



4-H Planning Day Results

4-H Planning Day took place November 2nd at the Goldendale Grange. Leaders met in project groups and event dates were set for the upcoming 4-H year. Revisions to project record book pages were also presented and reviewed.

Leaders' Council nominations and election of officers (Vice-President and Secretary) took place. Congratulations to Martha Parsons (Vice-President-elect) and Teresa Wells (Secretary-elect). They will take office in January 2014, serving a two-year term and will join current Leaders' Council officers President Pat Shamek and Treasurer Martin Taylor.

4-H Dog Club – First Meeting Set for November 12

The Furry Friends 4-H Club will have their kick-off meeting for the dog project on Tuesday, November 12, 6:30pm at the Goldendale Grange Hall (old hall). All county dog project members are invited. **Please do not bring dogs to this first meeting.** The club is looking forward to having another fun-filled year! For more information, contact Teresa Wells at djntlw@gmail.com or Treane Wells at (541) 993-4812.

4-H Shooting Sports Project Sign-up Meeting, November 20

Do you want to know more about the 4-H Shooting Sports projects? The Goldendale Sharpshooters 4-H Club will hold an informational sign-up meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 7pm. The meeting will take place at the Klickitat PUD meeting room.

Youth need to attend this meeting with a parent. It is not necessary to have equipment; the 4-H club has equipment available to use. Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H age division members can participate in shooting sports projects. Youth must be in 3rd grade and 8 years old by January 1 or older to participate.

For more information please contact Bill Campbell at 509-250-2279.

4-H County and State Fair Items

Congratulations to all 4-H County and State Fair participants! We have many educational posters left from both county fair and state fair that can be picked up, along with record books and market records. These can be picked up at the Extension office.

Nov. 16 Workshop for 4-H Record Books – Updated Record Book Pages

There will be a 4-H Record Book Workshop on Saturday, November 16, 9am to noon, at the Goldendale Grange. Project records have been revised this year so here is an opportunity to see what's new!

4-H members are encouraged to attend to ask questions, get some help with their record book or market records, and learn some tips about where to put information. Leaders are encouraged to attend to get additional information about record keeping for their clubs. Record book award information will also be presented.

Club leaders who attend will be provided with a full notebook of record book project pages and instructions for project pages and the permanent record. There will be lots of opportunity to ask questions. All clubs should be encouraging 4-H members to practice recordkeeping, keep records and turn in record books for judging and recognition awards.

This workshop could be something 4-H clubs attend as a group as well as an opportunity to help other members learn about record keeping. Have questions? Contact Lisa Harness at the Extension office, 509-773-5817.

4-H Horse Member Riding Time

Riding time may be available Wednesdays through March 2014 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.

4-H Horse Leaders Meeting on Thursday, November 21

The next 4-H Horse Leader meeting will be on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30pm. The location will be determined – it may be a conference call or a local meeting location. Contact Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 or Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817 for further details.

Interested 4-H leaders, parents and 4-H horse members who would like to be a part of planning events and education for our county horse program will want to attend these meetings. This is a good way to stay up-to-date on current 4-H Horse project information, too.

November 25, 2013 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting

The November 25 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. These meetings are where the "business" of our county 4-H program is conducted. Leaders, parents and youth who attend these meetings help determine the direction of our county program. Please attend as many meetings as you can. 4-H clubs are encouraged to have a representative regularly attend meetings.

2014 4-H Know Your Government (KYG) – "Lobbying for Change", February 15-18, 2014

Every February in Olympia, teens, 9th grade and above, gather from across the state to learn about civics. Each year this conference focuses on one of the four government-related topics: the judicial system, legislative processes, politics and the media, or elections.

The 2014 Know Your Government (KYG) Conference will be held on February 15-18, 2014 in Olympia, WA.. The KYG conference strengthens the connection between youth and our political and social networks through education, experience, application and inspiration. The 2014 conference theme, "Lobbying for Change", will offer teens the opportunity to learn about the legislative process as they lobby to get a bill passed.

KYG is open to youth in grades 9-12. KYG meetings are already beginning so call for more information. Youth interested in participating in the KYG conference can contact the WSU 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>.

Enrollment Packets for the 2013-2014 4-H Year

It's a new 4-H year! Enrollment packets for 4-H clubs can be picked up by the main club leader at the Extension office. Included in packets is Form C1000, A Valuable Partnership, for each enrolled leader to sign and return, and copies of the Klickitat County 4-H Volunteer Hours log/worksheet. Use this log/worksheet to report your volunteer hours and any training hours for the past 4-H year and then begin keeping a current log sheet. These volunteer hour logs should be turned in on a monthly basis to the Extension office to meet WSU reporting deadlines.

Re-enrollments with insurance money, club financial summaries and other forms (C1000 for each leader and volunteer hours worksheets for the past 4-H year) are due to the Extension office by December 2, 2013.

An important reminder for club leaders: the Extension office needs to 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. We are looking forward to another great year!

"Put the Child First"- Child Protection Training for All 4-H Volunteers

Recent state laws have broadened the legal requirements for reporting child abuse to the proper authorities. WSU Extension remains committed in its efforts to prevent the abuse and exploitation of children and vulnerable adults. In our continuing efforts to assure a safe environment for all program participants, Washington State University Extension is requiring child protection training for all faculty, staff and volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults.

This 20-minute presentation may be viewed at any time at your home or at the Extension office on a computer. Your registration for the training will be kept in the system as proof of your participation.

Volunteers: we appreciate your compliance with this requirement. For more information or assistance with login, contact your local 4-H faculty or staff. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

To register for "Put the Child First" go to: <http://breeze.wsu.edu/cf/event/registration.html>

Fill in the information requested and press "submit". You will soon receive an automatic email from Bob Hoffmann (WSU Extension) with login information to view the presentation (called a training event).

A Reminder about 4-H Volunteer Leader Requirements for Klickitat County

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H! They make all the difference in the world. Whether you want to be a club leader or work with youth on a short-term project, there's a role for you in 4-H.

The goal of 4-H is to help youth develop as individuals and as responsible, productive citizens in their communities. Adult volunteers who spend time with 4-H youth are key in this process. They form the foundation on which productive citizens are made.

How to become a 4-H volunteer:

1. Klickitat County WSU Extension requires all individuals to complete a Volunteer Application.
 2. Be screened and interviewed through the Extension Office before becoming a 4-H volunteer (leader). A part of the screening process is a criminal history check by the Washington State Patrol prior to becoming a volunteer leader.
 3. All 4-H volunteers are required to read and sign a 4-H Volunteer Agreement form that outlines a code of conduct.
 4. New leaders and volunteers must also participate in at least 2 hours of training provided by their local Extension Office.
 5. Fill out an enrollment form for the current 4-H year and pay the annual insurance fee of \$1 or \$2 (horse project).
- **The Klickitat County 4-H Program requires volunteers to receive six hours of additional training each year.** Volunteers submit a training log with their re-enrollments each year. Training options are shared at New Leader Training and through the Focus newsletter.

As part of new volunteer training:

- Individuals learn how to recognize and properly respond to suspected **CHILD ABUSE** and neglect.
- The training will also help to clarify what WSU 4-H expects of its volunteers and the many **RESOURCES** available to volunteers through their local Extension Office and the State 4-H Office.
- The ultimate goal is to provide a safe environment for all children through **RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING.**
- Provide a positive learning experience for both 4-H members by learning about the **AGES AND STAGES OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.**
- Understanding **"WHAT IS 4-H".**
- The use of **4-H NAME AND EMBLEM.**
- How to handle **CLUB FINANCES.**

Following these requirements protects youth by providing them a safe environment and protecting leaders through WSU liability insurance.

All **direct** volunteers must have a background check!

A direct volunteer is anyone that has contact with youth.

* Main Club leaders are responsible for informing new club volunteers about requirements for volunteering.

An **indirect** volunteer might be a person that is on a board, resource person, committee or doing a one hour program with supervision from another screened volunteer. It is prudent to do a background check on indirect volunteers if there will be an occasion for them to be alone with children at any time.

Please call Lisa Harness, 4-H Program Assistant, at 509-773-5817 if you have questions about these 4-H volunteer requirements or would like to become a volunteer in our 4-H Program.

<p>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.</p>
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WA State 4-H Volunteer Hours Reporting

A review of information and training about the WSU Volunteer Hours Reporting database will be presented at the November Leaders' Council meeting. Because enrolled 4-H volunteers are eligible for L&I coverage, Washington State Department of Labor & Industries now requires WSU to ensure that volunteers are indeed working on behalf of the University. A 4-H Volunteer Hours Reporting System information page has been set up at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/reporhours.html>.

Reporting your volunteer hours will make you eligible for L & I coverage for any potential injuries you might sustain in your role as a 4-H volunteer. Additionally, the total number of reported hours for each county will be made available to State and local 4-H programs to use in grant applications and information to legislators about the value of 4-H volunteer commitment.

The Volunteer Hours Reporting System is an on-line database and the preferred method for 4-H volunteers to record their 4-H volunteer hours. However, we understand that many people in Klickitat County do not have access to high-speed internet service, so alternative reporting options are available including a paper-based worksheet. This worksheet can be filled out and turned into your county Extension office. Volunteers can enter their data on-line at the Extension office as well.

If you are an enrolled Klickitat County 4-H volunteer and have not received an Hours Reporting user name and password, contact Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817. This reporting system for volunteer hours went into effect on October 1, 2009. Thank for your participation and understanding!

E-Learning for 4-H Volunteers on State 4-H Website

E-Learning for 4-H Volunteers is basic information about 4-H, how to get started as a leader, learning about positive youth development, leadership and teaching. Each module will take about 20 minutes. A high-speed internet connection is best; on dial-up, it will just take several minutes for the modules to download. You can do all 4 modules at once or do them individually. The modules are always available for review, too.

After completing a 10 question review at the end of each module, you can print out a Certificate of Completion. When participants click on Submit, a message will go to the State 4-H Office. County 4-H offices will be notified when an individual has completed each module. This site is available 24/7: to get started, go to <http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>. This is an excellent source of information about 4-H for all leaders, parents and even members!

THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION PROCESS. For specific Klickitat County 4-H leader requirements, see the article above or call Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817.

Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 2013

11	Veteran's Day – County offices closed
16	Record Book Workshop, 9am to noon, Goldendale Grange hall
19	Fair Board meeting, 7pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
21	4-H Horse Leaders meeting, 6:30pm, location to be determined
25	4-H Leaders' Council - training at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7 pm, 4-H room, KC Fairgrounds
28, 29	County offices closed – Thanksgiving holiday

DECEMBER 2013

2	4-H re-enrollments, insurance, club financial summaries, volunteer hours/training logs due
25	County offices closed – Christmas Day holiday

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

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