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Expo & Fair Newsletter

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- Tri-County Livestock Judging Contest
- Record book Workshop
- Open Horse Show
- Food & Textiles Contest
- Fur & Feathers Youth Small Animal Show (Crook County)



Every Child, Every Day: Prioritizing Youth Safety

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month—a time to recognize our shared responsibility to ensure every young person grows up in a safe, supportive environment. In 4-H, the safety and well-being of youth is at the heart of everything we do.

We are committed to creating spaces where all youth feel valued, respected, and protected. This includes following best practices in supervision, maintaining safe program environments, and empowering youth with the knowledge and confidence to speak up.

Prevention starts with awareness and action. By working together—staff, volunteers, families, and community members—we can build a culture of care where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping youth safe.

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Redmond, OR 97756

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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2025-2026 Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time	Location
Apr. 18	Tri-County Livestock Judging Contest	TBD	Jefferson County
Apr. 21	Auction Meeting	6:00 PM	Ext. Bldg. #3
Apr. 24-26	Spring Classic	TBD	TBD
May 1	4-H Enrollment Deadline	By 5:00 PM	4honline.com or in the Extension Office
May 2	Dog Fun Match	9:00 AM	Deschutes Fairgrounds
May 29-30	Food & Textiles Skills	TBD	Crook County
May 12	Advisory Meeting	6:00 PM	Ext. Bldg. #3
May 19	Auction Meeting	6:00 PM	Ext. Bldg. #3
May 20	Swine/Sheep/Goat Pre-Fair Weigh In	4:00 - 7:00 PM	Fairgrounds
June 16	Auction Meeting	6:00 PM	Ext. Bldg. #3
June 17-18	Tractor Safety	TBD	Jefferson County
June 20	Fashion Revue	TBD	Ext. Bldg. #3
July 11	Cupcake Wars	TBD	North Sister
July 14	Auction Meeting	6:00 PM	Ext. Bldg. #3
June 15	Record Book Check	4:00 -7:00 PM	Ext. Bldg. #3
June 23	Record Book Check	4:00 -7:00 PM	Ext. Bldg. #3
June 24-27	Summer Conference		OSU, Corvallis, OR
July 1	Record Book Check	4:00 -7:00 PM	Ext. Bldg. #3
July 15-18	Horse Fair		Fairgrounds
July 27	Static Judging	9:00 AM	North Sister
July 28	Dog Fair		Fairgrounds
July 29 - Aug. 2	General Fair		Fairgrounds

***Disclaimer: Any items in red font are either updates or a new event.**

What's Up?



4-H Enrollment



Enrollment fees are as follows:

Feb. 1, 2026 - May 1, 2026

\$90 per member (No Family Discount)

Cloverbuds: \$40

***To be able to participate in 2026 fair, all youth will need to be enrolled into 4-H online by May 1, 2026.**

Enroll online www.4honline.com
or visit our office during business hours to fill out the enrollment paperwork.

4-H Age Levels

Determined by age as of
September 1, 2025

Cloverbuds: 5-8 years

Juniors: 9-11 years

Intermediates: 12-14 years

Seniors: 15-19 years

Enrollment Payments may be made by:



Check made out to: OSU Extension Service

Memo: 4-H Enrollment (youth's name)

Mailed To: 3800 SW Airport Way Bldg. #4 Redmond, OR 97756



or Call in and pay over the phone or In-Person.

Returning Club Leaders

Please enroll online: www.4honline.com
After submitting your enrollment please complete the Online Youth Safety Training
(This is an annual enrollment and training)

If you need assistance, please reach out to Christina Toledo.
christina.diaztolledo@oregonstate.edu 541-516-0231

Please Complete As SOON As Possible.

Information for New Volunteers / Leaders / Co-Leaders

***Last New Volunteer Zoom orientation for the 2025-2026 program year will be Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Contact Christina Toledo for the zoom link.**

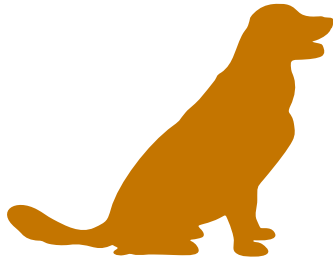
Steps to become a volunteer for 4-H:

- 1.) Schedule to meet with Morgan Henson, Program Coordinator for Deschutes 4-H
- 2.) Complete the Zoom New Volunteer Orientation*
- 3.) Fill out the Volunteer Application and 3 reference forms.
- 4.) Attend an In-Person training.
- 5.) Complete the CHC - Criminal History Check
- 6.) Enroll online www.4honline.com and complete the Online Youth Safety Training.

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Dog Bowl & Judging Results



Dog Bowl

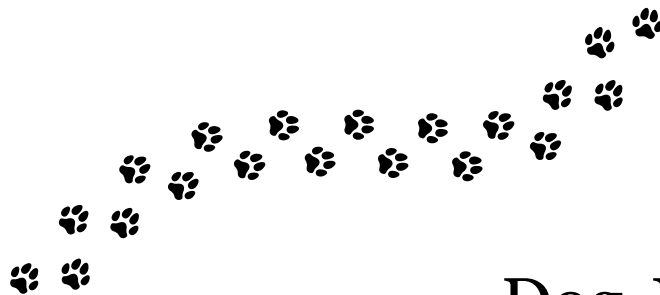
Juniors

Sara Martin	CH
Khloe Watne	RC
Piper Foust	W



Intermediates

Leila Elliott	CH
Amelia Dodge	RC
Madelyn Sanders	RC



Dog Judging



Juniors

Sara Martin	CH
Khloe Watne	RC
Piper Foust	B

Intermediates

Madelyn Sanders	CH
Leila Elliott	RC
Amelia Dodge	B

What's Up?

Spotlight



Merv & Sally Flemming Scholarship Recipients Announced

We are proud to announce the recipients of the Merv & Sally Flemming Scholarship! This scholarship recognizes outstanding youth who have demonstrated dedication, leadership, and a strong commitment to their future goals.

Please join us in congratulating the following recipients:

- Hazel Donnelly
- Cailin Fike
- Eloise Hecker
- Addison McHugh
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This scholarship will support these students as they pursue higher education and help ease the financial burden of college expenses. We are excited to see all they will accomplish in the years ahead.

Congratulations to each of our scholarship recipients on this well-deserved achievement!

Congratulations to all of our high school seniors!

As you enter your final days of school, take a moment to reflect on how far you've come and all that you've accomplished. This is a powerful milestone—one filled with memories, growth, and countless moments that have shaped who you are today.

As you prepare to celebrate with your peers and loved ones, know that your hard work, resilience, and dedication have not gone unnoticed. The future ahead is full of opportunity, and we are excited to see the paths you will create.

Wishing each of you success, happiness, and confidence as you step into this next chapter. The best is yet to come—congratulations, Class of 2026!

What's Up?

Program Updates



Record Book Workshop

No need to pre-register for this workshop. Please show up. See the flyer for more details.



Tri-County Livestock Judging



April 18, 2026

6:00 PM

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Madras, OR

Register Here: <https://beav.es/xvg>
(link is case sensitive.)

DOG FUN MATCH

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Deschutes County

Fairgrounds

More details will be
shared soon.

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Program Updates



YQCA Certification Required for All 2026 County Fair Exhibitors

All youth planning to show animals at the 2026 County Fair must have current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification.

If you completed the official YQCA training, earned a certificate, and submitted it in 2025, your certification is already on record. Oregon 4-H recognizes official YQCA certificates for three years from the completion date listed on the certificate.

Please note: Webinar participation for Horse, Dog, and Small Animal from the 2024–2025 year will be honored for three years. However, if youth are exhibiting a livestock animal in the 2025–2026 year, they will be required to complete YQCA training.

Youth may complete YQCA online at www.yqcaprogram.org.

We're also excited to share that Morgan is now certified to offer an in-person YQCA training.

For youth who need to complete this certification to meet the requirements and be eligible to exhibit their animal projects at the 2026 fair, we will offer in-person opportunities on:

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. & Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

- Alternative Quality Assurance and Ethics for **SMALL ANIMALS**: **May 14, 2026 ZOOM**
<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/events/alternative-quality-assurance-ethics-small-animal-0>
- Alternative Quality Assurance and Ethics for **HORSE**: **May 27, 2026 ZOOM**
<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/events/alternative-quality-assurance-ethics-horse>

Thank you for helping keep our livestock program safe, ethical, and high-quality for all!



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Newsletter



Open Class Exhibits

Our Open Class Exhibits are gearing up in a big way as our Exhibitor & Contest Guidebook heads to print this month! This is your chance to showcase your talents, enter your own projects, and compete for bragging rights, colorful ribbons, and even cash prizes. With a wide variety of departments, including beef cattle, wool and fiber, sheep, llamas/alpacas, goats, poultry, rabbits, covies (guinea pigs), land and farm products, floral, baked goods and confections, food preservation, table setting, wine, cheese, beer, clothing and textiles, fiber arts, hand crafts, ceramics, fine arts, photography, and the Kids Corner, there's truly something for everyone. Plus, some open class livestock entries can even be shown in both Open Class and 4-H, giving exhibitors even more opportunities to shine!

New Concert Announcements Coming Soon!

Visit our social media platforms for updates!

Wilco Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo Daily & Season Passes On Sale Now!

April Events

- 14** **Central Oregon Educator Job Fair**
HiLine HomesHall(formerlyMiddle Sister)
- 17-18** **AKS Engineering Meeting**
HiLine HomesHall(formerlyMiddle Sister)
- 21** **Breaking Barriers Life Beyond Labels Conference**
HiLine HomesHall(formerlyMiddle Sister), South Sister & North Sister
- 23** **Cantastic Pay it Forward Summer Series**
Sagebrush Arena
- 24-26** **4-H Spring Classic**
HiLine HomesHall(formerlyMiddle Sister), South Sister & North Sister & Sagebrush Arena
- 25** **28th Annual Fiber Market Day**
Coastal Pavilion

FOR MORE APRIL EVENTS SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT US AT EXPO.DESCHUTES.ORG



WILCO DESCHUTES COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

JULY 29TH - AUGUST 2ND

TRI-COUNTY LIVESTOCK



JUDGING CONTEST

APRIL 18TH, 2026

Arrive by 8:00am, judging begins promptly at 9am

Be prepared with notebook or clipboard and pencil

Dress for the weather and wear close-toed shoes!



WHERE

**Jefferson County
Event Complex
Bi-Mart Show Barn**

430 SW Fairgrounds Rd
Madras, OR 97741

REGISTRATION

REGISTER AT

<https://beav.es/Gfv>

BY APRIL 15TH, 2026

REGISTRATION FEE

\$5.00

REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE
PAID AT CHECK IN

DIVISIONS

4-H Division:

Ages on 9/1/25

Junior: 9-11 years old

Intermediate: 12-14 years old

Senior: 15-19 years old

FFA Division:

Beginning

Advanced

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Contact Lindsay Lobdell with
questions

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Record Book Workshop

Join us if you need
guidance with your
record book.

Who Uses Record Books?

- All 4-Hers!

Why are Record Books Important?

They teach life and career skills like good note-taking, record keeping, data analysis, and more!

- To participate in fair, you must keep a record book
- Record books can be used in applying for awards

Be ready for
Record
Book Checks

**Thursday,
April 16, 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Location: Deschutes County
Extension Office**

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OPEN HORSE SHOW

Hosted by Crook County 4-H

Register at:

<https://beav.es/3ZS>



Saturday: 8:30 start
Showmanship
Trail/Inhand Trail
English Pleasure
English Equitation
Western Pleasure
Western Equitation
Walk Trot

(No Cross entry)

Sunday: 8:30 start
Barrels
Flag Race
Pole Bending
2-Barrel Flag Race
Key Race
Figure 8

May 16-17
Crook County
Fairgrounds

Registration 7:30
Show Starts 8:30



Pre-Register
Online by 5/11/26
(Non-refundable after 5/11/26)

Day of Registration
available

4-H
Rules
Apply



Pre-Reg:
\$50: 1 day
\$75: 2 day
\$15: per class

Gaming &
Performance
High Point for
all divisions

Day of Reg:
\$100: 1day
\$150: 2 day
\$35: per class





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Food & Textile Contest

Date: Friday, May 29th & Saturday, May 30th

Pre-registration Required

Pre-register deadline: Friday, May 22, 2026

Location: COCC Campus, Prineville, OR
510 SE Lynn Blvd



REGISTRER AT:
<https://beav.es/xsz>



For questions, contact Reaza Hacker at 541-447-6225 or email: reaza.hacker@oregonstate.edu

FUR & FEATHERS

YOUTH SMALL ANIMAL SHOW



Pre-Registration deadline: Friday, May 22

- 4-H Rules Apply: Must participate in a showmanship class to be eligible for conformation classes.
- Show ring attire required.
- Check-in /Health check: 8:00 am - 8:45 am
- Show begins at 9:00 am
- Questions: Carmin Shelton 541-447-6228 or Carmin.shelton@oregonstate.edu



NEW
LOCATION

Grizzly Mountain Pavilion
1280 S Main St, Prineville, OR
97754

MAY 30, 2026

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Fur & Feathers Youth Classic Small Animal Show

May 30th, 2026

Grizzly Mt Pavilion, Crook County Fairgrounds | 1280 S Main St, Prineville

Cost:
 Showmanship
 Conformation
 Cloverbuds Show and Tell

Pre-Registration: Fri, May 22, 2026
 \$5.00 per project area
 \$5.00 per animal
 \$5.00

Exhibitor: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

SHOWMANSHIP

(Level based on age as of September 1, 2025)

Species	Junior (9-11 Yrs old)	Intermediate (12-14 Yrs old)	Senior (15-19 Yrs old)	Novice (9-19 & never Shown before)	Cloverbud (5-8 Yrs old)	Cost: \$5.00
Rabbit						
Cavy						
Poultry						

RABBIT/CAVY CONFORMATION

- Rabbits/Cavy - Breed	Age of Rabbit/Cavy			Buck	Doe	Cost: \$5.00 Each
	JUNIOR	INTERMEDIATE	SENIOR			

POULTRY/TURKEY CONFORMATION

-Poultry/Turkey - Breed	APA	NON APA	CROSS	Large Fowl	Bantam	Male	Female	Cost: \$5.00 Each

To register fill out one per exhibitor, mail
 or drop off with Entry Fee to:
 Crook County Extension Office
 C/O Small Animal Show
 498 SE Lynn Blvd
 Prineville OR, 97754
Checks payable to CC 4-H Association



TOTAL FOR ALL CLASSES:

Showmanship \$ _____
 Conformation \$ _____
 Late/Day of \$10.00 \$ _____
 Total \$ _____