

JC 4-H Update March 29 – April 11, 2021

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FROM the EDUCATOR

Dear 4-H Family,

I have heard rumblings that there will be some new safety guidelines when it comes to fairs, camps, overnight experiences, travel and club get-togethers. Please be patient as we navigate the new rules as they get released. I anticipate the new guidance will be shared mid-April. As for now, please get a vaccine if you can and keep wearing your mask. We all want our COVID numbers to drop so we can plan some fun events in May, June and July! During April 6-8 I will be out of the office for a staff conference.
--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](#).

NEW 4-H NEWS & ACTIVITIES

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

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

4-H Commit to be Fit Challenge

30 Days, 30 hours. Get moving, track your hours, and win prizes. Top prize is \$100!

Who: Ages 5-18; Where: Wherever!; When: April 1-30, 2021

For detail or to join the challenge visit: <https://beav.es/JK6> You will need to turn in a tracking sheet by May 5th to either the local 4-H office or online through this link: <https://beav.es/JKV>

Questions? Contact Margie House at Margie.house@oregonstate.edu

Summer Student Employment Opportunity

Deadline to apply April 4

This summer Jackson County will have a 32 hour a week 4-H Student Outreach Assistant position available. Job would start mid-June and end late August. Must be a recent high school graduate or college student. Through hands-on experience, the assistant will provide services to the public by organizing and teaching outreach activities, providing general fair and day camp supports, and basic

office related duties. Assistant will create written materials and obtain supplies for events. Apply at: <https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/postings/99468>

Part-time 4-H Outreach Program Coordinator Employment Opportunity

Deadline to apply April 5

This faculty member is responsible for the management of educational programming that meets the needs of youth with disabilities in Jackson County, as well as oversee and help programs navigate accommodation requests. All 4-H faculty are expected to use best practices in positive youth development to ensure that educational programs are of high quality and produce their intended outcomes. Programs are implemented in a manner that measures impact, fosters program improvement and strengthens community connections. Apply at <https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/postings/98799>

4-H Poultry Project

Interested in raising chickens? Watch chicks hatching on the OSU Extension's annual live stream all week from March 26 – April 2, 2021. You will find out all sorts of great poultry facts and information on the website too. Facebook: <https://beav.es/JrN> Twitter: <https://beav.es/Jrx> #OSULiveHatch

Did you know that you can take the poultry project no matter what club you are in? You will need a parent to help guide you on your project journey if another leader can't help. And some people have been asking, "when will the poultry show be at Summer Fair? Well, because of COVID rules we aren't exactly sure, but I know it will NOT be July 17 & 18; however all market poultry that make it to auction WILL sell Saturday evening on July 17.

2021 Fair Classes

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

This week I would like to recognize the Horse Judging Team Leaders. They have been teaching youth members since February to prepare them for the Annual 4-H Spring Classic, a statewide 4-H judging competition. The youth will take part in contests such as Hippology, Horse Judging, Oral Presentation and Quiz Bowl. Thank you to Leader DeAnna Rhoden, and member Paige for creating fun games during weekly zoom meetings. Thank you Leader Shae Johns for coordinating the group fundraiser and for using your own account for zoom meetings so I don't have to remember to "make someone a co-host" in the nick of time. And thank you parents for helping to chaperone occasional practices so we can utilize best safety practices of 2 adults at every 4-H function.

INFORMATION for VOLUNTEERS

Beef Auction Rule Suspension for 2021

During tagging day in February, the beef scale failed to function for the last 20 steers. For 2021, the auction committee has waived the minimum 1.5 pound daily rate of gain requirement for the sale. It appears most everyone has been able to meet that requirement for years now.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

April 28th 9am-1pm AND April 29th 9am-1pm

Helping teens with their mental health is important now more than ever. Any 4-H Leader who takes the Youth Mental Health First Aid course will receive a Jackson County 4-H Sweatshirt and a \$5 Good Bean gift card. Just show Lena your completion certificate. ([click here for registration](#)) If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kristin Fettig FettigKL@jacksoncounty.org

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 9.

Talk to your Graduating Seniors

Please encourage your graduating seniors to prepare a little biography for 4-H. In next week's newsletter we will provide a link so they can upload a picture and some text about their favorite memories and project/life advice.

There are still a few leaders who have not completed all of their annual requirements. Please work with Jackie.Freeman@oregonstate.edu to get this done as soon as possible. All leader paper enrollments have been entered into the system, and no late enrollments will be accepted.

UPDATED COVID Guidance

COVID guidance changes weekly. Right now a stable cohort size grew to 20 youth which is good news, however we still need to have a large enough outdoor space that allows 35 square foot per person (including adults). 4-H is unique because it is a youth program that operates in a variety of settings, with youth and adults of all ages. Because of that, we fall under Youth Program Guidance, Higher Education Guidance and sector guidance, not K-12. Schools, sports and 4-H do share some things in common right now – that everyone has to wear a mask at all functions. Here is the official statement:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in alignment with the Oregon Governor's [executive orders](#), and consistent with guidance from the [Oregon Health Authority](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), 4-H in-person activities requires the use of face coverings by all participants when in enclosed public and common areas and outdoor areas where physical distancing is not easily or consistently maintained. For more information, please review the [Oregon State University Face Covering policy](#).

If you have a medical condition that makes it hard to breathe or a disability that prevents you from wearing a mask, you can request an accommodation by contacting Jamie Davis, Southern Regional Director, at Jamie.Davis@oregonstate.edu, or local 4-H Educator Lena Hosking at Lena.Hosking@oregonstate.edu

STATE 4-H LED EVENTS

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 with be messaging about donating to 4-H and creating opportunity for all.

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 CALENDAR

March 29 4-H Ambassadors; Amy Grow 541-840-5984; Darcy Budge

April 7 4-H Association Meeting

April 7 Photography Workshop: Preparing Exhibits

April 14 Horse Declaration Deadline
Andrea Cordova 541-324-2821; Becky McNamee 541-531-5203

April 14 Sheep Leaders Meeting
Donna D'Inzillo 541-601-0199; Ryan Davis 541-973-9614

Thu. April 15 Swine Tagging/Declaration Deadline
Brandee Tolner 541-941-5454; Jennifer Boorman 541-210-7371; Hank Rademacher 541-941-9746

April 21 Horse Leaders Meeting

April 26 4-H Ambassadors Meeting

May 1 Local 4-H Scholarship Deadline

May 12 Spring Fair Registration, Online

May 14-16 & 21-23 Spring Classic

June 4-6 Spring Fair - Lambs, Rabbits: Deb Brown 541-890-7073; Cavies: Kristy Grieve

June Fashion Revue, 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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Fair pigs for sale: Contact Leader Melissa Weast at 541-890-8930