

# FFA, ag youth integral part of the Expo

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Admission will be free for all FFA, 4-H or other ag-related organizations attending the 2015 Willamette Valley Ag Expo on Youth in Agriculture Day, which will be Wednesday, Nov. 18.

But that's not the only involvement FFA will have in this year's Expo.

FFA, specifically the Scio High School FFA Chapter, has been part of the Expo since the annual event began in 2000. Members help with a variety of jobs at the Expo. This year, Allison Studnik and Ashley Griffith have been put in charge of organizing the chapter students' work schedules.

The Scio FFA Officer

team will also put in a lot of hours at the event.

Scio FFA Chapter Adviser Krysta Sprague said part of their duty will be as servers at the Dine Around Oregon event. The Scio FFA officer team consists of Mad-die Thomas, president; Reyna Villanueva, vice president; Naomi Zelenka, secretary; Faith Wilson, treasurer; Jared Driver, reporter; Caeden Spilde, sentinel; and Megan Griffith, historian.

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"Scio FFA has become an essential part of the Expo production," said Jill Ingalls, the Willamette Valley Ag Association's manager. "The school dedicates many hours of student time to working at the Expo. This teaches the students about all kinds of jobs and responsi-

bility and encourages leadership."

Sprague agreed.

"This is an excellent op-

portunity for Scio FFA members to interact with the community and meet business and industry personnel from around the Willamette Valley," the second-year adviser said.

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She said WVAE tries to incorporate 4-H or Oregon High School Equestrian Team members to help with Expo guest packet assembly.

There are also a few perks for the students, Sprague

said. Specifically, Youth Agriculture Day.

"They have the opportunity to attend the WVAE on FFA Day, Wednesday, Nov. 18," she said. "They attend the Expo, answer questions on a scavenger hunt and learn about agriculture in the Willamette Valley."



An FFA student directs visitors to last year's Dine Around Oregon event at the Willamette Valley Ag Expo.

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