

4-H FOCUS

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THE 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER

2013 Fair Premium books are available at the Extension office!

Upcoming Summer 4-H Educational Clinics

Want to sample a new project? Here's your chance to learn about something new or get some help with your current project! **Pre-registration is required – call the Extension office at 509-773-5817** or Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 for more information.

July 18 Canning Fruit – Food Preservation – 9am to noon, Goldendale Grange Hall

Date TBA Cake & Cupcake Decorating – date to be announced

Foods Activity Day (State Qualifying Event)

The annual Foods Activity Day will be **Thursday**, **July 25** at the Goldendale High School Home Ec room. Registration will begin at 8:00am, member demonstrations/presentations at 8:30am and classes/activities will begin by 9am. This is a state qualifying event for 4-H members enrolled in a Foods project. **Participants must preregister by July 18 for this event.**

If you are interested in helping with this event or have 4-H members who wish to participate, please contact the Extension office at 509-773-5817. Registration information will be posted on our website, www.klickitat.wsu.edu under "Upcoming Events" when it becomes available.

County level activities for primary, junior and first-year members include Packed Lunch, My Favorite Food and Table Setting. State level activities will include Table Setting, Lunch on the Go, Quick to Fix Meals, Favorite Foods, Foods of the PNW/Native Foods, Food for All Occasions, Bread Baking and Food Preservation.

Clothing Activity Day (State Qualifying Event)

The annual Clothing Activity Day is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **July 31** at the Glenwood School. Activities are suitable for both boys and girls. Registration begins at 9am. We will have a potluck lunch so plan to bring something. The public is invited to attend the Fashion Revue in the late afternoon.

This year's contests include: Fashion Revue, Clothing Construction, Creative Consumer of Fashion, Recycle Garment, Non Wearable and My Favorite Outfit. Recycle contest: Put together an outfit for under \$15. This year's themes for My Favorite Outfit: "My Favorite Western Outfit", "My Favorite Dress-Up Outfit" and "My Favorite Sports Outfit."

Juniors can qualify for the State 4-H Fair in Clothing Construction and Fashion Revue. Intermediates and Seniors can qualify for the State 4-H Fair in Clothing Construction, Fashion Revue and Creative Consumers of Fashion. Registration information will be posted on our website, www.klickitat.wsu.edu under "Upcoming Events" when it becomes available.

State Qualifying Events for 4-H Horse Project

The 4-H Western Games/Dressage/Jumping State Qualifier is scheduled for **Sunday**, **July 28** at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale. There will be two sessions: a morning qualifying event beginning at 8am and a second qualifying event in the afternoon. The afternoon time is to be determined. **Pre-registration by Wednesday**, **July 24** is **required**. Further information will be posted as soon as available on our website, www.klickitat.wsu.edu under "Upcoming Events" or call the Extension office at 509-773-5817 to register.

The 2013 State 4-H Fair Premium Book is now available on the State 4-H Fair website:

http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm

Nominations for 2013 4-H Leader of the Year for Klickitat County

Nominations are due to the Extension office for our **Leader of the Year** by August 13. There are many deserving leaders out there! Please help your Leaders' Council show appreciation to that special person you know for his/her dedicated work with our 4-Hers. Voting will take place during the Klickitat County Fair. Our 2013 Klickitat County Leader of the Year will be recognized during the 4-H State Leaders' Forum in October.

4-H Horse Leaders Meeting on Thursday, July 18

The next 4-H Horse Leader meeting will be Thursday, July 18 at 6:30pm in Lyle at the Lyle Activity Center (on 3rd street and Hwy 14). Carpooling may be available from Goldendale. Contact Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 or Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817 for further details.

Interested 4-H leaders, parents and 4-H horse members who would like to be a part of planning events and education for our county horse program will want to attend these meetings. This is a good way to stay up-to-date on current 4-H Horse project information, too. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.

State 4-H Award Nominations

The deadline for submitting nominations for State 4-H Awards is **August 1**. The awards include Friend of Washington, Alumni of the Year, Heather Rider Leadership Award for Young Adult, the Volunteers' Staff Award and the Volunteer Excellence Awards. Winners of the Volunteer Excellence Awards (lifetime achievement and less than 10 Years) will be sent on for National Competition. Award winners will be recognized at the annual State 4-H Leaders' Forum in October 2012. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the Forum website at: http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/awards.htm.

Required Records for Market Livestock Projects

Market Livestock project records are due on August 13, the same day as record books and educational posters. These project records are required for all youth exhibitors participating in the Market Stock sale. The forms include the animal science project pages, livestock weight record, stall card information and the Quality Assurance form for the particular species (beef, swine, lamb or goat).

All market records are reviewed on August 13 for completeness. The Quality Assurance form is the most commonly overlooked form that needs to be completed accurately. Vaccines, medicated feeds, withdrawal times and dates all need to be noted. The Quality Assurance form is a key part of documenting treatment and health care that the project animal received while under the management of the youth producer. Even if you gave no medications, include this form with your records and indicate on the form that none were given. Do not leave it blank.

Keeping records is just one of many life skills that youth learn through project work in 4-H. Whether they are working with an animal project or gardening, sewing, creative arts or photography (just to name a few), keeping accurate records is important to get a clear picture of what was done, what income or expenses there were and what new skills and knowledge were acquired. For youth raising market animals, the importance of good recordkeeping is absolutely necessary to help ensure a safe and wholesome food supply.

Forms are available at the Extension office or on the 4-H page at http://www.klickitat.wsu.edu/4h.html .

July 29, 2013 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting

The next Klickitat County 4-H Leaders' Council meeting will be Monday, July 29, 2013 in the 4-H room at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale. The volunteer leader training session will begin at 6:30 pm. The council meeting will begin at 7pm.

The 30 minute training session prior to each meeting is a great opportunity for enrolled 4-H leaders to obtain the six (6) hours of leader education required for every leader each 4-H year.

Remember, leaders, parents and youth who attend these meetings help determine the direction of our county program. These meetings are where the "business" of our county 4-H program is conducted. Please attend as many meetings as you can. 4-H clubs are encouraged to have a club representative regularly attend meetings.

Information for Focus Newsletter

News articles or other information for the 4-H Focus should be sent to the Extension office by the 20th of each month. Please send the information by mail to 228 West Main St., MS-CH-12, Goldendale, WA 98620, by fax: 509-773-5707 or e-mail klickitat4h@wsu.edu.

The events listed below will take place on Tuesday, August 13 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds. This is a deadline date for turning in 4-H Record Books, market livestock records and 4-H Educational Displays/Posters. The 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting will take place at noon. This is also 4-H Demonstration Day and Fairgrounds Clean-up Day. Please read below for more details about these events.

4-H Leaders' Council Meeting

The August 4-H Leaders' Council meeting will take place at noon on August 13 at the 4-H Room/Exhibit Hall. This will be an abbreviated session to cover any updated information for fair and other announcements.

Klickitat County 4-H Demonstration Day

Join us on August 13 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds for the annual county Demonstration Day. This is the same day that record books and educational posters are due so 4-H members can take care of turning in their exhibits and do a demonstration in the same day. This will be a state qualifying event. Activities will begin after the Leaders' Council meeting at noon.

4-H Record Books, Market Records and Educational Displays/Posters Due August 13

4-H Record Books, Market records and Educational Posters are due between noon and 7pm – 4-H Room.

Fairgrounds Clean-up Day

Clean-up Day at the fairgrounds is when 4-H clubs and members can show their community pride by helping put the finishing touches on preparing our Klickitat County fairgrounds for its 2013 season. Here are just a few of the tasks that need to be completed:

Flowers need to be planted on the grounds. In the past, we have had some donated plants but more are needed, if clubs would like to bring some. Flowers should be suitable for our hot weather. Suggested tools needed: trowels, shovels, watering cans, water hoses, kneeling pad, gloves, a small rake.

Pick up rocks in the horse warm-up arena. Suggested tools needed: sturdy, closed shoes (not sandals or flip-flops), bucket, gloves. Use a small bucket to collect rocks and put in designated area. This is an ongoing task for this area.

Come to the 4-H Room/Exhibit Hall between noon and 7pm to check-in and get started. Tasks can be started after the Leaders' Council meeting has concluded. Call Lisa Harness at the Extension office for more details.

4-H STATE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

The deadline for submitting recommendations to the Washington State 4-H Council is **September 1, 2013**. Recommendation forms (C0985) may be obtained from your County Extension Office or online at http://4h.wsu.edu/EM2778CD/pdf/c0985.pdf . Recommendations are an important way for 4-H volunteers to suggest changes and improvements to the 4-H program and should go through a process at the local county level to refine and approve them before being signed by County Council Presidents and 4-H staff.

This year's State 4-H Council Meeting will be held October 27 at the Hilton Hotel and Convention Center at Vancouver, WA, as part of the State 4-H Forum, October 25-27, 2013. Registration information is available at http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/index.htm.

The Council meeting is a chance for 4-H youth and volunteers to discuss issues critical to 4-H, suggest changes in the Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program and elect representatives to the State Advisory Board and State 4-H Fair Board. All youth and adults may participate in the committee meetings. Registration material for the Council meeting will be included with the State 4-H Forum registration. A complete agenda and copies of submitted recommendations and applications will be sent to county offices prior to the Council meeting.

The State 4-H Council Meeting is made up of 3 parts: district caucuses, committee meetings, and a general council session. During the district caucuses, representatives are elected to the State Advisory Board and State 4-H Fair Board of Trustees. County-designated voting delegates will only elect representatives from their own district. This is also an opportunity to discuss and plan district programming for the future.

The committee meetings are a chance to discuss recommendations from the counties for improvements to the 4-H program. If a committee doesn't have many recommendations or finishes early, it is a great chance to discuss project issues and plan for the upcoming 4-H year.

At the general session, each of the committee actions on recommendations are accepted or rejected. The accepted recommendations then go on to the State 4-H Fair Board, State Advisory Board, statewide committees, or State 4-H Staff for approval. The State 4-H Program Director has final approval of all recommendations. In general, approved recommendations will be implemented October 1 of the following 4-H year.

WA STATE 4-H VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTING

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 or are interested in an alternative reporting option, contact Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817. Thank for your participation and understanding!

Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

| <u>July 2013</u> | |
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| 8-10 | 4-H Horse-O-Polis (Summer Horse Camp), Klickitat Co. Fairgrounds, www.klickitat.wsu.edu |
| 8 | 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall |
| 16 | Fair Board meeting, 7pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds |
| 17 | Camping Reservations due (see Premium Book – page 47) |
| 18 | 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting, 6:30pm, Lyle |
| 25 | 4-H Foods Day (State Qualifying Event), location TBA |
| 28 | Western Games/Dressage/Jumping/Driving (State Qualifying Event), Klickitat Co. Fairgrounds |
| 29 | 4-H Leaders' Council: training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H room, Klickitat Co. Fairgrounds |
| 30 | Horse and livestock fair entries due - mail to Fair Board office. |
| 31 | 4-H Clothing Day (State Qualifying Event), Glenwood School |

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| 13 | Demonstration Day, Klickitat County Fairgrounds |
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| 13 | Record books, posters and market livestock project records due, noon-7pm, 4-H room, fairgrounds |
| 13 | Leaders' Council meeting at noon; fairgrounds clean-up |
| 20 | Still life entries due, noon to 8pm, 4-H room, fairgrounds |
| 21 | Animal weigh-in, Klickitat County Fairgrounds |
| 22-25 | 2013 Klickitat County Fair: "Let's Stirrup Some Memories" |

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| 5 | Record books due to Extension office for county awards judging |
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| 6-22 | Washington State 4-H Fair, Puyallup, WA |
| 27-29 | Adult Horse Camp, Klickitat County Fairgrounds |
| 29 | Klickitat County 4-H Awards and Achievement Program, details TBA |
| 30 | 4-H Leaders' Council: training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H room, Klickitat Co. Fairgrounds |

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| 6-12 | National 4-H Week | |
| 14 | 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall | |
| 15 | Fair Board meeting, 7pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds | |
| 17 | 4-H Horse Leaders meeting, 6:30pm in Lyle, Lyle Activity Center | |
| 29 | Leaders' Council: training at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7 pm | |

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