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Coös County 4-H Demonstration Day
March 17, 2012 at 9:30AM
White Mountains Community College in
Berlin

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Dear 4-H Club Organizational Leader,

It's Coös County 4-H Demonstration Day time! The big event will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the White Mountains Community College in Berlin. As you probably know, Demonstration Day is designed to provide our 4-H members with an opportunity to share their project work in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. At the same time youngsters gain valuable experience in a public speaking situation. It's a great opportunity to focus on the important life skills of communications and understanding self. Of course, another purpose of the day is to pick those 4-H'ers (age 12 and older) who will represent Coös County at State Activities Day (SAD) on Saturday, June 2.

I am writing to encourage each and every club to strive for 100% participation at County Demonstration Day this year. Sure it's tough to talk some youngsters into giving a demonstration, but it's well worth the effort. I have enclosed a copy of the fact sheet "Getting 4-H'ers Involved in Oral Presentations - A Guide for Leaders." This may prove helpful. You will also find enclosed a copy of "How To Do a 4-H Demonstration" along with samples of the evaluation forms that will be used. These should be shared with members so they can be better prepared. Please be sure to carefully study and follow the instructions on the Poster Contest Rules & Entry Form (multiple copies enclosed) because there are changes.

The "Event Criteria" (yellow) is a summary of the rules which are used at SAD. Coös County Demonstration Day will also follow these guidelines. You will note that the number of exhibits eligible for SAD per county is limited. Please share all of this important information with the leaders who will be helping members prepare for Demonstration Day. Remember that this package is being sent only to Club Organizational Leaders and that it is your responsibility to make sure that the information reaches your members. However, all of these resources and more are available on the Coös County 4-H web site:

<http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Coos/CoosCounty4-H.htm>

Please remember that we will be presenting rosettes to all 4-H members who qualify for State Activities Day and that all other participants will receive a green participation ribbon.

The deadline for County Demonstration Day entries is March 9. Please complete and return the enclosed club registration form (goldenrod). Late registrations will not be accepted. Remember that poster and photography exhibits are due at the Coös Extension 4-H Office on March 9 so that they can be judged in advance. Further, 4-H'ers are limited to a maximum of three poster and three photography entries per member. Please be sure to note the poster themes and the related restrictions for Juniors and Seniors.

Demonstration Day will be held at the **White Mountains Community College in Berlin** and we will **start promptly at 9:30 a.m.** and continue until around lunch time. We hope to be done by lunchtime. You're welcome to bring a bag lunch and visit or simply head out for lunch on your own after the closing ceremony.

Remember that we are looking for adult volunteers as well as responsible youngsters to help out in various capacities. Please make an extra special effort to recruit folks to help serve as judges! I can't think of a better way for folks to learn about and support 4-H. Good candidates can be almost anyone -- a teacher, clergy, neighbor, reporter, legislator or town official, spouse, senior citizen, etc. No special skills are needed because we will be conducting a training session for judges on the morning of the event.

If you have any questions, there is a good chance that the answer is located on the Event Criteria sheet. If not, please feel free to contact me. Hope to see you all at Demonstration Day on March 17.

Sincerely,



Larry Barker
Coös County Extension Educator,
4-H Youth Development



- Enclosures:
- Getting 4-H'ers Involved in Oral Presentations - A Guide for Leaders(brown)
 - How To Do a 4-H Demonstration guide (green)
 - Communications Guide for Leaders (white)
 - Event Criteria & project list (yellow)
 - Sample Evaluation Forms
 - Club Registration Form (goldenrod)
 - 4-H Action Exhibits (pink)
 - Poster Tips (blue)
 - Coös 4-H Poster Contest Rules & Entry Form(white)
 - Official Guide - Use of the 4-H Emblem
 - Photography Entry Form (white)

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