



WELCOME TO

EXPLORE 4-H

OUR ANNUAL 4-H OPEN HOUSE

Snohomish County 4-H | WSU



4-H GROWS HERE

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WHAT IS 4-H?



“In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people.

We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.”



4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.



Research-based Experience:

- Mentors
amazing volunteers
- Hands-on projects
based on interests
- Meaningful Leadership Opportunities
- [4-H Essential Elements](#)

THE 4 H'S STAND FOR:



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4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

My **HEART** to greater loyalty,

My **HANDS** to larger service,

And my **HEALTH** to better living,

For my club, my community, my country and my world.



WHO IS 4-H?



NATIONAL 4-H
COUNCIL



WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY



Snohomish County

- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) of the United States Department of Agriculture
- National 4-H Council
- Washington State University
- State and County Governments
- Local partners (schools, homeschool groups, nonprofits)

It takes a village!

THE 4-H ADVANTAGE:

OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Certified Volunteers that are

- trained and provided continuing education annually
- often alumni of the 4-H program themselves
- often industry experts
- the most caring people we have ever worked with



THE 4-H ADVANTAGE: OUR AMAZING ALUMNI

- many come back to volunteer
- they recognize the impact 4-H had on their lives
- they help spread the word about 4-H as they go to university or the workforce
- they are the example of the great impact 4-H has on our upcoming leaders





NATIONAL 4-H

- **Supports local programming**
- **Provides high-quality learning resources for club and program leaders, as well as families**



A resource born out of the
COVID-19 crisis

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/>

OPPORTUNITY4ALL

4-H believes that

Talent is Everywhere, Opportunity is Not.

The Opportunity4All is a national campaign which aims to provide opportunities for all kids. Now.

<https://4-h.org/opportunity4all/>

4-H STEM CHALLENGE



- An annual program
- This year – Mars Base Camp!
- Multiple ways to participate
 - First, sign up for a kit here (first come, first served, enrolled 4-H members will be prioritized):
https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_egtb43NJbUjsIYJ
 - Log on to our live facilitated events to participate with other families:
 - October 24th @ 4pm
 - October 31st @ 10am – great Halloween alternative!
 - Watch our pre-recorded facilitation videos on our YouTube Channel
 - Participate on your own using the detailed facilitator guide that is included in the kit.
 - Find out more: <https://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/mars-base-camp/>

SNOHOMISH COUNTY 4-H

2019-2020

1,044 active youth

364 active adults with more than 3,000 combined years of 4-H experience

More than 70 clubs and 30 projects including:

- **Animal Sciences**
- **Veterinary Science**
- **STEM**
- **Robotics**
- **Computer Science**
- **Engineering**
- **Visual and Performing Arts**
- **Archery and Riflery**

HOW DO I JOIN?

Club Participation: match your interest to clubs offering those projects

- Animal and plant sciences
- Expressive arts
- Engineering and Technology
- Family Living
- Environmental Science
- Shooting Sports

Group Activities

- School or community-based
- One-time or short-term events
- Check our Facebook or website, or contact us!

ELIGIBILITY & COST

- Open to all youth ages 5-18
- A member must be 5 years old by October 1 of the program year
Program Year: October 1 – September 30
- \$30 fee per youth to help cover program management and overhead
- Clubs may also have dues, but are encouraged to engage in fundraising activities to assist with this charge
- Scholarship provided by the Snohomish County 4-H Council are available if the enrollment fee is a hardship for any families
- Group activities may or may not have a fee, depending on the activity

THE 4-H ADVANTAGE:

OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

- 4-H is a volunteer-driven organization
- We regularly need quality volunteers from diverse backgrounds and with diverse skill sets
- Are YOU interested?
- We will help you get started!



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Website

- <https://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/4h/>

Enrollment System

- <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Facebook

- <https://www.facebook.com/SnoCo4H/>

Instagram

@youthcouncil.snoco4H

A NOTE ABOUT COVID-19

- Currently not meeting in person – but that doesn't mean we aren't meeting!
- Participation while 4-H is not meeting in person includes:
 - virtual meetings (Zoom, Google Hangouts, etc.)
 - virtual collaboration and activities (Discord, Minecraft),
 - virtual contests (horse shows, skills contests)
 - hybrid learning (Zoom + take-home kits)
 - and more!
- Plans are in the works to begin re-opening in-person 4-H
- Health and Safety for everyone are top priorities