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4-H RURAL EXCHANGE

4-H CHAPERONES

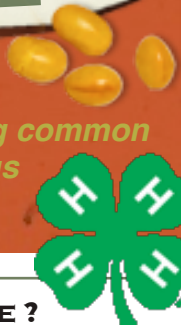


4-H
YOUTH

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

April 12



Travel Day

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

April 13-16



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 and participate in rural community activities.

NOTE: Chaperons do not stay in the same host family as participating youth. Once youth leave with their host family the role of the chaperon is to take this time to learn and become familiar with rural Oregon. Chaperons are also in the community to help resolve any issues or emergencies that may arise with participating youth.



April 17

Closing Program and return to Portland.

WHAT IS THE 4-H RURAL EXCHANGE?

In cooperation with the Grant County, Klamath County, Willowa County, Lake County and Multnomah County, the 4-H Rural Exchange is designed to help participating youth and adult chaperones gain an understanding of natural resource management issues from both an urban and rural Oregon perspective. The exchange is also designed to help youth and adults 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

chaperon experience will include a host family stay; visits around the local area, and helping with farm and ranch chores.



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 5 nights -chaperones may be paired with another chaperon
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Participate in a mandatory 4-H chaperon orientation to plan for trip.
- ◆ Be available to resolve problems relating to any urban 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 Chaperon
- ◆ 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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BECOME A CHAPERON!

Dates and Locations



DATE	COUNTIES	4-H OFFICE
April 7-12	Grant County	John Day
	Lake County	Lakeview
	Klamath County	Klamath Falls
	Wallowa County	Enterprise
	Harney County	Burns



“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 13, 2012

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

www.4hwildlifestewards.org.