

JC 4-H Update

April 12 -25, 2021

Website: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/jackson>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/jacksoncounty4hor/>

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FROM the EDUCATOR

Dear 4-H Family,

I learned today the Expo has been chosen as a federal COVID vaccination site, overseen by FEMA. How wonderful for our community and our state! Everyone is eligible to receive the vaccine starting April 19. The drive through clinic (through Krouse barn) will be offered 7 days a week, for 8-10 weeks. The Pfizer vaccine has been cleared for people aged 16 and older. The Jackson County Health Department will also continue its vaccination clinic, with the Moderna vaccine, in the Padgham Pavilion Monday thru Friday. This does affect our events planned for May and June at the Expo. Spring Fair WILL happen at the Expo June 4-6, but we won't have details until May. In addition, there will be no camping at the RV Park this summer because it is housing people displaced by the fires. Please be patient as we navigate the new rules as they get released. And stay focused - this is a great time to start growing plants, and practice your sewing, baking, art and photography!

--Lena

VACCINE INFO

- Link to information can be found in the SOREC Extension Announcements section. <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec>
- See the [vaccination FAQs](#) on the university's [COVID-19 safety and success website](#).
- Jackson County Public Health [Vaccine Appointments](#)

NEW 4-H NEWS & ACTIVITIES

All 4-H events and information listed in past newsletters can be found on our website.

Welcome Steven!

Our new 4-H Program Assistant is here! We will give him time to settle in and we'll get to know him better in the next newsletter.

Community Service Opportunity for EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 17, 9-noon, Check-in 8:30 am

Families are encouraged to help clean up Bear Creek Park to celebrate Earth Day! Sign up at www.bearcreekstewards.org Clean up gear is available by SOLVE and their local partners.

Volunteer Appreciation Challenge

April 18-24, 2021

We just love our 4-H volunteers. They work so hard all year long to give us a fun life. Now is your chance to appreciate them without even spending a cent! Fill out our easy survey. Every day during National Volunteer Appreciation Week the leaders mentioned in the survey will receive a gift of their choice. We have chocolate, coffee mugs, water bottles, scarves, lanyards, 4-H t-shirts and sweatshirts. The most entries wins a \$50 gift card! Nominate as many people as you like at:

<https://forms.gle/2Ny7Ju4U6p2xcs8x9> I also encourage you to create social media posts and share them next week. Thank you Volunteers!

Graduating Seniors – We want to recognize YOU!

Please complete the google form so we can highlight your 4-H career in social media posts and publications. Please provide us with your name, club(s), 4-H projects, years in 4-H, a favorite memory, any community service, what you are looking forward to, some advice, and a picture or two.

<https://forms.gle/cakVajTqctpWxBVB7>

Photography Skills Virtual Classes, 4-5 pm

Class sizes are limited so sign up today! Subjects offered:

April 1: Using Snapseed to edit cell phone photos

April 14: Getting Awesome Still Life and Texture photos

April 21: Portrait Photography: an entirely different skill

April 26: Capturing the Perfect Self-Portrait

April 30: Getting Technical: the details that make a fantastic photo!

https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eR5gYQ5nJcpNarc

Baby Sitting Skills Class – It's FREE

Another round of online babysitting classes will be held in May. Perfect timing for you to sharpen your skill set and start advertising your business. After attending 4 sessions, participants will receive a certificate of completion. Training occurs from 4 – 5:30 pm on Wednesdays in May (May 5, 12, 19, 26).

Register Here: https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8GHXUNK1Yu7YwOq

Local College Scholarships Due May 1

Location: Extension Center

There are 3 local scholarships members can apply for: Michael Dode, Dennis Nevin, and the Jackson County 4-H Association Scholarship. All have their own applications. The Jackson County 4-H Association Scholarship requires My 4-H resume, My 4-H Story (3-5 pages), an interview, and the application. The Association directions are being updated and will appear on the website soon.

Materials can be found at: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/jackson/scholarships>

2021 Fair Classes (repeat info)

Everyone will register for their fair classes online through ShoWorks, just like last year. The 2021 version of the exhibitor handbook hasn't been released yet, but the classes will be pretty similar to year's past. I encourage everyone who takes an animal to submit a static project entry if you would like to receive enough points to earn a premium check. Classes will cost \$2 each and you will pay via cash or check and mail it to the office. We update the Fair portion of the website weekly, so check back often. At the very bottom is the Fair Classes and Rules. Check it out at:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/jackson/fairs-contests>

4-H RECOGNITION

Thank you Brandee Tolner, Jennifer Boorman and Hank Rademacher for moving forward with a new declaration/tagging system for our swine projects this year. In the past, families would have to drive and wait in a long line on a Saturday morning in April to get their project animals manually tagged for fair. The new paper form is: easy, saves time for our busy families, educational (learn ear notching and photography), teaches ethics & responsibility, and is SO MUCH better for disease management. Please thank Brandee Tolner for spear heading this innovative process and helping 4-H make the best better! All hogs that come to the fair will be officially tagged with numbers during weigh in.

INFORMATION for VOLUNTEERS

Oregon 4-H Shooting Sports Level 1 Leader Training

It has been well over a year since a Level 1 workshop was conducted. Jon Gandy is hosting a workshop in Madras on May 15 and 16. Please visit the OER Site on the state website at <https://beav.es/J9R> or the events calendar on the state website at <https://beav.es/J9L> for registration and workshop information. Please note, you must complete all of the local 4-H Volunteer paperwork and Shooting Sports Youth Development online modules. If you are interested in being ready to lead a project this fall, please speak to Lena at 541-727-4237 to get started.

Jackson County is still in High Risk

The only clubs approved to meet in High Risk is outdoor shooting clubs. All other clubs who have an approved safety plan will be able to meet when our county reaches moderate risk level. Right now we will continue to be in High Risk until April 23.

Swine Declarations/Tagging Forms

Due March 14, 2021

Swine Leaders Meeting April 15

All fair related forms can be found on our website under the Fairs Tab. Please drop them off in the black mailbox in the OSU Extension Research Parking Lot. Or email them to: Brandee Tolner 541-941-5454; send to: donandbrandee@hotmail.com. Brandee would happy to help any family who needs help reading ear notches. DO NOT send a photo of a completed form.

Want to share some Joy - Community Service Project

The Maslow Project is collecting Birthday kits to share with our families who are still experiencing homelessness. You can do this as a club! Collect a cake mix, candles, frosting and disposable baking pan. Wrap up a set in saran wrap and give to the Maslow Project. 500 Monroe St., Medford, OR 97501; 541-608-6868

Jackson County Junior Livestock Auction Committee

This group continues to meet and is working with the COVID guidelines. As of this moment, they are planning a live and online auction simultaneously for the 2021 season. Stay tuned for final details. Youth are allowed to sell a total of 2 market animals, and 1 specialty market animal (poultry or rabbit) in one year, but no more than 1 large animal per fair.

First Year Junior Showmanship

In March the Superintendents had a meeting and discussed several things. We plan to hold Showmanship this year for all animal species. New youth to the project, ages 9-11, are eligible to register as a first year junior. All youth who showed last year for the first time, and are the 4-H age of 10 or 11 years old are considered traditional "Juniors" and should sign up for this Showmanship class.

Bottle Drop Fundraiser Inquiries

Some of you have been inquiring about Bottle Drop as a fundraiser. Please email me and Jackie again to say you are interested in this. When you fill out the online information, you would use the Jackson County 4-H Association as the Organization. I will then create a form letter that contains the EIN # and your club name. You will need to supply this letter to Bottle Drop for authorization. All checks are sent

to the 4-H Office because that is the official address of the Association, but the check will be made out to your club's name.

STATE 4-H LED EVENTS

Another Competition for Public Speaking

Sign Up by April 18

You have the ability to compete in the Spring Classic Competition, held virtually this year, May 15-16. It is a great opportunity for you to talk about your animal or family consumer science projects. Details <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/spring-classic>. The cost is \$30. Email Jackie.Freeman@oregonstate.edu with your name, age division and the name of your presentation by April 18.

4-H FUNDRAISERS

Start your Static Projects Now with JOANN's Help

JOANN and 4-H are once again teaming up to collect donations at the register and offer special discounts for JOANN/4-H Rewards Card members. The activation will help in the effort to ensure every kid has an equal opportunity to succeed by bringing 4-H to more kids nationwide via local unrestricted funding. Visit any JOANN store between March 1 and April 30, 2020 to participate or donate online at <https://4-h.org/4HJOANN>. In addition, this year during the campaign, JOANN will be hosting a free, take **home craft event on April 18 in all stores**. The kits will include LEGO DOTs and kids will be able to create a bunny and chick and coloring pages. In each craft bag will be messaging about donating to 4-H and creating opportunity for all.

GOOD TO KNOW

Youth who are new to 4-H can still enroll in the Goat Project. Deadline is June 1. Goat Fair is in September. Current members who want to add the project, need to email Jackie at: jackie.freeman@oregonstate.edu.

All other clubs are closed.

4-H CALENDAR

April 14	Horse Declaration Deadline Andrea Cordova 541-324-2821; Becky McNamee 541-531-5203
April 14	Sheep Leaders Meeting - Cancelled Donna D'Inzillo 541-601-0199; Ryan Davis 541-973-9614
April 14	Swine Tagging/Declaration Deadline Brandee Tolner 541-941-5454; send to: donandbrandee@hotmail.com
April 15	Swine Leaders Meeting 7 pm
April 18	JoAnn's Craft Event
April 21	Horse Leaders Meeting 7 pm
April 26	4-H Ambassadors Meeting
May 1	Local 4-H Scholarship Deadline
May 5	Babysitter Training first class: 4 – 5 pm, online

May 14-16 Spring Classic
May 12 Babysitter Training: 4-5 pm
May 19** Spring Fair Registration Deadline, Online**Date change
May 19 Babysitter Training: 4-5pm
May 21-23 Spring Classic Quiz Bowl
May 26 Babysitter Training

June 4-6 Spring Fair - Lambs, Rabbits: Deb Brown 541-890-7073; Cavies: Kristy Grieve
June 21-22 Fashion Revue (tentative)
June 26 Food Prep Contest (tentative)

Summer Fair– July 10 – 18
Static Judging July 10
Dog Show July 10
Swine, Beef, Poultry (anytime July 11 – 16)
Horse Show (anytime July 12-18)
Dairy Goat Show July 18
Shooting Sports Mail-In Tournament scores due to State 4-H: July 15, 2021
Goat Fair – September 17-19 (enrollment deadline is extended for new participants)
Chrissy Reynolds 541-944-0132
August 30 – Sept 1: State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest

Learn From Yesterday, Live For Today, Hope For Tomorrow (Albert Einstein)

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COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS: OSU Related Information

Fire Aware. Fire Prepared. Wildfire Wednesdays

April 14, June 16, 2021, Alternating Wednesdays 12-1 pm

Webinars are Free. Register here:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/events/fire-aware-fire-prepared-wildfire-wednesdays>

Instructors will introduce core ideas and list actions that families and communities can take to prepare themselves ahead of every wildfire season. Be cautious when doing home burn pile burns too!

JumpstART, a precollege art summer program at Oregon State University

This year we are offering need-based scholarships to attend our week-long camp, July 11-16. Last year we had a successful online, synchronous program with students from all over the country in attendance. We are looking to repeat this success again this summer and hope to include students participating from 4-H.

Students choose two courses from offerings such as drawing, painting, photography, digital animation, and color theory. One class takes place in the morning and the other during the afternoon. Generally, there are 10-12 students in a class, so there is time to get to know the instructors, who are all esteemed, practicing artists and educators. We have a visiting artist program with artist talks each day after lunch; this year I am excited about our roster of nationally recognized artists.

We are keeping tuition low at \$300, and moreover there are ample need-based scholarship opportunities. Need-based scholarships are first come, first served. Students should select 'free and reduced lunch eligible' during the registration to be eligible for a need-based scholarship. Scholarship deadline is June 7.

Here is a link to our website:

<https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/sac/sac-academy/precollege-summer-programs/jumpstart>

Job Opportunity with OSU Extension-Outdoor School

We are looking to fill a position with our OSU Extension-Outdoor School (ODS) team. It is a fulltime Finance, Budget, and Contracts Coordinator for ODS.

Please share widely and see the link below. I'm including the actual link for easier sharing.

<https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/postings/99589>

Other Information, not validated by OSU/4-H, but provided as a service.
