



Club re-enrollments due now for the 2014-2015 4-H Year

It's a new 4-H year! Re-enrollments with insurance money, club financial summaries and other forms (C1000 for each leader and volunteer hours not reported yet for the past 4-H year) are due to the Extension office now.

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 1st 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 (President and Treasurer) took place. Congratulations to Linda Enderby (President-elect) and Kay Carr (Treasurer-elect). They will take office in January 2015, serving a two-year term. They will join current Leaders' Council officers Vice-President Martha Parsons and Secretary Martin Taylor (appointed - filling a vacancy through 2015).

December 29, 2014 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting

Join us for refreshments this month! The December 29 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.

Klickitat County 4-H Project Records and Record Book Pages

Revised project records for the 2014-15 4-H year are available on the Klickitat County 4-H page, <http://klickitat.wsu.edu/klickitat/4-h-recordkeeping>. 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.

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.

2015 4-H Know Your Government (KYG) Conference – February 14-17, 2015

The 2015 Know Your Government (KYG) Conference will be held on February 14-17, 2015 in Olympia, WA. The KYG conference strengthens the connection between youth and our political and social networks through education, experience, application and inspiration. The 2015 conference theme, "Digital Citizenship", invites students to investigate and delve into the powerful relationship between media and politics. Using social media and society's most powerful mediums, delegates will return to their communities with media understanding tools to enact change towards local challenges.

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. Contact Martin Taylor, KYG Coordinator, at 509-250-0571 if you are interested in attending this conference and to get meeting date information. You can also contact the Extension office at 509-773-5817 for details.

Youth in Action Awards

The 4-H Youth in Action award recognizes an outstanding 4-Her who epitomizes 4-H youth empowerment. Sponsored by National 4-H Council, the purpose of this award is to acknowledge and honor a confident, accomplished 4-Her who has gained critical life skills through their 4-H program and has utilized those skills to overcome a challenge, or challenges, they have faced. The award winner will also demonstrate how they positively impact the community through their 4-H experience.

The winner of the Youth in Action Award will receive a \$10,000 scholarship for higher education and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC to receive their award. The Youth in Action award is given at National 4-H Council's annual Legacy Awards on Thursday, April 23, 2015, a special evening of celebration that honors the accomplishments of both 4-H youth and the adults who make life-changing experiences possible for millions of 4-H young people.

Applicants should be a 4-H member or recent alumni, ages 16-21, that represent the diversity and passions of 4-H youth nationwide, demonstrate outstanding leadership, showcase the essence of 4-H positivity, and possess a proven ability to engage others. The application deadline is January 12, 2014. For more information, guidelines, and the application, go to <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/youth-in-action/>.

4-H Horse Member Riding Time

Riding time may be available Wednesdays through March 2015 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds from 3pm to 5pm for **currently enrolled** 4-H horse project members and leaders. **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

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

1. The CAHNRS scholarships for those attending WSU and majoring in CAHNRS areas

Washington State University, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences State 4-H Scholarship (received by **January 31, 2015** at WSU):

- Dean's Merit Scholarship \$3,000
- Two @ \$1,500.00 for Leadership
- Two @ \$1,500.00 for Citizenship/Community Service

2. 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 -- Five @ \$500
- O.M. Plummer Memorial Scholarship -- One @ approximately \$575
- Washington State 4-H Foundation Scholarship -- One @ \$500
- Thomas R. Quann Scholarship Fund -- One @\$500

3. 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).

WSU Extension Office – Printer/Copier Use

4-H leaders who would like other printing/copying options (besides their home printer) for their 4-H club materials (e.g., record books, project records, educational materials, event flyers, etc.) may make arrangements with our office for printing. Please call ahead to schedule. Current black & white costs for copies: single-sided printing/copying is 5 cents per page; double-sided printing/copying is 7 cents per page.

Many pre-printed/package resources are available at our office. For example:

- Klickitat County 4-H project records - \$0.50 each (e.g., market beef, horse, sewing, etc.)
- WA 4-H Permanent Record or WA 4-H Record Book (Level 1 or Level 2) - \$1.50 each

Please contact Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817 if you have any questions.

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.

Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 2014

- 1 4-H re-enrollments, insurance, club financial summaries, volunteer hours/training logs due
- 8 Cancelled - 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 13 Goldendale Candy Cane Lane Christmas Parade, 5pm
- 18 4-H Horse Leaders meeting, 6:30pm, location to be determined
- 25 County offices closed – Christmas Day holiday
- 29 4-H Leaders' Council - training at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7 pm, 4-H room, KC Fairgrounds

JANUARY 2014

- 1 County offices closed – New Year's Day holiday
- 7 Budget Committee Meeting, 6pm, Extension office
- 12 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 15 4-H Horse Leaders meeting, 6:30pm, location to be determined
- 19 Equine Judging Clinic, 9am to noon, details to be announced
- 19 County offices closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 20 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 26 4-H Leaders' Council - training at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7 pm, 4-H room, KC Fairgrounds

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