

2008 Linn County 4-H Fair Letter

Here's information for everyone involved in 4-H youth activities at the Linn County Fair. Please carefully review this information and the fair book.

Fair Books Available Now

The fairbook is on line at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/linn> Free fair books may be picked up at the Extension office or the Fair and Expo office. Please help distribute them for the public to pick up around the county.

Fair entries are due Friday, June 6

Fair entry forms are not in the fairbook and must be picked up at the Extension office this year. If someone can't pick them up we will mail them to you.

Records and Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend meetings – and know what's going on with your favorite projects!

Horse project: leaders meet Thursday, June 26th at 7:00pm in the Downing Room. Dates will be set for the July mandatory attendance meeting.

Market Animal project members: You must turn in Feed and Growth and Daily Feed Records when you weigh-in at fair on Tuesday, July 15th. These forms were handed out at weigh-in and are available at the Extension office or online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/>

All other projects: recordbooks requirements are set by each club. Leaders decide what is needed, and look over records with members. Books do not need to be checked by the Extension office.

Auction Buyers BBQ

Each 4-H/FFA member selling a market animal will get a ticket for the Auction BBQ. Buyers who supported the Auction last year will receive free tickets for the BBQ in the mail. Meals will not be sold this year to the public at the BBQ.

Auction Committee Meeting

Final details of the auction will be discussed Monday, June 30th at 7:00pm at the Lebanon High School Land Lab.

Livestock Pen Decorating and Pen Assignments

Livestock Superintendents will post a master list of pen assignments by 4:00pm on Sunday, July 13. Decorating may begin at 5pm on Sunday.

Exhibit Hall Set-Up

Superintendents may set up on Friday, July 11, starting at 4:00pm.

4-H Fair Offices

One clerical assistant will be hired to work in the 4-H office. The position description is in Update and at the Extension office. Applications are due July 5th. The 4-H office at the fairgrounds will be in a recreational vehicle outside the Calapooia arena. The horse show office is inside the arena at the northwest corner.

Fair Passes

Each participating 4-H member will receive a free season admission pass. Each family will receive one free adult season pass and one free season parking pass (regardless of the number of exhibitors per family). Horse exhibitors may pick up passes at the main fairgrounds office starting July 13th. Other 4-H exhibitors pick up passes beginning July 15th. Additional gate entry and parking tickets can be purchased from the main fair office.

Parking

Parking is not allowed in the back of the fairgrounds, including the camping area, **NEW RULE - this will be enforced during Horse Fair**. Exhibitor parking will be across the street in the grass at Timber Linn Park. The fair is providing shuttles, starting at 6:00am. Limited parking will be reserved for Superintendents. Vehicles may unload in the loading zone and then immediately move. Livestock trailers can park in the gravel area to the west of the blue gate. The main parking lot is for paid parking only, not exhibitor parking or camping.

Camping Fees

\$40 fee for motor homes, campers, trailers, tent trailers, and horse trailers with living quarters, \$20 fee for tents. Fee is for the entire week. **Make checks payable to Linn County Fair & Expo Center**. This is

a separate check which must be paid at time of reservation (due with fair entry by June 6).

Fair animal check-in

4-H/FFA exhibitors should enter the south (blue) gate and proceed to the livestock unloading area. After unloading, vehicles with a pass must be moved to the Wind Sox area. 4-H and FFA members having Market Auction animals will have up to 2 hours from time of unloading to complete their weigh-in on July 15th. A vet check will be performed after 9:00pm when all animals are in place. If animals appear to be in poor health the owner will be notified and they must be removed from the Fairgrounds by 8:00am, Wednesday, July 16th.

Educational Displays Part of Herdsmanship

Education is the purpose of 4-H. To help both our families and the public learn, the 4-H Herdsmanship contest includes educational displays. The display should be a poster or small collection of items. It should show an animal related topic, and be easy for anyone passing by to understand. All displays should be on poster board or laminated to hold up for the whole fair. Creating an educational display for the barn is optional but clubs are encouraged to participate.

We look forward to seeing you at fair. If you have questions, give us a call at 541-967-3871. Thanks for being part of 4-H!

Changes to the Fair Schedule

There are some major changes to the Fair schedule for 2008. The closing time of the Fair is 8:00pm Sunday, July 20th. **This means that Small Animals will not be released to leave until 8:00pm and Static Exhibits will not be released until 8:30pm.**

Farm Olympics Return

Farm Olympics will be back this year. This year's contests will include an all species costume contest, cow milking, wheelbarrow race, and a few other contests that are being planned throughout the week. Remember to attend the morning meetings to find out what events are scheduled for each day.

Static Project Interviews

If you plan to bring any of the following projects (Educational Displays, Foods, Clothing, Knitting, Crocheting, Expressive Arts or Photography) to County Fair please be sure to call July 1st or 2nd from 10:00am-2:30pm to schedule an interview time with the judge on Monday, July 14th. **If you do not call in for an interview time your projects will not be judged at county fair.** Because of the reduced staff at the OSU Linn County Extension office we do not have time to call and remind people to set up interviews.

State Fair

August 1st is the deadline for registering for the 2008 Oregon State Fair if you are entering 4-H Projects, this includes livestock, small animals and dogs. There will be NO exceptions to this policy. Exhibits that are delivered to our office, but were not registered by August 1st will be sent home and not taken to State Fair.

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