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Find us on Facebook – Grays Harbor County 4-H at https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/

Other ways to connect with Washington State 4-H through social media: >>> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonState4H/</u> >>>Twitter: <u>https://twitter.com/wastate4h</u>

New calendar features! Available online at http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/calendar/

IMPORTANT DEADLINES – April 1st Enrollment Deadline for 4-H Fair Eligibility April 1st is the deadline for:

2016-2017 4-H Enrollment to be eligible for county or state participation. All 4-H members wishing to participate in the 2017 Grays Harbor County Fair or State 4-H Fair must meet this deadline or they will be eligible for club participation only. There may be additional requirements specific to each club or project (record books, community service, quality assurance, etc.)

Enrollment instructions are available on our website at <u>http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/</u> Call Tracie if you have any questions.

2016-2017 4-H Enrollment to be eligible for early-bird 2016-2017 GH 4-H Camp registration fees. 4-H members wishing to qualify for the early-bird GH 4-H Summer Camp registration fee must be enrolled in the 4-H Program by April 1st and submit camp registration materials by June 2nd. (Coming soon to <u>http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/camping/</u>)

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & OWNERSHIP DEADLINES – April through June

More information is available at (<u>http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/</u>) under section 9, "Animal Management and Ownership." Section 9.6 States: Animals must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for the following periods of time prior to the official county exhibit activity, including junior livestock shows (dates listed in parenthesis are approximate and vary based on annual county exhibit dates):

Market Beef - 120 days (April 1 in GH) Breeding Beef - 90 days (May 1st in GH) Equine - 90 days (May 1st in GH) Llama - 90 days (May 1st in GH) Dairy - 90 days (May 1st in GH) Dairy Heifer Replacement - 60 days (June 1st in GH) Goat - 60 days (June 1st in GH) Sheep and Swine (Breeding and Market) - 60 days (June 1st in GH) Cats - 60 days (June 1st in GH) Dogs - 60 days (June 1st in GH) Cavies - 45 days (June 15th in GH **(June 24th in 2017)**) Rabbits and Poultry - 45 days (June 15th in GH **(June 24th in 2017)**) Animals raised by the 4-H member from birth or hatching are exempt from the minimum time periods.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PACIFIC COUNTY SUPER SATURDAY – April 1st

Registration begins at 9:00 AM in the Pacific County Fair Office in Menlo. Schedule of workshops and participation tickets will be available at check-in. Some class sizes are limited and available on a first-come first-served basis. Low cost taco lunch available or bring your own. Build and Play activities for children from birth to 5 and free books for kids under 7. Workshops from 10am – 2pm.

For more information, check out the flyer at http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/

PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT - Club Registration Due by April 12th

Thank you for connecting GH 4-H members with this excellent opportunity for youth to build confidence and life skills no matter what 4-H project they are excited about! The Spring Public Presentation event is scheduled to take place at the WSU Extension Office in Elma on Sat., April 29th.

Sign-up information is available online at <u>http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/</u> Completed club forms should be sent via email to Mary Pederson at tinkerbell_1977@comcast.net or sent as a hard copy to the WSU Extension office at PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541.

The following documents provide additional information about the Public Presentation activity itself, and can be found on the WSU Publications website, <u>https://pubs.wsu.edu</u>

EM 4787 - Getting to the Point: How to do a 4-H Public Presentation

EM 4788 - Leader's Guide to Public Presentations, Demonstrations, and Illustrated Talks

C 0430 - Judging Scorecard for Public Presentations

C 0431 - Judging Scorecard for Public Speaking

INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK JUDGES' TRAINING, UTAH - Register by April 27th

... for more information, contact (307)783-0570

A training designed to help you improve your: Livestock Selection, Livestock Evaluation Skills, Livestock Evaluation Skills, Current Terminology, Oral Reason Skills, Proficiency in the Show Ring, Positive Youth Interaction, and Audience Communication.

For more information, check out the flyer at http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/

GH 4-H SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - Due May 1st

The Grays Harbor County 4-H Council continues to offer scholarship opportunities to graduating senior members. Scholarship information is now available at http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/

STATE 4-H FAIR CREATIVE KIDS PROJECTS

Put your creative skills to work and submit a creative project to the State 4-H Fair through the Creative Kids Project. This year categories include: Animal Photos, Patriotic Crafts, Quick Breads, Winter Poetry, and Recycling with Metal/Tin Cans.

While all participants must be properly enrolled 4-H members in the State of Washington in the junior, intermediate, and senior age categories, there is no pre-qualification at the county level for Creative Kids Projects. Complete rules and additional information can be found online at http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/.

STATE 4-H FAIR SMALL ANIMAL & LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

The Livestock and Small Animal Schedule for the 2017 Washington State 4-H Fair has been confirmed as follows:

CATS - arrive Sept 7-8, depart Sept 11

DOG OBEDIENCE - daily shows, Sept 14-22; championship finals, Sept 23-24

RABBITS/CAVIES - arrive Sept 15 - 6-9 a.m.; depart Sept 18 at 6 p.m.

LIVESTOCK (beef, dairy, llama, sheep, swine, goats) - arrive Thurs, Sept 14 - 6-9 a.m.; depart Sun, Sept 16 at 6 p.m.

STATE 4-H FAIR EQUINE DATES

The WA State 4-H Fair Board finalized the equine schedule for the 2017 fair at their board meeting this weekend. The schedule is as follows:

Sept 5 - Senior Harness and Dressage will arrive 5-7pm

Sept 7 - Senior Harness and Dressage will depart at 2pm; Senior Performance will arrive 5-7 pm

Sept 11 - Senior Performance will depart at 2 p.m.

Sept 12 - Intermediate Western Games will arrive 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sept 14 - Intermediate Western Games will depart at 2 p.m. Senior Western Games will arrive 5-7 p.m.

Sept 18 - Senior Western Games will depart at 2 p.m.

Sept 19 - Intermediate Harness and Dressage will arrive 5-7 p.m.

Sept 21 - Intermediate Harness and Dressage will depart at 2 p.m. Intermediate

Performance will arrive 5-7 p.m.

Sept 24 - Intermediate Performance will depart beginning at 4 p.m.

Additional Equine Dates:

Sept 9 - Equine Judging Contest

Sept 9 - Groom Squad

Sept 10 - National Equine Presentation Contest

FREE ONLINE COURSE - Bring Home the Blue, Not the Flu

For more information email YouthInAg@iastate.edu

The Center for Food Security and Public Health at Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine created an **online course to teach youth about zoonotic diseases**, "**Excellence in Exhibition: Preventing Disease in Animals and People**". Targeted at youth aged 13–18 years, the free online course is meant to encourage showmanship and animal involvement while keeping both animals and humans safe and healthy.

Take the course: http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/YouthInAg/

4-H PROGRAM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR POSITION POSTED

The 4-H Program Associate Director position has posted to the HR website. You can direct people to the official site to apply at https://www.wsujobs.com/postings/30908

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Grays Harbor County Extension. Archived copies of "Grays Harbor County 4-H News" are available at: <u>http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/</u>

⁴⁻H teaches life skills that lead young people to become self-directing, positive, contributing members of our society. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact Tracie Hanson at PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541, (360)482-2934, <u>tracie.hanson@wsu.edu</u> at least two weeks prior to the event.

Our county is partnering with neighboring counties—the Constellation group of Mason, Pacific, Lewis, Thurston, etc., to send out e-newsletters. Some articles are from other counties, and include helpful information or invitations to participate in local, regional, or statewide events. Please read carefully.

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Disclaimer: By posting the above "free to a good home" information, WSU Grays Harbor County Extension 4-H does not endorse or give approval for any of these free animals to be used as 4-H project animals. Contact the animal owners at your own risk.