

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
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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: <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonState4H/>

>>> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/wastate4h>

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

LEARN HOW TO SHOW DOGS IN 4-H – May 21st & June 18th

Do you know a youth who is interested in learning about everything they will encounter in the 4-H dog show ring? Please join veteran 4-H senior members for a series of fun and informative classes that will cover working as a team with your dog, sportsmanship, rules, etiquette, herdsmanship, classes, proper equipment, preparing for fair, and so much more!

These sessions are free and will take place from 12:00pm – 2:00pm at Memorial Hall on the following dates:

May 21

June 18

For additional information contact jessica18schreiber@gmail.com.

DISCOVER 4-H COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS – May 24th, June 4th, June 21st & July 19th

4-H Outreach Assistant, Vicky is busy gearing up for several fun events in the community. Please join her and share this information with your friends and family

- May 24, June 21, July 19 4:30pm – 6:00pm @ Memorial Hall. Explore the Four H's – Head, Hands, Heart, and Health.
- June 4 11:00am – 3:00pm @ Bayshore Preserve. Create a unique fish print and learn about the wonders of water at Oakland Bay Day.

FESTIVAL OF COLORS IN OCEAN SHORES – Community Service Opportunity

... submitted by Brenda at ocean.shores.kites@gmail.com , (360)589-7910

While this is not an event hosted by the 4-H Youth Development Program, it could be an opportunity for fun community service outreach! The Festival of Colors is looking for volunteers to aid in free, fun family outdoor activities. We need people to assist in manning stations for different kite related activities. Some ideas we have, but are not limited to are:

- Running of the Bols-We attach a big windsock called a bol to the backs of the participants and see who is the first to make it to the end of the field.
- Winder card races-Participants get timed to see who can wind a dual line set back on to a winder card.
- How long would it take you to build this kite-We will provide a kite for the participants to build, they are timed, the quickest time wins
- Hoop winder toss-Much like horse shoes but we use empty plastic hoop winders.

Any other free activity ideas are welcome, especially ones that can promote your organization. If you or your group is interested in assisting or if you have any ideas send an email to ocean.shores.kites@gmail.com or call Brenda at (360)589-7910.

ANIMAL MGMNT & OWNERSHIP DEADLINES - Goat, Swine, Sheep, Dog, Cat & Dairy Heifer Replacement
More information is available at (<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>) 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*):

Breeding Beef - 90 days (*May 1st in GH (May 9th in 2017)*)

Equine - 90 days (*May 1st in GH (May 9th in 2017)*)

Llama - 90 days (*May 1st in GH (May 9th in 2017)*)

Dairy - 90 days (*May 1st in GH (May 9th in 2017)*)

Dairy Heifer Replacement - 60 days (*June 1st in GH (June 9th in 2017)*)

Goat - 60 days (*June 1st in GH (June 9th in 2017)*)

Sheep and Swine (Breeding and Market) - 60 days (*June 1st in GH (June 9th in 2017)*)

Cats - 60 days (*June 1st in GH (June 9th in 2017)*)

Dogs - 60 days (*June 1st in GH (June 9th in 2017)*)

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.

PRE-ORDER 2017 NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY KITS – Incredible Wearables

... submitted by Kristi Axtell

The 2017 National Youth Science Day engineering challenge, *Incredible Wearables*, is now available for pre-sale! Developed by University of Nebraska-Lincoln, *Incredible Wearables* is a hands-on project that challenges young people to use the engineering design process to build a wearable fitness tracking device that will help people lead healthier lifestyles. The 75 to 90-minute project is highly adaptable and is suitable for 4th-12th graders. The \$1 pre-order discount is reflected in the \$23.95 price point and kits will be available for pre-order at this price until mid-July. After mid-July, the standard price of \$24.95 will go into effect. **Buy 2, Get 1 Free Thanks to DuPont!** Through a generous partnership with DuPont, the 4-H Mall is offering one free kit for every two purchased! For every two Incredible Wearables kits you order, you will receive 1 for free automatically. For example, if you would like 6 kits, place an order for 4, and we will add 2 more to your cart at no extra cost to you. This deal is available while supplies of free kits last, or until June 1st, whichever comes first. Free kits are limited to 5 per customer.

CITIZEN SCIENCE POLLINATOR PROJECT – June 6th

Eli Bloom, a PhD candidate in the Department of Entomology at WSU has been helping with a research project to study wild bees in the Puget Sound region on small-scale diversified farms for the past 3 years.

Recently he has been working with growers in a citizen science program to monitor bees and

pollination on their farms. He is mainly interested in working with gardeners and growers of small fruits and vegetables, ranging from monocultures, to those that produce many different crops in a polyculture type system. He is interested in how that diversification of crops impacts bee communities and pollination.

This spring Eli has been emailing growers throughout western Washington to enlist their help in this project, and somewhat surprisingly, there has been a substantial response. Some of these responses came from Grays Harbor County. He is hosting a training session where he can teach these growers how to monitor bees, and report these data.

If you farm or garden small fruits and vegetables and would like to participate in a citizen science program to monitor bees and pollination, please read the information below.

An hour-long training with Eli Bloom is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the WSU Extension office in Elma (32 Elma-McCleary Road/County Fairgrounds).

You must register to attend: <https://nwpollinators.org/citizen-science/registration-for-polycultures-and-pollinators/>

SUMMER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

Camp staffs have been working hard to present outstanding camps this summer!

> 4-H Horse Camp. 4-H members enrolled in the Horsemanship project enjoy a week of overnight camping, education and recreation with their horses. Camp runs from June 20 – 25, 2017 and is packed full of educational workshops, fun camping traditions, and memories that will last a lifetime. Mason County 4-H Horse Camp registrations are now available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-youth-families/>. Registration is now opens to out-of-county campers (including Grays Harbor County). Deadline for registration is June 9. Please share this information with your county horse project members

> 4-H Summer Camp. Looking for some adventure blended with a traditional camping experience? Campers spend the week enjoying a myriad of activities, including swimming, hiking, arts, music, cooking, and making new friends! Awaken to birds singing and fall asleep to the stars (or exhaustion). Bring your positive energy and your sense of adventure! Camp runs July 9-14, 2017. Registration forms will be available soon at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/camping/>

OPPORTUNITY TO PILOT 4-H GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP LESSONS

... submitted by Kristi Axtell

Are you looking for a way to connect your 4-H club to cultures around the globe and help your youth develop life skills that will help them be successful in our interconnected and global society? This Spring, WSU 4-H is looking for a few 4-H clubs or groups (adults and/or youth) to pilot our new 4-H Global Citizenship Lesson plans. These short, interactive lesson plans will teach youth and adults about 4-H global connections, hunger, culture, and about Burundi (a small country in Africa that WSU 4-H partners with to help start 4-H school gardens). For example, one of the lessons teaches youth about basket weaving and includes an activity teaching youth how create their own basket out of newspaper. Each lesson plan is about 15-20 minutes long and can be easily incorporated into a 4-H club or committee meeting.

Would your club be interested in helping our project? If so, please contact us! We are looking for clubs or groups to pilot a few lesson plans and then provide feedback about the lesson plans. The lessons can be taught by an adult volunteer, 4-H staff member or a teen leader—it's up to you! If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Lauren Hrnccirik at lauren.hrnccirik@wsu.edu or 509-754-2011 ext. 4314 or Mary Katherine Deen mdeen@wsu.edu or 509-682-6956. Please feel free to promote this opportunity in your county's newsletter or Facebook page. Thank you!

SHARE YOUR WORLD - HOST AN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH

... submitted by Dianna Ullery

Looking for some excitement and fun this summer? Host a youth delegate from Japan or Korea in your home for 3 ½ weeks (July 23 – August 17). Washington 4-H International Exchange Program is offering volunteer hosting opportunities for families. A host sibling should be the same gender and within 3-4 years of the delegate's age. Adult chaperones from Japan and Korea will also stay with host families.

Who are these youth delegates? [Click here](#) for a list of delegates and their interests. They are sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, much like the children in your own family. They are curious, engaging, excited to meet you, and looking forward to learning about family life in the US. While particular matches cannot be guaranteed, every effort is made to match shared interests.

How do we apply to host? [Click here](#) to apply online at the States' 4-H International Exchange website. If you haven't hosted before you'll be contacted for an in-home interview.

Who do I contact? If you're interested, please act quickly! Japanese and Korean youth are anxiously waiting to learn who their host families might be. If you have questions send me an email or give me a call. I'm happy to answer your questions. Dianna.ullery@wsu.edu

Deadline? Applications to host will be accepted until all of our youth delegates and chaperones are placed, BUT the earlier the better for everyone involved. Please SHARE this message with others who might be interested in this exciting opportunity. This program is open to all families in all communities in Washington, so let your friends and neighbors know about it.

4-H RITE OF PASSAGE TRAINING / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

...submitted by Michael Wallace, WSU Extension Regional Specialist, mlwallace@wsu.edu

Do you ever get that feeling you are ready for change but you don't seem to be able to start? Maybe the compass is present but the map isn't, or the spirit is welling but the flesh is weak? A Rite of Passage is an opportunity for personal empowerment; it is a ceremony that marks the initiation into a new stage in your life. The work is closely aligned to what in neuro-psychology is described as "establishing and integrating autobiographical experience with intentional personal narrative." Three days of wilderness self-reflection in a safe container of intention and empowerment might be just what you need!

The 4-H Rite of Passage has been offering facilitated self-reflection opportunities for teens and training for adult participants for over ten years. This year's adult and teen fasts will be run concurrently, July 12 -20 in Colockum, WA.

Find out more about the program on our website.

<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/4-h-adventure-education/rite-of-passage/>

Please feel free to contact Michael if you have questions at (360) 778-5813 or via e-mail:

mlwallace@wsu.edu

PANHANDLE CAMP VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

... submitted by Panhandle Board Representative to GH 4-H Council. For more info, call (360)426-6323

The Panhandle Board and manager are working to organize "work camps" where we have a cooking staff provide food, volunteers stay overnight, and we have daily projects for them to work on over a period of days. These are some ideas we are working on.

- Take an inventory of paddles and lifejackets.
- Build a wooden map of the camp - This would be a great project for volunteers with artistic tendencies, but this would have to be completed over a period of days or weeks.

- Rebuilding the trail bridge that's collapsing could be done with volunteers and professional staff supervision if there was a group interested in engineering.
- Forestry maintenance - The forestry projects are almost infinite and could keep groups of volunteers busy for one day or ten! The nice thing about the forestry projects is that we could accommodate a group of five or twenty-five. We could keep the group busy for one day or several.

To schedule your group for some volunteer jobs, please call the camp manager at 360-426-6323.

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 5-7pm

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

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, tracie.hanson@wsu.edu 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.

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Grays Harbor County Extension.

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