



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

Swine Weights for the 2013 Klickitat County Fair

There has been some confusion on the correct fair weights for market swine due to an error in this year's fair premium book. Revised swine weights were announced early in 2013; however, the swine department listing in fair premium book still has last year's weight range.

For this year's fair (2013), the acceptable weight range for market swine will be from 230 pounds up to 290 pounds. This was announced at a recent fair board meeting. Questions? Contact the Extension office.

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 4-H Leaders' Council show appreciation to that special person you know for his or 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.

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 12:30pm and 6pm 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.

Klickitat County Fair - Volunteers Always Needed and Appreciated!

The Klickitat County Fair wouldn't be a great fair without lots of volunteers that help each year. Volunteers are needed in all the animal areas, especially for the horse show to help with the out gate at various times, extra help moving panels, and assistance on Thursday with set-up for Trail. For the Horse Department, contact Sue Gross at 541-490-3202. For other areas, contact the appropriate fair superintendent to volunteer. Phone numbers can be found in the Fair Premium Book.

Interested in a cool spot for a few hours during fair? The 4-H Exhibit Hall needs volunteers for Friday afternoon, Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon. We have air conditioning! Contact Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817 to sign up.

Centerville School Garden

With the enthusiastic support of the school administration, the Centerville School Garden is becoming a school-wide 4-H project this year! However, the garden is in need of a little TLC.

Currently, there is a mixture of garden veggies, flowers and weeds growing in the beds and we need the help of an experienced gardener to help us identify what to pull and what to keep! Can you help? Or do you know someone who can?

A team of youth, parents, teachers and community members will be volunteering to plant, harvest, maintain the grounds and teach mini-lessons in the garden. This is a fun, exciting and important opportunity. Are you interested in joining the team, or willing to help for just an evening? Please let us know! Call us at 509-773-5817.

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> .

4-H RECORD BOOKS AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 5

4-H Record Books are due no later than September 5 by 5pm at the Extension office. Submit completed record books to be judged for county awards.

4-H members: did you know that you have two opportunities to turn in your 4-H record book for recognition? The first opportunity is at the Klickitat County Fair; record books are due August 13. The second opportunity is for the record book judging for county awards. You also have an opportunity to apply for a 4-H record book scholarship.

To qualify for a county 4-H record book scholarship, youth must meet the following requirements:

1. Youth applicant must be an enrolled junior, intermediate or senior 4-H member.
2. 4-H members must complete and turn in a 4-H Record Book for county judging (due by September 5) and earn a Gold Star for completion.
3. 4-H members must submit a scholarship application for the upcoming 4-H year when they turn in their record book for county record book judging (due September 5).

Recipients will be announced at the annual achievement program on September 29, 2013. The number and amount of scholarships awarded will be determined by the scholarship committee, based on the number of qualified applicants and funds available. Scholarships may be used for the upcoming (2013-2014) 4-H year for county and state level educational workshops or youth leadership events approved by the Klickitat County Leaders' Council.

Scholarship applications will be distributed on Sunday of county fair when record books are picked up. They will also be available to download from our website, www.klickitat.wsu.edu or we can mail them, if requested. All scholarship applications are due September 5, 2013 for 2013-2014 scholarships. If you need an application, call the Extension office at 509-773-5817.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: September 27-29, 2013 - Klickitat County 4-H Adult Horse Camp

The Klickitat County 4-H Adult Horse Camp will be held September 27-29, 2013 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale, WA. Adult participants will learn about horsemanship, develop skills to use with 4-H youth and have a good time with their horse and greet friends both old and new. Registration includes all meals from Thursday night through breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Stay tuned for further details! All participants will need to complete a registration and health form; forms will be available soon at the Extension office and online at www.klickitat.wsu.edu under "Upcoming Events". For more information call Nancy Beyerlin at 509-773-4746.

SE District Teen Rally "Where Old Meets New"

Grant-Adams County is hosting this year's SE District 4-H Teen Rally! It will be held at Camp Delany, Sun Lakes, WA on October 18-20. The cost is \$75.00, which includes lodging, all meals, costs for additional off site adventures and a T-shirt. It's going to be an amazing weekend filled with fun as you explore the old Washington Territory, hike to Lenore Caves, explore the museum overlooking historic Dry Falls, do leadership activities, have a blast at a western dance (western outfit: pioneer, cowboy, Native American), and create a dream catcher.

Registration deadline is September 25. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. Hope to see you there! For more information and registration forms, visit the Grant-Adams County Extension website www.grant-adams.wsu.edu or 574-2011, ext 413.

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>

Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 2013

- 13 Demonstration Day, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 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"

September 2013

- 5 Record books due to Extension office for county awards judging
- 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

October 2012

- 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.