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4-H RURAL EXCHANGE

4-H CHAPERONES

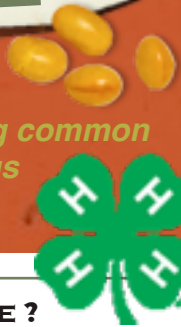


4-H YOUTH

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE

URBAN AND RURAL OREGON TOGETHER

A gathering of urban and rural youth seeking common ground to manage the land around us



SCHEDULE

Day One



Travel Day

Travel to rural site with stops at educational sites along the way.

Day Three and Four



Rural Agriculture

Urban 4-H chaperones

will have the opportunity to live and work alongside a rural host family and participate in chores related to their ranch and/or farm operation. Chaperones will also visit the rural host families of the urban youth to ensure the program is running smoothly.

Day Four

Attend a local School: Rural schools will host urban students at their school. Chaperones will check in at the schools visit classes, meet other teachers and or school administrators, and experience school in a rural setting.

Day Five

Closing Program and return to Portland.

WHAT IS THE 4-H RURAL EXCHANGE?

In cooperation with the Grant County, Klamath County, Willowa County, and Multnomah County, the 4-H Rural Exchange is designed to help students gain an understanding of natural resource management issues from both an urban and rural Oregon perspective. The exchange is also designed to help students develop a camaraderie and spirit of friendship with families from rural Oregon who are involved in natural resource management.



Adult chaperones, screened and trained by OSU 4-H Extension staff, help drive vans to the rural communities and ensure a healthy and safe environment for all participating youth. The 4-H chaperone experience will include a host

family stay; visits around the local area, helping with farm and ranch chores; and a day attending the local rural school.



What to Expect



Participating chaperones will be expected to:

- ◆ be at least 21 years of age
- ◆ agree to complete a 4-H leader application, reference check, background release form and health form
- ◆ complete the online state driving safety course (30-minute online class)
- ◆ live with a rural host family for 3-4 nights -chaperones may be paired with another chaperone
- ◆ learn about the history of the area, rural Oregon lifestyle, and the economic, social and environmental issues in Portland which impact sustainability
- ◆ assist with driving vans to the rural communities
- ◆ conduct host family site visits where urban youth are placed.
- ◆ Participate in 4-H meetings to plan for trip.
- ◆ Be available to resolve problems relating to any youth participant

while in the host county or in transit

- ◆ follow all OSU 4-H Policies and Procedures including: no use of alcohol or tobacco during duty as 4-H Chaperone
- ◆ report any suspected cases of child physical or sexual abuse or instances of sexual harassment and use Universal Health Care Precautions in event of accident or injury
- ◆ attend the student/parent orientation meeting at the conducted by 4-H Extension staff.
- ◆ assure a safe and healthy environment through support and enforcement of all rules.
- ◆ report all injuries, illness, homesickness, misconduct, etc. to appropriate health care provider and to 4-H staff (at the time of the incident) and will help complete an Incident/ Accident Report
- ◆ Set a good example for 4-H'ers at all times.

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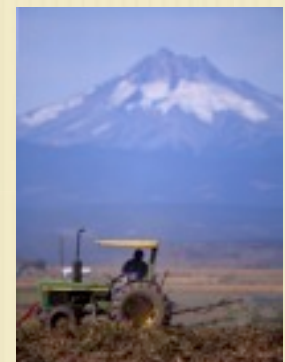
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BECOME A CHAPERONE!

Dates and Locations

DATE	COUNTY	4-H OFFICE
Feb 11-15	Grant County	John Day
March 18-23	Klamath County	Klamath Falls
April 9-13	Wallowa County	Enterprise



“I enjoyed the sense of true meeting and learning, free of dispute and judgment.”

Portland Middle School Student.

How to Apply

This volunteer opportunity is open to teachers, parents and school staff. To apply as a chaperone, submit to the 4-H office

- A 4-H leader application (complete both sides) -
- submit an OSU Background release form

- Submit your application by January 15, 2010

If selected, chaperones must complete a **state online driver safety** course. For more information and applications, visit the website at

www.4hwildlifestewards.org.