



2016 4-H Know Your Government (KYG) Conference – February 13-16, 2016

The 2016 Know Your Government (KYG) Conference will be held on February 13-16, 2016 in Olympia, WA. The KYG conference strengthens the connection between youth and our political and social networks through education, experience, application and inspiration. The 2016 conference theme, "Decision 2016", invites students to explore political parties, the nomination process and what it takes to develop a platform that represents the 4-H youth. Prior to the end of the conference, the event delegation will elect a 4-H Governor.

KYG is open to youth in grades 9-12. Youth interested in participating in the KYG conference can contact the Klickitat County Extension office at (509) 773-5817 or email klickitat4h@wsu.edu. Additional information about the KYG conference is available online at <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/kyg/index.htm>.

4-H teens, club leaders and parents: here's how you can find out more about the KYG conference. Come to a meeting to find out about activities and get important registration information. Meeting dates will be set soon. Contact KYG Coordinators Martin Taylor (509-250-0571, email martinangus1taylor@gmail.com) or Deborah Heart (509-773-6334, email theheartofgoldendale@icloud.com) if you are interested in attending this conference and to get meeting date information. Meetings start in early December.

WSU Online Food Preservation Course

Beginning Oct. 1, 2015, according to WSU Extension policy, any adult volunteer enrolling or re-enrolling to give leadership in the **4-H Food Preservation project** **MUST** have completed the **Preserve the Taste of Summer** food preservation training series. Other training or previous experience cannot be accepted as a substitute for this requirement.

The required course is available online: <http://preservesummer.cahnrs.wsu.edu>; and is taken independently. Upon completion, the participant is issued a certificate verifying they have completed the eight lessons. There is a \$25 fee to register for the online course. To participate, you will need a computer made in the last five years and have a stable internet connection.

Preserve the Taste of Summer is a series of eight online lessons for consumers who want to learn about food preservation and food safety as well as those who want to update their knowledge and skills. Provided by WSU, the lessons cover the most current USDA approved food preservation recommendations. Topics include food safety, the basics of canning (pressure and boiling water), freezing, drying, as well as making fruit spreads and pickled foods. A certificate of completion is provided at the end of the course.

4-H Club Annual Financial Summary Form and Club Re-enrollments Due

It's a new 4-H year! The 4-H Club Financial Summary form was included in the re-enrollment packets that went to the main club leader. The deadline date was December 1 – it has been extended to December 10. Clubs that have not turned in a completed form to the Extension office will be changed to an inactive status. Re-enrollments for with insurance money are due to the Extension office by December 15.

An important reminder for club leaders: the Extension office should be notified ahead of time regarding any fundraising activities by 4-H clubs during the year to ensure proper use of the 4-H name and logo and that appropriate guidelines are followed. Questions? Contact Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817.

4-H Planning Day Results

4-H Planning Day took place November 7 at the Goldendale Grange. Leaders met to discuss ideas for programs and educational workshops. Event dates were set for the upcoming 4-H year.

Leaders' Council nominations and election of officers (Vice-President and Secretary) took place. Congratulations to Martha Parsons (Vice-President-elect) and Deborah Heart (Secretary-elect). They will take office in January 2015, serving a two-year term. They will join current Leaders' Council officers President Linda Enderby and Treasurer Kay Carr.

December 28, 2015 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting

Join us for refreshments this month! The December 28 Klickitat County 4-H Leaders' Council training and meeting will be held in the 4-H room at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale. The Leader training session will begin at 6:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 7pm.

Mark your calendars! Market animal pre-show/weigh-in dates for 2016

Beef: March 20 **Swine: May 9** **Sheep/Goat: June 12 (Now on Sunday)** **Poultry/Rabbit: August 16**

4-H Horse Member Riding Time

Riding time may be available on Wednesdays through March 2016 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds from 3pm to 5pm for **currently enrolled** 4-H horse project members. This is an educational opportunity for the horse project and we are fortunate to have this ride time available for our 4-H program. **Completed enrollment forms must have been received at the 4-H office along with 4-H insurance payment (\$2 for horse project).** For more information contact Lisa Harness at the Extension office, 509-773-5817.

Washington State 4-H Program Scholarship Information

Several 4-H scholarships are offered through the Washington State 4-H Program. Please refer to specific information and the application process at <http://4h.wsu.edu/members/scholar.htm>.

1. Washington State 4-H Scholarships (postmarked by **March 1, 2015** to Jan Klein, State 4-H Adolescent Leadership Specialist, WSUE Spokane, PO Box 1495, Spokane, WA 99210):

- J. Orville Young Memorial Scholarship -- One @ \$500
- Lewis County 4-H Leaders Scholarships – Two @ \$1,000, One @ \$500
- O.M. Plummer Memorial Scholarship -- One @ approximately \$575
- Washington State 4-H Foundation Scholarship -- One @ \$1,000
- Thomas R. Quann Scholarship Fund -- One @\$1,000

2. 4-H Dairy Endowment Scholarship (only available for current or former dairy members)

Washington State 4-H Foundation Dairy Endowment Scholarship is a separate application from those above. For information and application go to: <http://4h.wsu.edu/foundation/dairyendowment/DE-Scholarship.pdf>.

- Two @ \$500.00 (must be a current or former 4-H Dairy Member. One for a high school senior and one for a current college student).

3. Avista/NW Farm Credit Services (NWFCFS) / WSU CAHNRS Scholarships – March 31 Deadline

(Link will be provided by January 31 – check back at <http://4h.wsu.edu/members/scholar.htm>)

To apply for the following scholarships, please use the link above and be sure to attach the documents requested in the application. You may apply for all scholarships where you meet the requirements. This application must be submitted by March 31.

- **Avista/NWFCFS 4-H Scholarship** - to be considered for one of the ten \$500 scholarships you must be currently enrolled in 4-H and plan to attend a two or four-year college. You must be a resident of one of Adams, Asotin, Ferry, Grant, Klickitat, Lincoln, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, or Whitman counties.
- **WSU CAHNRS 4-H Scholarship** - to be considered for one of the two \$3,000 scholarships available you must have been a 4-H club member for at least two years, leader among your peers, and plan to attend the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University your freshman year.

If you have questions, please contact Britta Nitcy at nitcy@wsu.edu, or phone 509-335-6479.

Klickitat County 4-H Project Records and Record Book Pages

Project records for the 2015-16 4-H year are available on the Klickitat County 4-H page, <http://klickitat.wsu.edu/klickitat/4-h-recordkeeping>.

The Market Livestock Project record has been updated for the 2015-16 year. The 4-H Permanent Record (C0935) and 4-H Record Book (C0934) for Level 2 have not changed. The Level 1 Permanent Record (C0933) and 4-H Record Book (C0932) also remain the same. An additional link has been added for printing the Level 2 4-H Record Book (C0934) with just the front page (cover), calendar, 4-H story and supplemental pages. Project records can be downloaded and printed. Record book pages and project records can also be purchased at the Extension office for 50 cents for each project record.

Keeping records is just one of many life skills that youth learn through project work in 4-H. Whether members are working with an animal project or gardening, sewing, creative arts or photography (just to name a few), keeping accurate records is important to get a clear picture of what was done, what income or expenses there were and what new skills and knowledge were acquired. For youth raising market animals, the importance of good recordkeeping is absolutely necessary to help ensure a safe and wholesome food supply.

Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 2015

- 10 Deadline Date Extended: 4-H Club Financial Report Forms Due for 2014-2015 4-H year
- 11 **4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting, 6:30pm, WSU Extension Office, Goldendale, REVISED DATE**
NO Fair Board meeting in December
- 23-24 WSU Extension office – call ahead for hours
- 25 Christmas Holiday – County offices closed
- 28 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 4-H leader training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H Room, KC Fairgrounds

JANUARY 2016

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday – County offices closed
- 11 4-H Family Living Leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 16 Sewing Clinic, 9am to noon, details to be announced
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - County offices closed
- 19 Fair Board meeting, 7pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 21 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm, location to be announced
- 25 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 4-H leader training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H Room, KC Fairgrounds

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

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