

Dates to Remember

- Tue, June 2; 6:30 pm Record Book Training
- Thu, Jun 11; 6:30 pm Poultry Project Mtng
- Fri, June 12; 6:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner Bring the Whole Family!
- Sat, Jun 13; 10 am Come Pet a Pet in the Park—Bend
- Mon, Jun 15; 6:30 pm Record Book Training
- Tue, Jun 16; 6 pm Auction Meeting
- Wed-Fri, Jun 17-29 State Shooting Sports Contest, Albany, OR
- Thu, Jun 18; 3-5 pm Fleming Scholarship Interviews by Appt
- Tue, Jun 23; 4-7 pm Record Book Check #1 Redmond ONLY
- Wed-Sat, Jun 24-27 Summer Conference Corvallis, OR
- Fri, Jun 26; 7 pm Family Dance
- Mon, Jun 29; 4—7 pm Record Book Check #2 All Communities
- Tue, June 30; 4-7 pm Record Book Check #3 Redmond/Bend ONLY
- Mon, Jul 6, 6 pm Executive Meeting

Don't Forget These Major Events!

Family Spaghetti Dinner
Ropes Course
Fund Raiser
Friday, June 12, 6 pm

Clover Companion

A Weekly Update for Deschutes County 4-H



May 31—June 6, 2015



No Poultry Allowed at the Deschutes County Fair

I am so sorry to announce that only Pigeons and Doves will be allowed to exhibit at this year's Deschutes County Fair. No poultry market pens, no turkeys, and no chickens.

A strain of HPAI viruses (we call it Avian or Bird Flu) is raising havoc in the poultry industry. Billions of dollars of damage to the poultry businesses across the nation and 2 significant cases in backyard flocks in Oregon—including one in Deschutes County. This particular strain is believed to be commonly carried by wild water fowl and is spread to domestic poultry through direct contact or from indirect contact of other wild birds. While the flu kills domestic poultry, the wild water fowl are just carriers and show no signs of illness. This strain is also not a threat to the public. Because of the high risk to local flocks, the nature of the flu, and the many bodies of water with wild water fowl so close, we determined it to be in the best interest of local flocks to stay home.

Pigeons and Doves will be allowed to come because there is no evidence they are susceptible to this strain and they are not carriers. They are at a very low risk.

We've asked local 4-H volunteers, members and their families to attend a meeting on Jun 11 to discuss possible alternative fair experiences in order to keep these youth engaged and having fun in spite of not being able to take their birds. **June 11, 6:30 pm at the Extension office.**

Practice Bio-Security!



Make Plans to attend the Family Dance Friday, June 26; 7 pm

Family Fun and Spaghetti too!

It doesn't get any better than this!



Menu will include:
Pasta, red sauce, white sauce, meat balls, garlic bread, salad and dessert

Entertainment will include:
Games for the whole family, including 4-H Jeopardy, Bunco, Cards, Music, and who knows what else they will come up with. It should be a fun night!

Join the Youth Executive Team as they work to raise funds to get the ropes course up and going again.



Buy Your Tickets NOW!

Where: North Sister Building on the Fairgrounds
When: Friday, June 12, 6:00—9 pm or so
Why: Fundraising with emphasis on the FUN!
Cost: \$10 per person or \$30 per family

General Schedule:
5-6 pm Light hors d'oeuvres
6-7:30 Dinner
7:30—9:00 Just for Fun!

Come Pet a Pet in the Park

Please join Bend Parks and Rec and I in celebrating 4-H and sharing it with Bend residents. Bring your sheep, goats, dogs, herptiles, rabbits, cavies, etc. (No poultry please).

10 am —12:30 pm

Saturday, June 13

Ponderosa Park in Bend

Please let Candi know if you can come. We really want to put our best foot forward, recruit more youth and get those critters out too.

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Deschutes County Extension

Extension.oregonstate.edu/deschutes

**Questions About Pens in the
Barns and a Reminder
About Last Fall's
Decision**

There was quite a lot of concern at the Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting last week about how clubs would be placed in the barns and how decorations and such would be

arranged. I want to remind everyone about why we're on this path. After fair last year, I requested from Superintendents and let it be known to all, that I wanted clubs moved around in the barn. I didn't want to leave clubs in the same space each year, although this may be easier, specifically when clubs can plan on the same decorations each year. However, we have several established clubs, AND we also have many small new clubs joining us. I want all clubs to feel important and equal in the barn. No club is more important or more elite in our program and all clubs should have the opportunity to be by the door, or next to the show ring, or far from the showing, or on the sunny side, or where all the show ring traffic is, etc. etc. The only way to create some equality and stop any perception of favoritism is to move clubs around in the barn. Perhaps systematically through the barn. Of course clubs will always change in size, and maybe you don't always want to be next to the same clubs either so we shake that up a bit also. Of course large clubs will always have some advantage because they have to be placed first in order to keep the club together—but they also can move around.

When we discussed this last fall we



asked the question, "would you prefer to be all in one line, back to back, or across the aisle from your club members?" We (the group present) determined across the aisle was the best for herds-

manship and decoration purposes.

So now we're here and clubs who have been in one place for a long time are beginning to get concerned about losing "their spot" in the barn. I encourage you to embrace the change, it will be good for relations in the barn, good for the youth to mingle with new youth, and will provide opportunities for your club to mentor new clubs. Yes, I know decorations will be a bit challenging AND I also know it can be done. Superintendents will work to accommodate your needs the best they can—for watering systems and such—but plan your designs so they fit anywhere in the barn to make things easier for superintendents and to mitigate the challenges before fair even starts.

I welcome you sharing concerns we haven't thought of—especially after we try it a year or two, but I believe this to be in the best interest of our program and we will be moving forward to try it....And as always if I'm wrong, I'll admit it and we can go back to the old way, but for now I want to give this at least a two-year effort and see how it goes.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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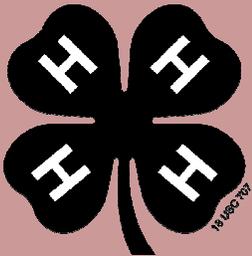
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Fund Raising Opportunities...

- 1. Stall Cleaning for OHSET



After the Morgan Show on 6/21 and 6/22; Beef, Horse, and Swine Barns—strip stalls and push into the aisle way. \$6 per stall

After the OHSET meet on 6/28 and 6/29—strip stalls and push into the aisle way. Beef, Horse, and Swine Barns—strip stalls and push into the aisle way. \$5 per stall

- 2. Clean up after an endurance meet on 6/21 at Wanoga Snow Park—picking up hay and manure left behind, picking up bags and throwing in dumpster, takes most of a day for 6-8 folks. Some fees and some donations, potential of \$400 to \$500.

- 3. Pick up straw and stack after the MBKC Dog show on 6/29. Straw will be in barn, 60 pound bales or so, will need to be taken behind sheep barn, stacked and covered...120 bales; \$200 to move it.

Call Candi to reserve your stalls or commit to another event.

Ropes Course Coming to Life and WE Need Your Help



The youth Executive Team is trying to fundraise to help get the ropes course going again. Their first event is a Family night of Fun and Spaghetti on Friday, June 12.

Can your club put together a silent auction basket—perhaps of things you manufacture? Leather Coasters, a BBQ apron, a quilt, or ? Or maybe a themed basket—things for a dog, things for a horse or going to the movies? We would like to have a silent auction of your baskets at the Spaghetti feed to help fund the ropes course reconditioning. And maybe use one or two as door prizes.

And, we need volunteers to help us set up, cook, and serve....If you can't do a basket, how about joining us to get prepared? And before you ask, of course you can do both!

We have about \$3,000 to raise and we need your help. AND come to dinner, invite friends (you don't want to bid on your own basket) - get your boss to come, people you work with, your neighbors... \$10 per meal or \$30 per family...Spaghetti (white or red sauce), bread, salad, drinks and dessert and we do the dishes—there is no better deal—bring your friends. Tickets are available through the Extension Office or by calling:

541-548-6088

Record Book Training Classes

Are you ready for record book checks? Join us for training...



**Tuesday, June 2nd or
Monday, June 15th
at 6:30pm in the Extension Office**

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