadership skills can apply.

Ambassador Applications are due in the spring.