JC 4-H Update

April 26 – May 9, 2021

Website: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/jackson
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/jacksoncounty4hor/

Facebook: Jacksoncounty4hor

FROM the EDUCATOR

Dear 4-H Family,

We have a few more cloudy COVID days ahead before we see the bright sunny skies of normalcy. The good news is 1.6 million people in Oregon have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Public Health experts agree that vaccination is the best way to slow the spread of the virus and reduce the opportunities for it to mutate. I went to the Expo for my first shot on Friday and I was so impressed to see our soldiers in uniform doing their civic duty for such an important cause. It was really an amazing sight to see, and something to feel proud of. And I didn't even have to make an appointment! Keep working hard, asking questions and practicing your adaptability skills. Take care, --Lena

VACCINE INFO

- Not sure about getting a vaccine? Read about it here: https://www.covidvaccinefacts.org/
- Jackson County Public Health <u>Vaccine Appointments</u>
- Pfizer vaccine has been cleared for people 16 years and older. Location: Expo. Check JC Public Health website for times. 2 shots needed.
- The Jackson County Public Health Walk-in Vaccination site is at the Padgham Monday Friday. Moderna Vaccine. 2 shots needed.
- Fred Meyer, Walgreens, and other local businesses also are offering the vaccine.
- No ID is necessary. You only need your name and contact information for safety reasons.

A NOTE FROM our NEW 4-H ASSISTANT

Hello Jackson County 4-H!

My name is Steven McIntyre and I'm the new Education Program Assistant for Jackson County 4-H programs! I'm beyond excited to meet all of you and work with you to make the best better.

I grew up just a few hours up Highway 99 in Junction City, Oregon. After graduating from Vanderbilt University in 2016, I spent a couple of years as a seasonal camp leader outside of Nashville Tennessee, developing fully thematic summer camp programming and facilitating outdoor education. For the last three years, I served as an AmeriCorps member with the National Park Service. I helped build capacity for volunteer programming at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and led the AmeriCorps Community Volunteer Ambassador program nationally from Washington, DC. These experiences have built my passion for supporting youth in outdoor programming, which I look forward to bringing to Jackson County 4-H!

My main goal with the program is to develop and maintain more robust systems; to help Lena strengthen our office's communication, to make our registration, fair, and volunteer sign-up systems as consistent and easy to understand for parents and leaders as possible, to develop materials that empower volunteers, members, and parents to explore their passions through 4-H programming, and to work with local partners to develop school-based education opportunities. Volunteers and Leaders are

among our most valuable assets for knowledge, experience, and getting things done, so I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible as meeting becomes a thing we can do again.

Cheers, Steven Todd McIntyre II

NEW 4-H NEWS & ACTIVITIES

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

Spring Fair

Expo, June 4 - 6, 2021

We are planning our regular competitions of market, breeding and showmanship for rabbits, cavies and lambs. All will be held at the Expo either in the Isola or 7 Feathers Event Center. There will be an auction on Sunday. This weekend event will be for members and their immediate caregivers/parents/guardians. Don't send out your buyers letters quite yet. Details will come out mid-May.

Local College Scholarships Due May 1 (repeat info)

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

What's the Buzz?

Adult Training May 10, 1-2:30 pm via Zoom. Register by May 4th Teen Training May 18, 7-8 pm via Zoom. Register by May 14th

I would like to offer 2 or 3 day camps in August and this is a GREAT opportunity for teen youth to get involved. Please join me in learning about the 4-H Pollinator Health Program! I need at least 2 teens that will assist me in delivering the "Monarchs on the Move" curriculum, which is targeted to the 3rd-8th grade range. Please text Lena at 541-727-4237 if interested, and she will sign you up!

Fashion Revue is Fun!

Monday, June 21, 4-7 pm, Extension Center

Tuesday, June 22, 6:30 pm dress rehearsal, 7 pm Show -Outdoor venue

Deadline to register: May 19; online via ShoWorks

Fashion Revue allows members to make several different items and then show how well they fit the member. There is the typical outfit, the ready to wear outfit that costs \$25 or less (and does not have to be sewn), and the fashion revue challenge. The 2021 Fashion Revue Challenge is: Clothing Inspired by your Favorite Book or Author. Judging criteria for the challenge includes creativity and innovation, appropriate amounts and level of sewing, and the intent (heart and soul) of the challenge was met. In addition to the specifics of the challenge, other areas being evaluated includes the modeling techniques, the fit of the outfit and communication skills. Anyone can participate and you don't need to complete a project record.

Camp Counselor Applications

Application Deadline May 21. For ages 15 and up. Do not need to be a 4-H member.

Application is at: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/jackson/camps

To be prepared for the upcoming rule changes this summer, I will take camp counselor applications. This doesn't mean there will be a camp, but I would like to be prepared to conduct one if feasible. Camp would be anytime between July 26 and August 1. Currently, there is no overnight experiences allowed. We will know by June 1 what will happen.

Graduating Seniors – We want to recognize YOU! (repeat info)

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

Project Help

Our leaders would love to meet with your kids, but unfortunately the risk of contracting COVID is very high in Jackson County. We cannot risk getting parents, kids and leaders together right now. In the meantime, I suggest you check out 4-H's project resources on our state 4-H website. While it is not the same as getting personalized help, reading these resources will help your child prepare their projects for fair. https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/project-resources

STATE 4-H LED EVENTS

Youth Tractor Safety Education, Training, and Certification Dave White

Youth will soon be looking for summer work. Many will be looking to the agriculture industry for employment. Agricultural workers, ages 14 to 17, need to complete mandatory training in safe tractor and machinery operations. Once successfully completed, youth are issued certificates to present to employers. Please visit the events calendar on the state website at https://beav.es/J9L for flyers and registration information. Here is a list of current 2021 classes being offered:

Crook County, May 1 - 2 Morrow County, May 7 - 8 Jefferson County, June 14 – 16 Marion County, June 22 - 25 Wheeler County, June 8 Yamhill County, TBD

Summer Conference

Tuesday, June 22 – Friday June 25 || 6-8:30 pm each evening || Grades 7-12 https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/4-h-summer-conference

Summer Conference returns! Yes, it will be virtual, but it will still be a lot of fun as well as being educational. We have an internationally acclaimed speaker, Juan Bendana, who will deliver a keynote address and teach two workshops. There will be a fun hour with a magician, interesting workshops, game time, and a time of celebration and recognition. Before the official conference begins, Congress interviews will be held Monday, June 21 from 9:00 to noon, and State Ambassador interviews will be held Tuesday, June 22 from 9:00 to noon. A full schedule will be available on the state website early in May. Registration will open later in May. The fee will be \$25.

Last week I encouraged you to nominate your leaders for the Volunteer Appreciation Challenge. We love ALL of our volunteers, but these three amazing people received some great comments. Each of them will receive a fun 4-H swag gift of their choosing, and the person listed first gets a \$50 gift card! As a side note — **Leader Barbara Niedermeyer** has trained all of these volunteers!

Leader Herminia Corona (Ashland 4-H Club) — "She is on top of everything! Very helpful and always making sure we are aware of meetings, requirements, and makes sure our lamb is doing fine." "As first-time members, we weren't aware of a lot of things, but thanks to her we feel confident about our lamb."

Leader Tracy Kaufmann (Applegate Swine & More) — "We appreciate all the organizing and keeping track of our clubs' sheep program. She is always on top of it and has a smile on her face." **Leader Valerie Prins** (Applegate Swine & More) — "She helps us with our paper work when we get confused. She also has a fun attitude."

Thank YOU Volunteers!

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.

Risk Levels and 4-H

We are getting close to fair. I am submitting proposals to OSU for approval of in-person activities by species/project area. You will be notified when your project area is allowed to meet. Right now the risk of acquiring COVID is very high, and the rate of spreading it is at Extreme. When we are in the Extreme category, 4-H programs can ONLY be held virtually. Please continue to encourage your youth to do their best on their own, with parental support. They are learning to live during a pandemic and developing resiliency skills, so assisting their learning through a telephone call or chat is okay.

Looking for Fair Static Judges

Is there a leader who is interested in serving as an Art Judge? Photography? Foods? Maybe you know of someone who has expertise in science, communications or plants? This is the time I secure judges for Fair, and I am always open to new names. Static Judging Day is Saturday, July 10. Please email or call Lena at 541-727-4237 if know of someone who would be interested.

4-H FUNDRAISERS

Spring Classic and National Competitions

The Jackson County 4-H Association is always here to support the youth who represent our county on a state level. Intermediate and Senior teams, each consisting of four youth will compete in mid-May this year for the chance to attend 4-H Nationals. This year we are sending two horse judging teams, two horse quiz bowl teams, two Livestock Quiz Bowl teams, and one rabbit judging and quiz bowl team. We also have one individual doing a presentation. Competitions at the state and national level are

expensive. If you are interested in supporting our hardworking youth, please send a check payable to the Jackson County 4-H Association, in support of the Spring Classic and National Competitions, and send it to: 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, OR 97504. All donations are tax deductible.

BEAVS Give on 4-28-21

#BeavesGive Day or #DamProudDay

Help support the 4-H Fund for Excellence Program in Oregon! Give any amount at https://beav.es/3oG

GOOD TO KNOW

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. 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

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

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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 – 5:30 pm, online
May 14-16	Spring Classic Judging & Presentations
May 12	Babysitter Training: 4-5:30 pm
May 19**	Spring Fair Registration Deadline, Online**Date change
May 19	Babysitter Training: 4-5:30pm
May 19	Horse Leaders Meeting, Zoom, 7 pm
	Andrea Cordova 541-324-2821; Becky McNamee 541-531-5203
May 19	Deadline to register for Spring Fair and Fashion Revue
May 20	Swine Leaders Meeting, Zoom, 7pm
May 21-23	Spring Classic Quiz Bowl

May 26 Babysitter Training: 4-5:30

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

June 15 Fair Registration Deadline

June 21 Fashion Revue items Judged, Extension Office, 4-7 pm

June 22 Fashion Revue Style Show, Outside, TBA

June 26 Food Prep Contest (tentative)

Summer Fair-July 10 - 18

Static Judging July 10 – includes Table Setting Contest.

Dog Show July 10

Swine, Beef, Poultry (anytime July 11 – 16) Horse Show (anytime July 12-18)

July 16 Poultry Show & Dairy Goat Show (tentative)
Shooting Sports Mail-In Tournament scores due to State 4-H: July 15, 2021
Goat Fair – September (enrollment deadline is extended for new participants)

Chrissy Reynolds 541-944-0132

August 30 - Sept 1: State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest

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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.