

4-H FOCUS

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April 11: Demonstration Day (State Qualifier #1) for Public Presentations and Demonstrations

The Klickitat County Demonstration Day will be Saturday, April 11 from 9am to noon. The event will be held in the 4-H room at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds.

This will be one of two state fair qualifying events for demonstrations and public presentations. August 11 will be the second qualifier. 4-H members will want to plan now to prepare their demonstration or public presentation for these events.

Questions? Contact Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 or Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Resources for members and leaders:

C0430E - Judging Public Presentations

http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/c0430E/c0430E.pdf

C0431E - 4-H Public Speaking Scorecard

http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/C0431E/C0431E.pdf

EM4787E - How to Do a 4-H Public Presentation, Member Manual

http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/em4787e/em4787e.pdf

EM4788E - Public Presentations, Demonstrations, and Illustrated Talks, Leader Guide

http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/em4788E/em4788E.pdf

EM4903E - Public Speaking, 4-H Member Manual

http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/em4903e/em4903e.pdf

High School Juniors & Seniors! New Scholarship! Avista 4-H Scholars Award

For the last two years, Avista Corporation has piloted a 4-H leadership/scholarship award (\$500) in conjunction with the Palouse Empire Fair (two years) and the Asotin County Fair last year. They were very pleased with the results and want to expand the project to 12 fairs this year.

The program is called the Avista 4-H Scholars and they will be awarding \$500 scholarships for each fair in their Avista service area. Klickitat County was added this year! Avista is providing this support to create awareness of the leadership potential in our 4-H youth. **The application deadline date is May 1.**

Eligibility: To be considered for this \$500 scholarship, you must be currently enrolled in 4-H and you must plan to attend a two or four-year college. Juniors may choose to use up to \$250 of the scholarship to attend 4-H Teen Conference.

Basis for selection will be:

- 1. Application appearance and completeness.
- 2. Citizenship and community involvement.
- 3. Leadership and participation in 4-H projects.
- 4. Essay How has 4-H prepared you for a successful future?

Applicants must submit application, resume, essay, letter of recommendation, certification form and photo to <u>4-hfound@wsu.edu</u> by <u>May 1</u>. Go online to <u>http://ext100.wsu.edu/klickitat/4h/</u> under "Scholarships" to find the link to the Avista 4-H Scholars application packet.

Horse / Dairy Cow / Dairy Goat 4-H Members - A Reminder

Certificates for horse, dairy cow and dairy goat projects are due to the Extension office by May 1.

Certificates are available at the Extension Office or online at http://ext100.wsu.edu/klickitat/4-h-recordkeeping/.

Cancelled: April 12 4-H Horse Clinic

The planned horse clinic on April 12 has been cancelled. Please contact Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 if you have any questions.

Goldendale Grange Mini-Fair

Calling all entries! Spring is here! The annual Grange Mini-Fair is coming! Arts and crafts, paintings and drawings, photography, sewing, needlework, quilting, baking and canning entries – there are many classes in which items can be entered. All Klickitat County residents over 5 yrs old can enter.

Entries may be brought to the Goldendale Grange Tuesday, April 14 from 1pm to 7pm. Judging will take place on Wednesday, April 15, at 10 a.m. Contest rules will be available at the grange hall, Big River Art Gallery, Pat's Place, and the school art department. For more information, contact Lucille Bevis at 773-9122.

Young Riders 4-H Club Fundraiser Trail Ride

Young Riders 4-H Club will hold their annual trail ride fundraiser on Saturday May 9, 2015 in Glenwood, WA. Cost is \$5 per person. The event begins at 8:30am from the Glenwood Rodeo Grounds and last riders will go out at 10am. Riders 18 & under must wear helmets. Hamburgers, chips & soda available for \$5. Enjoy a beautiful ride and help support local 4-H youth! For more information, call Andria at 541-490-8091 or Sonya at 509-774-8112.

Swine Pre-show / Weigh-in: May 11, 4pm to 8pm, Fairgrounds

Just a reminder: there is a 45 pound minimum weight requirement for swine at pre-show/weigh-in. The Klickitat County Fair Board approved this change beginning with the 2013 Klickitat County Fair. Although 45 lbs is the minimum weight for pre-show, it is recommended that at least 50 to 55 lbs would be a more ideal beginning weight for swine. Call the Extension office you have any questions.

On May 11, be sure to have your completed "2015 Official Market Livestock Pre-Show Entry Form" correctly filled out for each animal being weighed. The form also has the minimum and maximum weights information for the large animal species. The form is available at the Extension office as well as online at http://ext100.wsu.edu/klickitat/4-h-recordkeeping/.

Pre-Show and Fair Minimum/Maximum Weights for 2015

Listed below are the final minimum and maximum weights (if any) for market livestock animals at preshow/weigh-in and at the county fair for 2015.

| Type of livestock | Pre-show / weigh-in weights | | County Fair weights | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| market animal | Minimum | Maximum | Minimum | Maximum |
| Beef | None | None | 1100 lbs | none |
| Swine | 45 lbs | 105 lbs | 240 lbs | 300 lbs |
| Sheep | 50 lbs | 100 lbs | 115 lbs | 150 lbs |
| Goats | 30 lbs | 60 lbs | 65 lbs | 105 lbs |

Note: While there is not a minimum or maximum weight at beef pre-show, Beef Superintendent Keith Kreps recommends that youth should work toward their steers weighing between 800 to 950 lbs. at pre-show. For market rabbits and poultry, see the 2015 Klickitat County Fair premium book.

4-H Invitational Rabbit & Cavy Show

The Klickitat County 4-H Invitational Rabbit & Cavy Show takes place Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale, WA. The showroom opens at 8am; classes start at 9am. Cost per class is \$3 for entries postmarked by May 6. Late entries postmarked after May 6 or on the day of show will be \$10 per class. Phone or email entries are accepted: email julie@julieavance.com. Questions: contact Cathy Johnson at 206-261-7055. Show booklet and entry forms can be found online at http://ext100.wsu.edu/klickitat under "Upcoming Events" or come by the WSU Extension office.

Columbia Basin Goat Guild - 2015 Goat Academy

The 2015 Goat Academy takes place Saturday, May 16 at Half Creek Farm, 210 Pine Forest Rd in Goldendale, WA. Check out the event offerings on their website: http://www.columbiabasingoatguild.org. Cost is \$35 for the day; families are \$50 for the day. For more information, email: HalfCreekFarm@gmail.com.

gnite "Ignite Your Future" – 4-H Teen Conference

The 2015 4-H Teen Conference takes place June 28-30, 2015. Information is available on the website http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/teenconf - check out the conference handbook for what you need to know. The workshops for this year are AMAZING – the list of descriptions were just posted – you will want to attend! Here are the registration details:

Registration Deadlines/Cost:

May 1st: Teen Conference Registration opens (\$50 non-refundable fee due at registration)

May 1st-15th: Registration \$180, if payment is made in full & postmarked by May 15th

May 16th-June 1st: Registration \$200

June 1st: Registration closes

After June 1st: A \$25 late fee will be assessed on all unpaid balances

Financial Assistance:

May 1: Scholarship Applications due May 1

Teen Conference Registration opens, \$50 nonrefundable fee due at registration

May 5: Scholarship awardees will be notified by email and/or phone

May 8: Awardees will be invoiced for balance of Teen Conference and have time to register for the early bird fee.

The Teen Conference webpage will be updated weekly!! Keep checking back!

Klickitat County 4-H Classic Buckle Series (Proceeds to go to the Klickitat County 4-H Horse Program)

Simcoe Mt. Classic May 24, 2015 149 Willis Road Goldendale, WA Judge: Emily Gehrig Columbia River Classic June 7, 2015 50 Snowden Road White Salmon, WA Judge: Vi Strode Mt. Adams Classic August 2, 2015 50 Snowden Road White Salmon, WA Judge: Cindy Mello

- Best 2 out of 3 scores in each Showmanship, Equitation, and Trail counts for buckle.
- Gaming does not count towards buckle.
- Entry Fee: Performance Schooling Show \$20, Gaming \$10, or \$25 for all day
- All shows have check-in time of 8:00 AM and will start promptly at 9:00 AM
- ENTRY FORM available on WSU Klickitat County Extension website: http://klickitat.wsu.edu
- Concessions will be available.
- Questions? Contact Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 or Martha Parsons at 509-637-4016

Mid-Columbia Junior Livestock Show and Sale June 5-7, 2015

The Mid-Columbia Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be June 5-7, 2015 at the Wasco County Fairgrounds in Tygh Valley, OR. Events include conformation and showmanship for beef, sheep and swine, a market animal sale and a livestock judging contest. This is a great opportunity to practice showmanship and livestock judging. Activities also include an All-Around Champion Showman contest, Herdsmanship awards, picnic and fun night. Complete rules and registration forms are available in the Extension office or online at http://mclivestock.com/. Entry fee is \$25 per animal. Entries must be postmarked by May 26 to avoid late fee of \$20. For more information, contact Helen Rolfe at 509-773-8011 or rolfehelen@yahoo.com.

NW Junior Sheep Exposition – July 17-18, 2015



The 2014 Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition (NWJSE) sponsored by Washington State University Extension and Department of Animal Sciences will be held July 17-18 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Washington. The Junior Sheep Expo offers an excellent opportunity for young people from throughout the Pacific Northwest to showcase their sheep projects in a competitive, fun, and educational environment.

Youth have the opportunity to obtain growth and carcass (ultrasonically) results from lambs they exhibit. Participants will learn to select fast gaining lambs that are heavily muscled and properly finished. Participation in this event will lead to a better understanding of the economics related to producing market lambs. The show also provides participants the opportunity to exhibit their skills in showmanship, trimming sheep, judging sheep and wool, and teaching spectators about the sheep industry or sheep husbandry through educational displays. Participation in the NWJSE is a quality educational experience because exhibitors learn about desirable market traits of meat and wool.

Exhibitors desiring to enter market lambs in the 2015 NWJSE should complete and return an entry form by May 1. The entry deadline for prospect lambs, breeding sheep, educational exhibits, and other contests is June 15. Premium booklets are sent to northwest Extension offices, FFA Advisors, and previous exhibitors in late February. Premium books and entry forms are also available at http://animalag.wsu.edu under "Upcoming Events." Additional copies are also available by contacting Sarah Smith at 509-754-2011, Ext. 4313 or by email at smithsm@wsu.edu.



National 4-H Curriculum Pre-Press Sale

During the month of April, National 4-H is offering 25% off all curriculum and kits. Order now for fall supplies. Additionally, the Horse curriculum series (Item #01523S) has recently been updated; with the order of this set, customers will receive a free set of any of the following curriculum: Beef, Dairy, Goat, Dog, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, or Veterinary Science.

Visit 4-H Mall Site to place orders and send an email to 4HStuff@4-H.org with your preferred free set choice and your order confirmation number. You will receive one free set per each Horse set purchased. Limited to five free sets per customer. While supplies last.



4-H Horse-O-Polis Summer Horse Event, July 13-15

The 2015 Klickitat County 4-H Horse-O-Polis is coming! Horse-O-Polis is open to all youth (with their horse) who are in grades 3 through 12 (school year just completed).

The purpose of Horse-O-Polis is to prepare youth for showing in their county and state 4-H fairs or just improve their horsemanship skills Riders will have showmanship and three riding classes each day for \$150. Registrations postmarked by June 23 will also receive a 2015 4-H Horse-O-Polis T-shirt. Check-in is Sunday evening, July 12, from 5pm to 7pm; dinner will be served at 6pm.

Shavings are NOT included – you must provide your own.

PLEASE NOTE---The hours of 4-H supervision will be 7am to 9pm each day--all riders must have a designated on-site responsible adult overseeing them during the day and especially at night. Further information can be found in the registration materials. Registration forms will be available to download at www.klickitat.wsu.edu under "Upcoming Events".

If you have questions, contact Martha Parsons at 509-365-4267 or 509-637-4016, or Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560.

Partial scholarships for Klickitat County 4-H members may be available by request from Klickitat County 4-H Leaders' Council. All written request must be received no later than June 23, 2015 to be reviewed for consideration. Contact the Extension office at 509-773-5817 for specific information. 4-H Record Book Scholarships (from October 2014 4-H Achievement Day) may also be used towards the cost of registration.

A Reminder about 4-H Volunteer Leader Requirements for Klickitat County

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H! They make all the difference in the world. Whether you want to be a club leader or work with youth on a short-term project, there's a role for you in 4-H.

The goal of 4-H is to help youth develop as individuals and as responsible, productive citizens in their communities. Adult volunteers who spend time with 4-H youth are key in this process. They form the foundation on which productive citizens are made.

How to become a 4-H volunteer:

- 1. Klickitat County WSU Extension requires all individuals to complete a Volunteer Application.
- 2. Be screened and interviewed through the Extension Office before becoming a 4-H volunteer (leader). A part of the screening process is a criminal history check by the Washington State Patrol prior to becoming a volunteer leader.
- 3. All 4-H volunteers are required to read and sign a 4-H Volunteer Agreement form that outlines a code of conduct.
- 4. New leaders and volunteers must also participate in at least 2 hours of training provided by their local Extension Office.
- 5. Fill out an enrollment form for the current 4-H year and pay the annual insurance fee of \$1 or \$2 (horse project).
- The Klickitat County 4-H Program requires volunteers to receive six hours of additional training each year. Volunteers submit volunteer hours and training hours throughout the 4-H year. Training options are shared at New Leader Training and through the Focus newsletter. See article on page 6 about volunteer hour reporting.

As part of new volunteer training:

- Individuals learn how to recognize and properly respond to suspected <u>CHILD ABUSE</u> and neglect.
- The training will also help to clarify what WSU 4-H expects of its volunteers and the many <u>RESOURCES</u> available to volunteers through their local Extension Office and the State 4-H Office.
- The ultimate goal is to provide a safe environment for all children through **RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING.**
- Provide a positive learning experience for both 4-H members by learning about the <u>AGES</u> <u>AND STAGES OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.</u>
- Understanding "WHAT IS 4-H".
- The use of 4-H NAME AND EMBLEM.
- How to handle **CLUB FINANCES**.

Following these requirements protects youth by providing them a safe environment and protecting leaders through WSU liability insurance.

All direct volunteers must have a background check!

A direct volunteer is anyone that has contact with youth.

* Main Club leaders are responsible for informing new club volunteers about requirements for volunteering.

An **indirect** volunteer might be a person that is on a board, resource person, committee or doing a one hour program with supervision from another screened volunteer. It is prudent to do a background check on indirect volunteers if there will be an occasion for them to be alone with children at any time.

Please contact Lisa Harness, 4-H Program Manager, at 509-773-5817 if you have questions about these 4-H volunteer requirements or would like to become a volunteer in our 4-H Program.

2015 Klickitat County Fair Theme: Wild Flowers & Wagon Wheels

WA State 4-H Volunteer Hours Reporting

A review of information and training about the WSU Volunteer Hours Reporting database will be presented at the April Leaders' Council meeting. Because enrolled 4-H volunteers are eligible for L&I coverage, Washington State Department of Labor & Industries now requires WSU to ensure that volunteers are indeed working on behalf of the University. A 4-H Volunteer Hours Reporting System information page has been set up at: http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/reporthours.html.

Reporting your volunteer hours will make you eligible for L & I coverage for any potential injuries you might sustain in your role as a 4-H volunteer. Additionally, the total number of reported hours for each county will be made available to State and local 4-H programs to use in grant applications and information to legislators about the value of 4-H volunteer commitment.

The Volunteer Hours Reporting System is an on-line database and the preferred method for 4-H volunteers to record their 4-H volunteer hours. However, we understand that many people in Klickitat County do not have access to high-speed internet service, so alternative reporting options are available including a paper-based worksheet. This worksheet can be filled out and turned into your county Extension office. Volunteers can enter their data on-line at the Extension office as well.

If you are an enrolled Klickitat County 4-H volunteer and have not received an Hours Reporting user name and password, contact Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817. This reporting system for volunteer hours went into effect on October 1, 2009. Thank for your participation and understanding!

Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

APRIL 2015

- 11 Demonstration Day State Qualifying Event #1, 9am to noon, 4-H Room, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 12 4-H Horse Clinic, CANCELLED
- 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 16 Klickitat County 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm at Lyle Activity Center in Lyle, WA
- 21 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County (KC) Fairgrounds
- 25-26 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training, Coeur d'Alene, ID (see news article in this issue)
- 4-H Leaders' Council training at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7 pm, 4-H room, KC Fairgrounds

MAY 2015

- 1 DEADLINE: Horse / Dairy Cattle / Dairy Goat certificates DUE to Extension office by 5pm
- 11 Swine Pre-Show/Weigh-in, 4pm to 8pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 4-H Invitational Rabbit & Cavy Show, opens 8am, 9am start, Poultry Bldg, KC Fairgrounds
- 4-H Leaders' Council training at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7 pm, 4-H room, KC Fairgrounds

 ****Council meeting is held one week earlier in May due to the holiday****
- 19 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 21 Klickitat County 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm at Lyle Activity Center in Lyle, WA
- 4-H Classic Buckle Series Show #1, Simcoe Mt. Classic, 149 Willis Rd, Goldendale, WA, 9am-4pm
- 25 Memorial Day Holiday County offices closed

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

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