

Pathways to Possibilities



OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

June 2009

AG IN THE CLASSROOM

You will find daily agricultural facts with student artwork on our website at <http://AITC.oregonstate.edu>.

The following are a few June 2009 Calendar Facts:

- June is National Dairy Month
- Milk is the official state beverage of Oregon.
- Besides cheese and ice cream, milk is used to make glue, paint and plastics.
- It takes 10 lbs. of milk to make 1 lb. of cheese.
- The average U.S. dairy cow produces 6,000 gallons of milk per year.

Annual AITC Calendar Contest Wrap Up!



Arek R. 5th Grade,
Williams Elementary, Williams

This year over 1,595 students from 25 counties entered the *AITC Calendar Contest*. The selection for next year's winners has been made and will be formally announced with the unveiling of the next calendar at the State Fair, August 30. In addition to having their art published, winners of the contest will receive a \$50 savings bond. To order next year's school calendar contact Agriculture in the Classroom at <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu>.



Thank You Literacy Volunteers!

Wow! This year's *AITC Literacy Project* was an amazing success. Over 420 volunteers from Oregon's agricultural community read to 11,364 students from across the state. This is an increase of 56% over last year.

These dedicated book lovers shared their passion for reading and agriculture with Oregon elementary school students. This year's book was *Apples to Oregon*, a fun-filled tall tale about how Oregon's first orchards began and the courageous efforts of Oregon's pioneers. Volunteers followed up their reading by making a "growing" bracelet with students and sharing their own personal stories about agriculture and their lives. AITC received fabulous reviews from teachers and students who truly enjoyed the time the volunteers spent in their classrooms. Said Sonja Hric, a kindergarten teacher from Hillsboro, "The volunteer was awesome with the kids! Fun presentation and book and a neat activity...The presentation defined agriculture to the children. Nice job!"



The AITC Literacy Project is an annual event and will be held again during the spring (March-May) 2010. More information on the project is available on the AITC website <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu> or by calling 541-737-8629.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

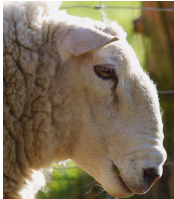
Country of Origin Affidavit Reminder



The official USDA Country of Origin affidavit is available on our web site and is listed under each project where documentation of origin is required (beef, sheep, swine, goat and poultry). The top section should be filled out by the original producer (point of origin). If a member has purchased their animal, they may submit the form with their animal, filling out the top part and retain the completed form from the animal's seller for one year in the event they are asked to document the country of origin.



We are in the process of looking at the Market Animal Health Record to incorporate this data beginning in October of 2009.



~ Vicki Avery



LBCC Livestock Judging Clinic

The Linn Benton Community College livestock judging clinic will be held July 7 and 8 in Albany, OR. This two day immersion into livestock judging is an opportunity for 4-H members to greatly improve their skills. Many of our top placing individuals at the state contest have attended the clinic at least one year. At the 2008 National 4-H Livestock Judging contest, Oregon was the high placing team in the sheep division with one team member tied for champion overall individual. **Cost is \$50.00 per person. Space is limited and registration closes June 26.** Please see the three attachments for registration forms and additional information.

EVALUATIONS

Hey 4-H Horse Leaders and Members!

There is still time to
participate!!!!

Dear 4-H Horse Leaders and Members!

The Oregon 4-H program is conducting a statewide study of 4-H horse leaders and members. Horse leaders and members over age 13 from are encouraged to participate in the study. This is one of the first research projects in the country to look at the impact of participation in horse 4-H on youth. Mary Arnold, 4-H youth development specialist at OSU, is leading the study and she is very excited about the project. The results of this study will be groundbreaking in 4-H! Complete information about the study can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/arnold-horse-study-home-page>

BUT!!! The study can't happen without your help, and time is running out! The survey will be open until June 30th and it is really important that as many people participate as possible. Leaders can get the link to the on-line survey by e-mailing Mary Arnold at the State 4-H Office: mary.arnold@oregonstate.edu or by phone at 541-737-1315. If you need a hard copy of the survey, she will be happy to mail one to you. The parents of 4-H horse members need to sign and return the parental consent form (located on the website) in order for youth to participate

The survey is quite detailed, which will help us gain in-depth understanding of the 4-H horse program. But that also means it will takes some time to complete, so please plan on 30 minutes to complete the survey. Thanks in advance for your participation! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dr. Arnold directly at (541) 737-1315.

Please plan to complete the survey as soon as possible, and THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP!!!!

HORSE

Attention Horse Leaders!



We are strongly encouraging every county to send at least one horse leader/superintendent to the PNW 4-H Horse Judges Training in October. The training includes a track for current judges, one for those who want to be judges, and one for leaders.

The training will be held October 1-4, 2009 at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo in Redmond, Oregon. The first day will be an introduction to the new Ranch Horse project as well as Western Gaming.

For a complete schedule of events plus registration information, please visit the PNW Judges website: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/horse-judges-trainings>

RECOGNITION

National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Results



Congratulations to Traci Sirotiak, from Yamhill County, who placed third in the National 4-H Beekeeping Essay contest. Traci will be awarded a \$250 cash prize, a book on beekeeping, and her essay will be published in the Oregon State Beekeeping Association newsletter.

Hall of Fame Nominations Due!

The Hall of Fame nominations are due **June 30, 2009**. This is your opportunity to nominate a volunteer or former faculty member who has made a significant impact on the Oregon 4-H program, it's members or leaders. Nomination forms are at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-hall-fame-0>

~ Helen Pease

Monthly Meet-Ups

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The next monthly meet up is scheduled for Weds, June 17, 10 to 11am.

Animal Science Exhibitor Agreement

STATE FAIR



The State Fair Animal Science Exhibitor Agreement is posted on the 4-H website under the State Fair page (Animal Science rules) at http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/State_Fair_Animal_Science_Exhibitor_Agreement.pdf. All participants must agree to and have a completed copy on file at the county office to participate at State Fair.

~ Vicki Avery

State Fair Clerking Opportunities



The list has begun for clerks who want to participate in assisting a judge in the 4-H State Fair Exhibit Building for static exhibit judging on Tuesday, August 25 at 9:00 AM. The clerks who volunteered at State Fair last year will be contacted with the information for this year.

Many leaders and teens do not know about this great learning opportunity that happens only one day a year. Some 5,000 exhibits are judged by 80 of the best 4-H judges in the state on that day. By assisting as a clerk, the volunteer leader/teen learns what the judge is looking for and how to improve their work with 4-H members who exhibit at fair. This information helps leaders share the latest information from judges for county fair the next year. This assisting also helps the leader answer questions from the member when the exhibit returns from fair and they wonder why something is judged a certain way.

We take names for judging day until we have one clerk for every judge. We also have volunteers assist with receiving the exhibits from the counties on Monday, August 24 and display set-up on August 26-27. All activities start at 9:00 AM each day.

If you know of interested volunteers who would like to assist, please have them email monaeasley@oregonstate.edu or call Mona Easley at 541-737-1327. Some counties have found it fun to gather a car load or two of leaders and teens and come as a group to work, just to learn the process. Spots are filled on a first come first served basis, so if you want to clerk in a particular area then it is important to email or call early.

If you have questions please contact Mona.



4-H State Fair Handbook Now on the Website



The information in the State Fair Handbook which used to be used only by county offices is now online in two sections on the State 4-H website at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/state-fair-county-general-handbook-2009>

The section above contains most information about participating in a contest at State Fair or how to be prepared with required forms when arriving at fair. The specific information for staff and county offices is located on the "staff use only" section of the site.

If you are a new staff member you may not realize that this handbook includes how to obtain passes for State Fair, ordering plastic photo hangers for art and photography exhibits, directions for arrival for fair contests and just about everything members need to know to attend State Fair. If you don't find the information you need in the handbook, please contact Mona Easley for the Exhibit Building questions; Sara Miller for Exhibit Building contests; Vicki Avery for Animal Science (except horse) and Roberta Lundeberg for horse, at the State Office.

~ Mona Easley