



4-H Record Books and Scholarship Applications Due September 1

4-H Record Books are due no later than Tuesday, September 1 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 11. 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 1) 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 1).

Recipients will be announced at the annual achievement program on October 3, 2015. 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 (2015-2016) 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, <http://klickitat.wsu.edu> or we can mail them, if requested. All scholarship applications are due by Tuesday, September 1, 2015 for 2015-2016 scholarships. If you need an application, please call the Extension office at 509-773-5817.

Nominations for 2015 Klickitat County 4-H Leader of the Year

Nominations are due to the Extension office for our **4-H Leader of the Year** by August 11. 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 2015 Klickitat County Leader of the Year will be recognized during the 4-H State Leaders' Forum in October.

Additional Information from the Klickitat County Fair

The Klickitat County Fair wishes all exhibitors the best of luck at the 2015 fair. The theme for this year's fair is "**Wild Flowers & Wagon Wheels**" and all exhibitors are encouraged to use the theme in their decorating plans. Education displays are also encouraged to provide the public with helpful information about the exhibit or project area. Please note the following additional points of information about this year's fair:

Saturday, August 15: There will be **no decorating or access to the fairgrounds on this date** as there is an event scheduled at the fairgrounds that day. Decorating can start on Sunday, August 16.

Sunday, August 16: Campers will be allowed to park in the camping area only on this day. Decorating of stalls and clubs areas can start on this day.

Wednesday, August 19: Market Livestock exhibitors – this is the day that your animals come to fair. If you have two animals coming to the fair, you will need to provide the destination information for the 2nd animal that is not going through the livestock sale. Here is the information that is needed – put it on a 3" x 5" index card and hand in when you weigh in your animals:

- Exhibitor name (that's you)
- Destination of the 2nd animal – private buyer, custom slaughter facility, etc.
- Name of facility or person and their contact information
- Who to contact about cutting instructions and billing information– provide a name, address and phone number of the person who can provide answers about cutting instructions and who is to be billed.

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 Mary Huber at 509-261-0668. 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.

The events listed below will take place on Tuesday, August 11 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds. This is a deadline date for turning in 4-H Record Books, 4-H Market Livestock Project Records and 4-H Educational Displays/Posters. This is also 4-H Demonstration Day and Fairgrounds Clean-up Day. The 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting will take place at noon. 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 11 at the 4-H Room. This will be an abbreviated session to cover any updated information for fair and other announcements.

4-H Record Books, Market Livestock Project Records and Educational Displays/Posters Due August 11

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

Klickitat County 4-H Demonstration Day

Join us on August 11 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.

Poultry/Rabbit Pre-show/Weigh-in, August 11, 4-6pm

This year marks the second year of having a pre-show/weigh-in for Market Poultry and Market Rabbits. It will be Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds from 4pm to 6pm. Pre-show entry forms should be filled out ahead of time and brought to the weigh-in. These forms are available at the Extension office and online at <http://klickitat.wsu.edu/4-h-recordkeeping/>. Members showing market poultry or rabbits at the fair must also turn in project records on August 11 between noon and 7pm.

For the Poultry or Rabbit project, 4-H members must be properly enrolled by July 3, 2015 (enrollment form completed and turned into the Extension with 4-H insurance fee).

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 2015 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 5pm to check-in and get started. Tasks can be started after the Leaders' Council meeting has concluded. Call Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817 for more details.

SAVE THE DATE! The 1st Annual Simcoe Quilt Retreat – October 9-11, 2015

A Big “Thank You!” to our 4-H Representative, Miss Lene Riggers

Horse 4-H member Lene Riggers from the Blazin’ Bridles 4-H Club has been representing Klickitat County 4-H and promoting 4-H events this past year in parades and various community events. She is always out there visiting with people when she attends an event. Lene has traveled from White Salmon, to The Dalles and Toppenish along with appearances in between. On Saturday, August 1, she joined several rodeo queens in Toppenish to help with the Rascal Rodeo. This event was very unique opportunity as they worked with special needs/physical handicapped youth and showed them what it was like to be in a rodeo.

Have you ever ridden a 50 gallon drum unicorn, bronc or bull? How about milked a wooden cow or roped dummy calves? Many of these special needs youth also had a chance to ride a horse for the very first time.

Lene, along with Brandi Vance, West Klickitat County Posse Queen (and also a 4-H member), were assigned a young man by the name of Drake. The two young ladies helped Drake through each event, autographed pictures for him, then let him autograph their arms. For more information on the Rascal Rodeo, here is a link to a news article from the Yakima Herald: http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/local/rascal-rodeo-participants-have-moments-in-the-sun/article_98a74ec4-38d8-11e5-8377-ab6fe7d21376.html#.Vb4lIG2KYX8.email .

So, when you see Lene Riggers, be sure to tell her thank you for representing us so well this year. She will continue until January when another youth will have an opportunity to fill this position. Patricia Shamek, advisor for the 4-H representative position, has really appreciated Lene’s outstanding commitment to this role. Contact Pat to find out more about this opportunity: call her at 541-993-9560.

September 25-27, 2015 - Klickitat County 4-H Adult Horse Camp

The Klickitat County 4-H Adult Horse Camp will be held September 25-27, 2015 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.

A variety of discipline choices are available. Registration is \$275 (for six 2-hour classes) plus \$30 for each stall needed. **You must provide your own shavings. Do not bring straw.** Another class may be added for an additional \$60 for all three days. Offered again this year as an option is three (3) days of trail riding in the Simcoe Mountains. All participants will need to complete registration and health forms; forms are available at the Extension office or online at www.klickitat.wsu.edu under “Upcoming Events”. For more information, call Martha Parsons at 509-637-4016 or Patricia Shamek at 541-993-9560.

2015 State 4-H Leaders’ Forum – “A Harvest of Opportunities”

Coming soon - mark your calendars! The 2015 State 4-H Forum will be held **October 16-18, 2015** in downtown Everett, WA at the Holiday Inn. This annual 4-H Leaders’ Forum event will include the following: **Friday** will be day-long track workshops, annual District meetings, and the Volunteer Recognition Banquet/Hall of Fame Induction. **Saturday** will feature workshop sessions and 4-H Live Auction/Dinner event. **Sunday** will be devoted to the 4-H Council Meeting, with District elections of State Advisory Board and State Fair Board representation and committee meetings to review recommendations and discuss project issues.

During the Forum, participants will have the opportunity to network with other volunteers, give input into the Washington State 4-H Program and hone skills through a variety of workshops. Check out <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/index.htm> for more information. The website is updated frequently as the event draws closer. Registration dates are listed on the registration form. Registration cost varies depending on what days you attend. We can help arrange carpools, so plan to go! Call the Extension office at 509-773-5817 for details.

Celebrate National 4-H Week, October 4-10, 2015

Start planning how your club can celebrate National 4-H Week, October 4-10, 2015. This would be a great opportunity for clubs and individuals to share with their community about the 4-H program. Send letters of appreciation to those people who have helped make your 4-H experience great or have donated support to your club. You could also celebrate the successes that your group has achieved in a club meeting doing 4-H work.

***The 2015 State 4-H Fair Premium Book is now available on the State 4-H Fair website:
<http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>***

Judging Activities in 4-H– What can you learn?

Livestock Judging at the county fair will be one opportunity for youth to practice their judging skills. The contest takes place on the last day of the fair, Sunday, August 23 at 10am, meeting in the beef show ring for instructions. This contest is open to 4-H and FFA members. See the premium book for details.

Judging and giving oral reasons – here's some helpful information. These are excerpts from two publications: *EM4647E, Learning Through 4-H Judging* and *EM4789E, Teaching 4-H Oral Reasons*.

WHAT IS JUDGING?

Judging is making a decision and telling why it was made. Seldom a day goes by that you do not have decisions to make. When you buy groceries you must constantly choose between brands while considering quality, size, end use, and cost. How carefully we select the apples from a grocery shelf! Also consider the many decisions involved in the selection of an automobile! In 4-H, judging is essentially a matter of comparing two or more items. If 4-H members know what factors make up an ideal animal, plant, or situation, they are more able to recognize top quality products, to know good standards, and to make wise decisions based on facts.

WHY HAVE JUDGING IN 4-H?

Judging is a valuable teaching technique for the 4-H leader. It provides another way for leaders to present project information to the 4-H members. Judging can be used by leaders to stimulate interest in a subject or as an incentive to motivate better work.

Judging teaches 4-H members to:

- Observe carefully
- Recognize good products, articles, animals
- Improve their own work
- Make wise selections
- Make their own decisions
- Express themselves clearly
- Appreciate opinions of others

WHEN AND HOW DOES JUDGING TRAINING START?

Judging training can start as soon as project meetings begin. Successful judging depends on knowledge of the product or animal to be judged. With this in mind, it is easy to see that the basis for judging starts when the leader begins teaching members about the products they are making or growing. Judging training should come at the beginning of the projects so members may use this knowledge in selecting materials or animals for their projects. It should be a continuous learning process used often during the year.

Before 4-Hers can learn to evaluate or judge their products, they must know something about standards and quality. Members are ready to compare when they become familiar with the characteristics of a product, know the terms that describe it, and have some idea of what a good product really is. Let's use circles as an example. Before deciding whether one is better than another, we need to know what a good circle is. This we learn by studying just one good circle. Now everyone won't agree exactly on just what a good circle looks like. Some might like brightly colored ones; others might like them pale. Some might like king-sized ones; others might like them very small. But all can agree on a basic characteristic, such as a perfectly round shape. At this point a person can use a scorecard to select the best looking circle. Scorecards or score sheets are available in most of the 4-H project materials so members can study the characteristics of a good product.

Other ways 4-H'ers can study standards and quality are:

- Read project materials. Study and discuss facts in your project bulletins. List the important qualities mentioned.
- Study pictures. Use pictures from magazines to help members select desirable qualities. In some projects, like dairy cattle, you can get pictures made especially to teach judging.
- Discuss sample products. Have members bring samples of a predetermined item made or grown to a club meeting. Have them compare their items with the characteristics of a good product. Discuss ways they might improve their items the next time.
- Attend exhibit days. 4-H'ers may have an opportunity to watch a judge make his or her placings on exhibit days or at the fair. Encourage members to listen to the comments so they can understand how exhibit placings are made.
- Take tours and trips. Visit farms, stores, and processing plants. Ask the people in charge what they consider when judging their products.

WHAT ARE ORAL REASONS AND HOW DO YOU PREPARE?

Making good choices and explaining them to others can build a 4-H member's self-confidence. Selecting the best of four comparable items sharpens the decision-making skills of a member. Giving reasons for his or her selections stimulates habits of careful and thorough thinking.

The first task in judging is for members to place the items in the class in order. Members should make brief written notes that will help them recall a mental picture of the class. While members are waiting to give reasons to the oral reasons judge, they can organize their thoughts and practice giving reasons out loud. There are four important and basic criteria in every good set of oral reasons. Oral reasons judges assign the following percentage values to each of the four criteria:

- Knowledge of Subject—40%
- Use of Appropriate Terminology—25%
- Presentation—20%
- Organization—15%

Knowledge of subject is the most important part of giving reasons and is worth the greatest number of points. A member needs to see major things in the class correctly and discuss them accurately and completely. The oral reasons judge will always weigh accuracy more heavily than the other three basic criteria. Therefore, a persuasive and pleasant sounding set of reasons without a high degree of accuracy is worthless.

Use of appropriate terms is important in presenting a set of reasons. When learning terminology, members should first become familiar with terms in the project materials that are common and conventional. Many slang phrases used by people in industry are not considered appropriate by 4-H oral reasons judges. With practice, the reasons presentation becomes clear, logical, and to the point.

The presentation is important. If reasons are presented well, the listener more clearly understands the member's logic. When giving oral reasons, members should remember to:

- Stand erect in front of the judge.
- Establish eye contact with the judge.
- Be neat and clean.
- Avoid chewing gum or wearing a cap or hat.
- Present the set of reasons in two minutes or less.
- Speak loud enough to be understood without shouting or talking too rapidly.
- Vary the voice tone so that important points are emphasized.
- Use correct enunciation, pronunciation, and grammar.
- Use comparative terms when justifying the placings.

Organization helps the judge hearing the reasons follow what is being said. A well organized set of reasons presents major differences first in general terms. Then, to be more complete, the general terms are broken down into more specific terms. A well organized set of reasons is easier to deliver than a poorly organized set, and usually has fewer hesitations.

SUGGESTED TRAINING FORM FOR ORGANIZING ORAL REASONS

I place this class of _____ (name of class) _____,

_____ , _____ , and _____ .

I place _____ over _____ because:

Compare
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I place _____ over _____ because:

Compare
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I place _____ last because: (Statements of fact and comparison to the other three items.)

For these reasons I place this class of _____ (name of class) _____,

_____ , _____ , and _____ .

SAVE THE DATE! The 1st Annual Simcoe Quilt Retreat – October 9-11, 2015

The 1st Annual Simcoe Quilt Retreat will happen this fall, Friday, October 9 through 11, 2015. This will be an educational fundraiser for supporting the Klickitat County 4-H program. The event will take place at the Goldendale Grange Hall at 228 W. Darland Street in Goldendale. Plan to come and spend a weekend quilting with your friends and make some new ones, too, while supporting a great program. Participants can also take a break and do some sightseeing while in our beautiful community. Some of the activities and highlights:

- A tour of Browning's Fabric and Crafts
- Instruction for those wanting to learn how to quilt
- There will be fun projects to try and opportunities for "Show and Tell"
- Meals are included in the cost

Cost is \$100 for the weekend. Space is limited. There will be a few sewing machines available on a first come, first serve basis. Please bring your own machine, if possible. RV camping (\$16 per night) or dry camping (\$10 per night) be available at the fairgrounds; there are also two local motels in Goldendale.

Registration materials will be available at the Extension office and online at www.klickitat.wsu.edu under "Upcoming Events". For more information, call Patricia Shamek at 541-993-9560.

Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

AUGUST 2015

- 11 Poultry/Rabbit pre-show/weigh-in, Klickitat County Fairgrounds, Small Animal Building, 4-6pm
11 Record books, posters and market livestock project records due, noon-7pm, 4-H Room, fairgrounds
11 Leaders' Council meeting at noon (4-H Room); fairgrounds clean-up day
11 4-H Leader of the Year Nominations due to the Extension office
18 Still life entries due, noon to 8pm, 4-H room, fairgrounds
18 Fair Board Meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
19 Animal weigh-in, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
20-23 Klickitat County Fair: 2015 Fair Theme: "Wild Flowers & Wagon Wheels"

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 1 Due date: recommendations to the Washington State 4-H Council, <http://4h.wsu.edu/council/index.htm>
7 Labor Day Holiday – County offices closed
11-27 Washington 4-H State Fair, Puyallup, WA, <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>
15 Fair Board Meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
23 Interview Day for 4-H County Record Book Awards, begins at 2:30pm, by appointment
25-27 4-H Adult Horse Camp, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
28 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 4-H leader training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H Room, KC Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 2015

- 3 Klickitat County 4-H Awards and Achievement Program Event
4-10 National 4-H Week!
12 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
15 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm
20 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
26 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 4-H leader training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H Room, KC Fairgrounds

NOVEMBER 2015

- 7 4-H Planning Day for Klickitat County 4-H Program

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