

North Fork Community Club - Breakfast Fundraiser for the Canyon Creek Fire Relief Fund



COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEARNING



Izee Livestock Club - Izee Cemetery Cleanup



Strawberry Riders and Etc. - Providing and Planting Flowers at the Fairgrounds

Want to make a difference in your community? Through its pledge of “hands to larger service,” 4-H has historically given back to the community by encouraging young people and adults to volunteer. In 4-H, service is commonly defined as the voluntary action of an individual or a group of individuals without pay. Service to the community –through food drives, raking the yard of an elderly neighbor, adopt-a-highway programs, teens teaching younger youth, teens mentoring children, or youth determining community needs and helping solve community problems –helps young people learn caring, leadership and citizenship.

Why is it important for all of us to be involved in service? Our U.S. society is based on the idea that we are all responsible for the well-being of our community, country and world. Even before the founding of our country, the willingness to serve was evident in the hearts of many.

What youth gain from community service learning? By giving back to their communities, young people can:

Learn the value of helping others.

Develop leadership, communication, organizational skills and a sense of empowerment.

Learn how important the connection is between subject matter and life in the community.

Learn how to cooperate with one another and work as a team with diverse groups of people including adults, peers and others with different backgrounds and experiences.

Succeed in an area different from academics, athletics or popularity.

Build self-esteem from the positive results of their service.

Develop problem-solving and decision-making skills by applying their knowledge to real-world situations.

Develop a sense of being responsible for their community and a sense that citizenship requires them to actively participate in their community.

Receive recognition for their efforts and possibly college scholarships.

Experience the world of work.



To Join 4-H, or to become an adult volunteer, contact the OSU Extension Service - Grant County office at (541)575-1911, 530 E. Main Street, Ste. 10, John Day, OR 97845 or shanna.northway@oregonstate.edu

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