

JC 4-H Update
March 1, 2021 – March 14, 2021
<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/jackson>

FROM the EDUCATOR

Dear 4-H Family,

Some good news this week as the state has moved Jackson County from COVID-19 Extreme Risk to High Risk. This new rating is effective February 26 – March 11. Josephine County remains in extreme. Many counties in Oregon are moving in a good direction, but a few are getting worse. So remember these ratings are only good for a 2-week time period, and are re-evaluated every two weeks. Clubs can meet when we reach the moderate risk category AND if their leaders have completed the proper requirements. The Extension office is still closed to the public, so please use the black mailbox to drop off your enrollments. The deadline is coming up! If you cannot afford to pay the fees this year, please let a board member know. Have a great week! --Lena

VACCINE INFO

- Link to information can be found in the SOREC Extension Announcements section.
<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec>
- Use the “[Get Vaccinated Oregon](#)” web-based tool to check vaccine eligibility and sign up for updates.
- You also can call 211; text ORCOVID to 898211; email ORCOVID@211info.org; or visit [OHA’s COVID-19 vaccine website](#).
- See the [vaccination FAQs](#) on the university’s [COVID-19 safety and success website](#).

4-H ACTIVITIES

Hey teens, what are you doing this weekend?

Come hang out with us!

March 5, 6, 7 || 6:15 pm – 8 pm || Ages 12 – 18

Deadline to sign up Wednesday, March 3

This virtual leadership retreat is organized by teens for teens. It will be held over zoom, so you will meet teens from across the state. Have fun learning public speaking, origami, interview skills, zoom games and more! You can attend all three days or just one, and it is FREE. Open to all youth. Lena will be there! Register for L.I.V.E. - Leaders in Virtual Environments Teen Retreat at <https://beav.es/JmA>

Follow the Leaders!

Did you know that Jackson County Ambassador Sophie has been posting 4-H event notices on Instagram and Facebook on the jacksoncounty4hor page? If you’re on Facebook and/or Instagram don’t forget to follow us to stay up to date on upcoming events and competitions.

4-H Tagging and Weigh in

Saturday, March 6. Check with leader for time.

Lena will be handing out a “Biosecurity for Humans” safety kit to each club. Make sure a club leader finds her at tagging day.

Grow This! Gardening Challenge with OSU

Oregonians can receive free seeds while they last. Anyone from anywhere in the world can join using their own seeds or to follow along anytime through September. While supplies last, Oregonians who sign up for the Challenge and request seeds will receive four different seed packets free of charge. Oregon State University will send these seed packets to county Extension offices around the state for pick-up in March. Videos and planting tips will be available on the Food Hero website. Some of the seed types to be mailed out are listed here: [How to Plant and Grow Seeds](#). Read the press release here: <https://today.oregonstate.edu/news/osu-extension-gives-away-seeds-grow-garden-challenge>

How do I join?

Fill out a very short survey by clicking here:

https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBWfcoywn1lsp8O

4-H Enrollment Deadline is March 15

All 4-H Enrollments must be received on Monday, March 15 by midnight to be considered eligible to compete in spring, summer and fall fair. This includes leaders. Paper enrollments can be mailed to the 4-H office or you can follow the online enrollment directions on our website. Payment must be received by the deadline.

Enrollment Fee Methods

Payment Methods:

1. Pay cash or check (made out to OSU). Payment must be received at the Extension office before the deadline. Mail or drop off in black mailbox in Research Building parking lot. Only Extension office staff have a key to the mailbox.
2. Pay using MasterCard or Visa. Pay for all youth in one transaction (members are listed under the same family account/address in 4-HOnline). See instructions below.

Credit Card Payment Directions

Make sure you Enroll members in 4-HOnline –OR– send in a paper enrollment forms before paying.

To pay via credit card please select the link and complete the payment for all youth members enrolled.

https://secure.touchnet.net/C20159_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=2630&SINGLESTORE=true

Note: You will add county fees to your shopping cart FIRST, and then add state fees.

1. Enter the number of children. This will generate the county portion of the enrollment fee.
2. Enter Youth Member Information. Last Name, First Name, Date of Birth (eg. 01/01/2001)
3. Continue
4. Checkout
5. Using the drop down menu, select the number of "Youth Members Enrolled" to add the Oregon 4-H State Fee(s) to your cart.
6. Click on the shopping cart with a plus in the bottom right hand corner.
7. You will be prompted to enter your family name again.
8. Select "Continue".
9. Please "Continue" and proceed to checkout.
10. Include the email address you use for 4-HOnline.
11. Fill out payment information.
12. Agree to the Return Policy Agreement
13. Submit Order

An order confirmation email from Jackie Freeman will be sent to your email address, or you can immediately print a receipt. If you do not see the confirmation email, check your spam folder.

2021 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition: Call for Entries (repeat info)

Submission Deadline, March 17, Email to Lena

Each year, the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees conducts a national essay contest for 4-H members. The submissions are evaluated by an OSU entomology professor who selects the winning state entry. That entry is then forwarded on to the national contest. [2021 Essay Topic: Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats.](#) This contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. Information: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/conferences-contests-special-events>

Photography Workshops – (repeat info)

Zoom || 4 – 5 pm || Register ONLY for classes you will attend || Class size limited

Registration is open for the 4-H Photography Skills Trainings. The sessions will help youth & leaders learn tips, tricks and techniques to take an outstanding photo. Participants are to put their learning into effect immediately and send a photo taken using their acquired skills to the instructor for feedback. Photos must be received by the instructor in the week following that skills class.

All sessions are based on the Oregon 4-H Fair entry classes. Register ONLY for the class(es) of interest.

March 4: Intro to Photography Fair Classes

March 10: Our Beautiful World – Landscape Photos

March 16 Amazing Creatures – Animal Photos

March 22: Beauty of Plants

March 29: People

April 7 – Preparing your Photo for exhibit

Registration: https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Ms2XE9in66WvFc

Upcoming Virtual Youth Livestock Days

March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10

Sponsored by Washington and Idaho

Youth in 4-H, FFA or open class exhibitions are invited to join us for an exciting virtual youth market livestock field day series! The University of Idaho Extension, Nez Perce county in partnership with the Washington State University Whitman and Asotin counties have hosted a popular and informative youth market livestock field day in the Lewis Clark Valley for many years. In 2020 these events were cancelled due to COVID-19, and in 2021 they will be a virtual delivery, making it possible for us to invite more participants than ever to join in the fun and learning!

We will host sessions from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm PST for Market Beef (March 20), Market Swine (March 27), Market Sheep (April 3) and Market Goat (April 10). While we are still working on the specifics of each virtual field day, we wanted to get you a note to save the date! More detailed agendas and speakers will be available soon.

There is a fee of \$5 per registration per session to help pay for some of the associated costs of producing this event. For Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington youth, there are limited scholarships available. Please share the attached post card to your contacts, the registration link is

<https://bit.ly/2021livestockfielddayregistration> If you have any questions please contact one of us at: UI Extension, Benewah County: 208-245-2422 | Gail Silkwood, gsilkwood@uidaho.edu

4-H RECOGNITION

Thank you **Wylie Brown**, our new 4-H Public Speaking and Communications Superintendent, for organizing the first ever Zoom Presentation Contest! We had some great speakers who will be announced in our next newsletter. Wylie is a successful 4-H alumni who has now returned to the Rogue Valley to help our kids with public speaking and writing skills. He found a fantastic judge for the event, **Haylie Ordal**, who is also a Jackson County 4-H Alumni and accomplished public speaker. Thank you both for donating your time and talents to our 4-H program. Both of these caring adults would be happy to help you with your summer projects. There is a Communications category for summer Fair, and Wylie encourages all of you to start designing your educational displays, creative stories and video creations.

INFORMATION for VOLUNTEERS

Club Safety Plans

Last week we moved down a safety level. When we reach moderate risk, clubs can meet on the following conditions: 1) members are enrolled 2) leaders are enrolled 3) club safety plan has been reviewed and approved. There are several clubs who have not submitted their club safety plans. If you offer projects at different locations, please explain how each meeting type will work. To help you draft your safety plan you must:

1. Watch the Club Resumption Plan Presentation recorded by Lena (on our website). It helps you know what to put in your plan.
2. Read, sign and return the Volunteer Expectations During COVID-19 document (part of the paper enrollment form). On page 2 is a sample safety plan which you can use as a guide to make yours. Your club safety plan should include more details specific to your projects, location, club size and activity plans.
3. Email plan to Lena and wait for feedback. Text if you don't get a response within a week.
4. Everything you need can be found at: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/jackson/volunteers>

Club FEES

Volunteers, please tell your members to not send club dues to the Extension office. Only 4-H state and county enrollment monies should be send to SOREC.

Mask Guidance

It is strongly recommended that masks, face coverings and face shields be worn at all times when around individuals outside of your household, including private residences. Some people prefer to wear a face shield with no face covering. Face shields can be very good at blocking droplets that individuals release, but are not as effective at limiting the release of aerosols that can go around the shield. Research suggests that if you only wear a face shield, then be at least six (6) feet away from the people you are talking to at all times.

Fundraising Requests can be found on our website at:

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

STATE 4-H LED EVENTS

Youth Voices in Action Leadership Conference

March 23 – 25, 2021 || Zoom

Free for Jackson County youth – Discount Code needed, email Jackie.

Deadline is March 10.

Register now by going to <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/youth-voices-action>

For more information contact: Carole Smith: carolesmith@oregonstate.edu Phone: 541-963-1010

4-H FUNDRAISERS

Jackson County Horse Judging Team would like to go to Spring Classic and/or judge at State Fair (if possible). Fundraising pays for entry fees, training supplies, and travel costs. Support their team of 8 youth and 2 coaches by buying spring bulbs at <http://jacksonco4h.fpfundraising.com> All orders will ship directly to you for a flat rate. Fundraiser lasts from March 1 to March 15. Shipments start April 1. Questions? Contact Shae at shaejohns2005@gmail.com She is the leader of Rein n' Clovers.

GOOD TO KNOW

How do you spell 4-H?

With the increased use of social media, text messaging and document sharing, many of us have found we need to remove special characters from these communication platforms. The proper way to type out 4-H will always include the hyphen. Whenever you can use the hyphen, please do so. Correct: 4-H. Incorrect: 4h or 4H.

4-H Project Support

If you have questions, please contact your club leader first, and then the following 4-H Project Advisors:

- Public Speaking: Wylie Brown 541-890-8363
- Rabbits: Deb Brown 541-890-7073; Cavies: Kristy Grieve
- Horse: Andrea Cordova 541-324-2821; Becky McNamee 541-531-5203
- Sheep: Donna D'Inzillo 541-601-0199; Ryan Davis 541-973-9614
- Swine: Brandee Tolner 541-941-5454; Jennifer Boorman 541-210-7371; Hank Rademacher 541-941-9746
- Beef: Ron Anderson 541-821-3107; Steve Baldwin 541-821-1391; Jerry Mefford 541-890-6637; Dianna Gifford 541-821-4559
- Goats: Chrissy Reynolds 541-944-0132
- Ambassadors/Leadership: Amy Grow 541-840-5984; Darcy Budge

4-H Enrollment & 4-H Age Divisions Policy

These documents will be updated and on our website on Tuesday.

Youth must be age 9 on September 1, 2020 to compete in competitions during this 4-H year.

Information at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/jackson/get-involved>

4-H CALENDAR

March 3	4-H Association Meeting Zoom 6:30 pm
March 4	Photography Workshop: Introduction to the Photography Project
March 5, 6, 7	Regional Teen Leadership Retreat (Virtual)
Sat. March 6	Sheep Tagging: Crater Land Lab By Club Appointment, check with leader
March 10	Photography Workshop: Landscapes
March 10	Animal Superintendent Meeting Zoom 6:30 pm
March 16	Photography Workshop: Animals

Wed. March 17 2021 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition deadline
Wed. March 17 Horse Leaders Meeting
Thu March 18 Swine Leaders Meeting
March 22 Photography Workshop: Plants
March 23-25 Youth Voices in Action (virtual)
March 29 Photography Workshop: People
April 7 Photography Workshop: Preparing Exhibits
Thu. April 15 Swine Tagging Deadline
Foods Contest, Fashion Revue, etc. – To Be Announced
May 14-16 & 21-23 Spring Classic
Spring Fair (lambs, rabbits and cavies) – June 4 - 6
Summer Fair– July 10 – 18
Shooting Sports Mail In Tournament scores due to State 4-H: July 15, 2021
Goat Fair – September 17-19
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: Other Information, not validated by OSU/4-H, but provided as a service.

Employment Opportunity in the Southern Region

We are recruiting applicants for the Josephine County [Horticulture/Small Farms Professor of Practice Position](#); please share this recruitment across your networks. Deadline extended to 3.14.21.

FREE well-water testing voucher for private well impacted by 2020 wildfires

Oregon Health Authority will provide free well water testing vouchers to private or “domestic” well users impacted by the 2020 Oregon wildfires. Applications will be

open now through May 15, 2021, at <https://go.usa.gov/xAycC>.

Vouchers cover the cost of testing for bacteria, nitrates, arsenic, and lead. Depending on well damage, some may also qualify to test for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene as well.

NOTE: Sample collection costs are not covered by OHA.

Voucher Eligibility:

All of the following criteria must be met:

The property was impacted by the 2020 Oregon wildfires.

The well water is used for things like drinking, bathing, cooling and washing dishes. The well has three or fewer connections and is not part of a regulated water system.

Priority:

If demand exceeds supply, OHA will prioritize vouchers for Households that meet certain income thresholds.

Communities that have been historically underserved, including people of color, Properties that had the greatest damage.

Second homes or vacation rental homes will not be prioritized, but may qualify

The intent of this project is to provide water quality testing resources to those who are recovering their homes from wildfire impacts. Because domestic wells are unregulated, water quality testing is not always accessible to these households. After a fire, testing the well for contaminants is an important step to assuring homes have access to safe water. If a test results indicates high levels of contaminants, OHA will provide safety information and recommendations to the well user. OHA does not regulate private wells.

We ask your help in providing information on this Wildfire-Impacted Domestic Well Testing Project to community members and partners who may be eligible. Please help us particularly reach well-users who identify as a person of color, person with disability, person with low-income, or person with limited English language proficiency.

Attachments:

Wildfire-Impacted Wells Project Flyer(English) -
<https://apps.state.or.us/Forms/Served/le3558B.pdf>

Wildfire-Impacted Wells Project Flyer (Spanish) -
<https://apps.state.or.us/Forms/Served/ls3558B.pdf>

Note: There is a pdf available. Please email paula.burkhalter@oregonstate.edu