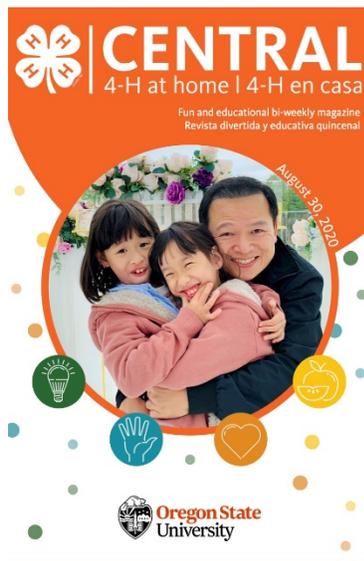




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## 4-H Online Learning Opportunities

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The need for an at-home educational program began after the COVID-19 statewide quarantine. Since then, Marion County 4-H's response has been to continue finding different avenues to provide our community with youth development opportunities. Among these opportunities has been the implementation of distance-learning programs such as 4-H & U and 4-H Central.

As of August 2021, the online extracurricular short-term educational program known as 4-H & U has had just over 380 registrations from all around the state of Oregon. The program has hosted more than 40 different classes for all grade levels on widely-varying subjects ranging from baking, language development, robotics, gaming, mathematics, and more.

The program has also successfully created a variety of partnerships with organizations and programs. 4-H & U has been used as a platform for other OSU programs like College Talk Tuesdays, Junior Master Gardeners, Babysitting Classes, and the Allied Guilds. Currently, 4-H & U's partnership with the Oregon State University's College of Education has served to provide aspiring educators a chance to develop their pedagogical and classroom-management skills. Along with collaboration with the Salem/Kaiser School District's CTEC and Hallman Elementary School, 4-H & U is constantly seeking ways to reach a wider audience of students interested in exploring various topics while enjoying the benefits of a small teacher-to-student ratio.

For those with limited schedule availability, the Marion County OSU Extension team has also published over 40 editions of our at-home bilingual 4-H activities/recipe book. This monthly magazine provides families with interesting and affordable activities modelled after the four clovers of 4-H (head, heart, hand, and health). This magazine provides 4-H activity announcements, Food Hero recipes, and state-wide announcements. The 4-H Central team is proud to continue this tradition as a resource to our families during COVID-era restrictions and into the future.

In this same spirit, 4-H will continue to design and implement new programs for the betterment of the Marion County community. For now, the 4-H Central magazine can be accessed on the Marion County 4-H website and families can sign up for 4-H & U in the following link: <https://beav.es/4dc>.

**Additional 4-H Resources:**

Tucker the Dog Introduces 4-H & U: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZEfDBpEdK0>

Marion County 4-H Grows Here: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/marion>