



4-H participant shears his lamb

4-H leaders are awesome

The 4-H program relies on volunteer adult leaders to organize and lead groups of 4-H members. Research shows that youth who have a non-parental adult as a friend, teacher, and mentor do better than youth without such an adult presence. As a 4-H leader and educator, you are in a position of great influence. You can channel members' curiosity, inspire new interests, and continually offer new opportunities for them to grow and develop into happy and productive adults. You can be the key to a young person's success.

A recent study showed that most 4-H leaders volunteer because they are interested in making a difference in the lives of young people. While some 4-H leaders have expertise in a particular content area, such as

animal science, it is not a requirement. The 4-H program is always looking for quality, committed adult volunteers. If you are interested in exploring becoming a 4-H volunteer, please call or visit the Extension office.

Studies show that each 4-H volunteer gives an average of 200 hours of time annually to the 4-H Youth Development program. Looking at Oregon's 6,000 volunteers, that means 1,200,000 hours are given annually to help youth develop skills for a lifetime. Nationally, the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time is about \$20 per hour. "Not only are 4-H volunteer leaders awesome, but the value of their time to Oregon 4-H is more than \$20 million annually," said a 4-H spokesperson.



Juggler entertains at Murray's 2009 Wine Tasting

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