

4-H Mission: 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

4-H Vision: A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

<u>4-H Pledge</u>: I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to greater Service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

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Important Dates

Member Enrollment Dates: CHANGE to member enrollment dates! Kitsap County 4-H is OPEN to all members <u>year round!</u> To <u>participate in the Kitsap County Fair</u> youth must be ACTIVE in 4-H by <u>May 1st</u> of the current 4-H year.

Monthly Dates:

Kitsap County 4-H Council: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Clear Creek Community Center, 12641 Clear Creek Rd NW, Silverdale, WA 98383

Horse Project Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 PM, Silver Spurs Riding Club, 7600-7880 Nels Nelson Rd NW, Bremerton, WA 98311

Dog Project Meeting CHANGED DATE AND LOCATION for April – April 27th at Silverdale Group Health from 6:30 – 8:30

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Livestock Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30-8:30 PM, Eagles Nest, 1195 Fairgrounds Rd NW, Bremerton, WA 98311

Upcoming Events

Teen Rally: Kitsap and Jefferson County will be hosting a joint Southwest and Northwest Teen Rally October 27th – 29th at Island Lake Camp! Rally is open to teenagers, 7th – 12th grade, and is a great way for teens to increase their leadership skills, involvement, learn new things and make awesome friends from around the districts.

We are looking for youth to help plan, organize and facilitate. We are also looking for adults to help support youth and organize details.

Date: Friday, April 21, 2017

Time: 6 – 8 PM

Location: Island Lake Camp

Summer Camp: Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!! June 26-30th at Panhandle Camp open to 4-H and Non-4-H Youth! "Kitsap into the Jungle" 4-H Camp Information Night and Scholarship Fundraiser for Saturday, April 28 6:30-8:00 @ the Fleet Reserve Association Hall on 11281 Old Frontier Rd., Silverdale. Cost will be \$5/person for ice cream sundaes and a craft.

You can find the brochure at: http://extension.wsu.edu/.../2.../05/Camp Brochure 4-12-17-1.pdf

If you have any questions contact Becky Kahlvik at beckys4h@gmail.com

Rabbit Spring Fling: Our annual Spring Fling Rabbit Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. We would LOVE to have you come participate in this event. Attached is the flyer for the show. PLEASE take a few minutes TODAY to fill it out and email it in to Mike Fortner or send it via the U. S. Postal Service to Mike. His email address and his mail address is on the flyer. Currently we only have 3 members who have sent in their registration paperwork. We would like to start the show on time at 9:00 am, but that is not possible unless YOU help!! How can you help??? By taking 10 minutes and sending in your entry form and then send it in!! Having our members and their rabbits enrolled ahead of time is a HUGE time saver and helps us immensely!! Having people register on the day of the show takes A LOT of extra time. PLEASE be courteous to everyone and register early. You can send in your paperwork and then pay on the day of the show.

This is a fun filled day with type contest for the rabbits and cavies, fit and show for our 4-H members (remember to wear your fitting and showing clothes), a costume contest, a poster contest, and rabbit and cavy breed id.

If you have any questions about the show or what YOU need to do to get enrolled, please don't hesitate to email me... Heidi Brandt at brandt5family@comcast.net, I would be happy to help you if I can!

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YA4-H Teen Teaching: Please tell all your amazing teens about the YA4-H Health Rocks! Teen Teacher Program Kitsap County 4-H is leading this summer! An information night is scheduled for Monday, April 17th at the Silverdale Subway meeting room, 2238 Bucklin Hill Rd, at 6:30pm. Parents are welcome (encouraged) to come too! Teens age 15 and up can receive up to \$100 for serving as a Teen Teacher. Come get all the details on Monday!!!

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Baking Contests: Do you like to cook? Do you like to eat? Add a 4H food project and start exploring your kitchen creativity!

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Expressive Arts Event: April Showers Bring May Flowers! Join the 4-H & Beyond Teen Club for a fun are event and paint flowers! Event is for all ages. Friday, May 12, 2017 from 5-6 PM at the Fleet Reserve Building, 11281 Old Frontier Rd, Silverdale. \$5 per project, all suppliser are included to make a fair ready project and a beautiful Mother's Day gift. Please RSVP to Sheila at sheila.jernigan@wsu.edu if you would like to attend.

Market Animal News: Friendly reminder Market Animal Ice Cream social is May 8th at the President's Hall.

Registration is at 6:30, presentation is at 7pm. Ice cream sundae bar to follow.

This is a **MANDATORY** meeting for market participants. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Market Association secretary, in writing by May 1st via email. bastiankatrina@gmail.com.

Failure to do so will disqualify participant from auction.

Please see the attached files for the Kitsap Co Jr Livestock Auction information for 2017.

Market Calendar 2016-2017 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-

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KCJLA Scholarship Rules 2017 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-

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Kitsap County Junior Livestock Market Rules 2017 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-

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4-H Giving Opportunities

National 4-H Day of Service: April 29th is 4-H's National Day of Service. Please get out as a Club or on your own and serve your community! We would love to get pictures and information on service projects happening in our community!

Kitsap GREAT GIVE: MARK YOUR CALENDAR to support Kitsap County 4-H Teen Programs with your tax deductible donation on May 2nd through the Kitsap Great Give!! https://kitsapgreatgive.org/npo/kitsap-county-4-h-youth-development-program

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Report Your Volunteer Hours: We've only had 8 volunteers log hours since Oct 1st.....I know that we have more than 8 of your dedicated volunteers! PLEASE Report your Volunteer Hours! Your volunteer hours are critical for demonstrating the value of our program. It is also how volunteers are covered under WSU's insurance. Visit the database and report your hours, http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx. If you are a new volunteer need an account set up or are having any issues please email me your name, Club name, email address, address and phone number via email at e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu.

Tri County Leadership Retreat April 22nd: You are invited to meet with 4-H volunteers from Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Our morning discussions will focus on needs and ideas for growth across our project areas. We will have a nice lunch to network with your fellow 4-H volunteers. The afternoon sessions will give you choices to participate in learning about the Leadership project, Steps to Positive Behavior, Adult Youth Partnership, and Nature based Mentoring. RSVP and learn more details at this E-vite link here: http://evite.me/pBsaWyCP2k

News from WSU 4-H

4-H Age Divisions-What's New: Reminder that the WA State Policy has been updated. 4-H age divisions are now based on AGE by October 1st of the current 4-H year. Also, our "Primary" members have a new name...... Cloverbuds. These changes were made to align our state with National 4-H standards. NOTE: Some youth will change age divisions as a result of this update.

- Clover buds: 5 to 7 years of age
- Junior: 8 to 10 years of age (Youth must be Juniors or above to participate in Shooting Sports projects, large animal projects, and the Junior Livestock Auction)
- Intermediate: 11 to 13 years of age
- Senior: 14 to less than 19 years of age

4-H Online Status and Enrollment: All adults and youth must enroll online at http://wa.4HOnline.com. You will find a "Returning Families" guide to help with reenrollment here: http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-youth-families/4-h-forms/

Enrollment ensures that all volunteers and members are covered by 4-H insurance at 4-H activities.

If youth status says "PENDING" it means that we are still waiting on your membership fees. Membership fees are \$25 per youth, \$20 to WSU 4-H and \$5 to Kitsap County 4-H Council. Payment can be mailed or hand delivered to the office. Members must have an "ACTIVE" status in 4-HOnline to be covered by 4-H's insurance and participate.

WSU 4-H Policy and Procedure: UPDATED 2017 WSU 4-H Policy & Procedure Handbook can be found on our web page at: http://extension.wsu.edu/kitsap/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2014/07/policy-and-procedure-handbook-4-h-Nov.-2-2016.pdf

States 4-H International Exchange: Did you know that there are opportunities through 4-H to travel abroad, or host an exchange student? Washington State 4-H is looking for host families for our in-

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bound month long summer program. We are currently looking for placement for 15 12-18 year old youth coming from Japan and South Korea for four weeks, from July 23 to August 17th.

Interested in being a Host Family? https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-MXXS9_m_ioS3c4czFLVmx1STQ/view?usp=sharing

Learn more here: http://www.states4hexchange.org/ or contact Elisabeth Wilder at e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu to discuss possible placement opportunities.

Club News

Knowledge Bowl Grant: Congratulations to Cat Tales, Muttley Crew and the Equine State Knowledge Bowl Team! I will be emailing Club Leaders with details this week.

100 Years of Kitsap 4-H Fair Barn Competition: Ken Kramer, the photography superintendent, will be sponsoring a contest at the fair for all barns based on the best display to honor 4-H's 100th year in Kitsap County. He will be awarding a 1st, 2nd and 3rd rosette ribbon with the winning exhibit. Start planning now to show your pride in 4-H during fair!

For more information check out the details at https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-MXXS9 m ioM2U4aUIXeFBiNEE/view?usp=sharing

Public Presentation Sign Up MAKE-UP DATE: Here is the sign up for the Public Presentation Make-Up Day on <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 28 from 3pm - 6 pm</u>. I realize that even this date and time will still not work for every family. If families have a conflict with this day, please have them contact me via email and I will work with them to schedule a time that will work.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49aaa72ba5fb6-public1/

I will need 5 or more judges who will be able to come and help. Instead of making another sign up page, please comment here, email me or send me a Facebook message letting me know if you can help.

I will need 5 clerks who can help that afternoon as well. Please let me know if you are able to clerk or will be bringing a clerk with you.

Thank you again for your help in making this event a success. If you have any questions contact Heidi Brandt at brandt5family@comcast.net

Armed Forces Day Parade: May 20th, 2017 in downtown Bremerton: We are also looking for ANIMALS! If you would like to bring your horse, dog, goat, pig, rabbit, cavy, chicken, cat, etc please contact Corrina. We are looking for volunteers to help plan, organize and coordinate the parade. Youth and adults must register ASAP to receive updated information at: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4BADAE28A1FD0-69th If you have any questions please contact Corrina Coan at coan@navy.mil.

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I AM 4-H T-Shirt Orders: Taking orders for "I am 4-H" shirts. Plan is for them to be ready before the May Armed Forces Day Parade. Price is \$10.00 for any size ... youth x-small to x-large or adult small to 4xl. If you would like the "I am 4-H" shirt with the 100 years on the back, the cost is \$14.00. Part of the cost goes to the 4-H council. We can also do sweatshirts for either \$25.00 for just the logo on the front or \$29.00 for the logo on the front and the back. I am taking orders until NOON on Monday, April 17th. Please contact Heidi Brandt directly at brandt5family@comcast.net

OPEN 4-H Superintendent Positions: OPEN DOG Superintendent position! Looking to fill ASAP. If interested please contact Elisabeth Wilder immediately at <u>e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu</u>.

There are also a few positions that are looking for co/assistant supers to transition into the position this year. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the following:

- Expressive Arts (assistant/co wanted)
- Family Living (assistant/co wanted)
- Needlecraft (assistant/co wanted)
- Plant Science (assistant/co wanted)
- DOG

"Kitsap 4-H Newsletter" Submissions: due by the 10th of the month by 3 pm. Please submit 4-H club/project news, stories, and upcoming events. No ads or solicitations, please; we reserve the right to edit all submissions in accordance to WSU 4-H policies. Email to <u>e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu</u>

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