



WSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program

Thurston County 4-H 2023-2024 Club List

Thank you for your interest in Thurston County 4-H! The new 4-H year starts October 1. (The 4-H year runs October 1 – September 30.) Joining 4-H early in the year offers more 4-H club choices as clubs can fill to capacity quickly.

Please follow these steps to join a Thurston County 4-H Club:

1. **Check 4-H age eligibility.** Thurston County 4-H is open to all youth who have reached their 5th birthday on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year through those who have not reached their 19th birthday on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year.
*Please review the details about 4-H Cloverbud age youth if you have a child aged 5 to 7.
**Please review the statement for Special Education youth aged 19 and older.
2. **Determine 4-H Project interests.** Most 4-H clubs in Thurston County are project-based clubs. 4-H project-based clubs focus on specific 4-H project interest areas when they gather as a club. For example, a youth wanting to care for and train a dog would join a 4-H club that offers the 4-H dog project. A **self-determined project** is one the 4-H member learns about and works on independently.
3. **Review the list of 4-H Clubs** to find a potential 4-H club to join. Look for a group that offers the 4-H project interest areas your child or children are interested in learning about. Contact the 4-H office at tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us if you would like help finding a club that best fits your school-age child's/children's interests and needs.
4. **Contact the club leader directly** to learn more about the club or clubs you are interested in joining. Each 4-H club is different, and you may find it helpful to ask questions before joining. Consider asking how often the club meets and where they meet, what 4-H projects (interest areas) they cover as a club (group learning) and which 4-H projects youth are working on independently (self-determined 4-H projects). You may also want to inquire if the club has youth members the same age as your child or children. Please note: some clubs do not offer 4-H Cloverbud age activities.
5. **AFTER** you have contacted a club leader and confirmed with the club leader your family would like to join, please officially enroll in the 4-H Club by going to 4-H Online (the online enrollment system). Use this link to access the 4-H Online Family Guidebook and video about using 4-H Online <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/member-resources/>. 4-H youth members must be enrolled in a 4-H Club via 4-H Online (online system) **by April 15**, to be eligible for Thurston County Fair 4-H entry/exhibit. Please note: the 4-H Online enrollment system is closed to new members August 1 – September 30 each year.

Black Sheep 4-H Club – Tenino

FULL – At Capacity/Closed to New Members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Cassie Tafoya

360-790-0194 (text preferred)

cassie0729@yahoo.com

4-H Projects:

Market Lamb, Market Swine

No Cloverbud age youth

Blazing Saddles 4-H Club – Olympia/South Bay

FULL – At Capacity/Closed to New Members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Molly Pestinger

360-791-2661 (text preferred)

pestingerj@comcast.net

4-H Projects:

Horsemanship, Equine Science, Horseless Horse

(Self-Determined Creative Arts, Sewing, Photography)

Cloverbud age youth for Horseless Horse Project

Diamonds in the Ruff 4-H Club – Thurston Co. Fairgrounds

OPEN – Accepting New Members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Rose Cecil

diamondsdog4h@gmail.com

4-H Projects: Dogs

No Cloverbud age youth

Flying Hoofs 4-H Club – Southeast Olympia

CLOSED – Not Accepting New Members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Kara Whitsell

kb10579@hotmail.com

4-H Projects:

Horsemanship, Equine Science, Horseless Horse

Cloverbud age youth for Horseless Horse Project

Freedom Riders 4-H Club – Tumwater/South Union

OPEN – Accepting New Members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

JR Oakes

6oakes@gmail.com

4-H Projects:

Horsemanship, Equine Science, Horseless Horse

Cloverbud age youth for Horseless Horse Project

Helping Hounds 4-H Club – Olympia

OPEN – Accepting New Members

Hybrid 4-H Club (In-Person and Virtual)

Contact:

Natalee Andrews

drnatalee17@gmail.com

4-H Projects:

Main Project: Dog

(Self-Determined Projects cat, poultry, creative arts, photography, baking, and sewing)

Yes, Cloverbud age youth

Jr. 12's 4-H Club – Yelm**FULL** – At Capacity/Closed to New Members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Nicole Hernandez

(360) 451-5092 (text preferred)

nhernandez2612@gmail.com

4-H Projects: Livestock

No Cloverbud age youth

Legacy 4-H Club – Tenino**OPEN** – Accepting New Members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Jacob Gilbreath

jacobdgilbreath@gmail.com

4-H Projects:

All animal projects except dogs, cats, and horses. Homesteading operations, wood and metal working, still life projects (static exhibits)

No Cloverbud age youth

Llamas N' More 4-H Club – Yelm**OPEN** – accepting new members after

1/1/2024

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Deborah Carroll

noahsark4h@aol.com

4-H Projects:

Llama and alpaca

No Cloverbud age youth

Midnight Riders 4-H Club – Olympia**OPEN** – accepting new members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

April Yancey

hoofinround@gmail.com

4-H Projects: Horse

Cloverbud age youth for Horseless Horse Project

Muttz-K-Teers 4-H Club – Thurston County Fairgrounds**OPEN** – accepting new members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

April Stanke

aprls@aol.com

4-H Projects:

Main Project: Dog

(Self-Determined photography, art, needle arts)

Yes, Cloverbud age youth

Prairie Wranglers 4-H Club – Rainier**FULL** - At Capacity/Closed to New Members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Heather Delaney

360-789-6531 (text/phone preferred)

heatherdelaney35@gmail.com

4-H Projects: Livestock, Livestock Judging

(Self-Determined sewing)

No Cloverbud age youth

The Spokes 4-H Club – Tenino**OPEN** – accepting new members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact: Tammy Caskey

jtcaskey2014@yahoo.com

4-H Projects:

Beef, Goat, Rabbits, Sheep, Poultry, other animals (NO Dog or Horse) and non-animal/still life projects.

Yes, Cloverbud age youth

T90 Herdsmen 4-H Club – Tenino

OPEN – accepting new members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Jessy Platter

platterjessy@gmail.com

4-H Projects:

Sheep and Poultry

Yes, Cloverbud age youth

**Thurston County 4-H Shooting Sports Club
– Lacey/Littlerock
(Archery World and Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club)**

FULL – At Capacity/Closed to New Members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Shotgun: Mark Fleischer

tcssmark@gmail.com

Archery: Chris Wenschhof

offdutyrcing@gmail.com

4-H Projects: Shotgun and Archery

No Cloverbud Age youth

**Thurston County 4-H Unlimited Club –
Olympia/South Bay**

OPEN – accepting new members

Hybrid 4-H Club (In-person and virtual)

Contact: 4-H Office

tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us

4-H Projects:

Small animals (cat, rabbit, cavy, poultry, and pocket pets), STEM/Robotics, and non-animal/still life projects such as creative arts, baking, sewing, photography, and gardening.

(Self-Determined – various)

Yes, Cloverbud age youth

Tumwater HOPES 4-H Club – Tumwater

OPEN – accepting new members

Hybrid 4-H Club (In-person and virtual)

Contact: 4-H Office

tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us

4-H Projects:

Small animals (cat, rabbit, cavy, poultry, and pocket pets), STEM/Robotics, and non-animal/still life projects such as creative arts, baking, sewing, photography and gardening.

(Self-Determined – various)

Yes, Cloverbud age youth

Yelm Nerd Herd 4-H Club – Yelm

OPEN – accepting new members

In-Person 4-H Club

Contact:

Justin Wikoff

justin.wikoff@gmail.com

4-H Projects:

Poultry, rabbit, goat, crafts, gardening, cavy, pocket pet, textiles

Yes, Cloverbud age youth

24 Carrots 4-H Club – Tumwater

OPEN – accepting new members

Hybrid 4-H Club (In-person and virtual)

Contact:

Jenny Taylor

jenny4h@ymail.com

4-H Projects:

Rabbit, Cavy, Cat, Poultry, Pocket Pets, Pack Goats, Beef, Sheep, Creative Arts (Self-Determined projects photography, baking, and sewing)

Yes, Cloverbud age youth

Don't see a club that fits your family?
Consider starting a new 4-H Club! Contact
the 4-H Office at tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us

4-H Age Divisions:

Cloverbuds: 5 to 7 years of age

Junior: 8 to 10 years of age

Intermediate: 11 to 13 years of age

Senior: 14 to 18 years of age

4-H Age Eligibility:

Enrolled 4-H Youth Members must have reached their 8th birthday on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year to be eligible for:

- Competitive situations, including livestock shows or sales
- Enrollment in large animal projects including Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Alpaca/Llama, and Swine
- Enrollment in shooting sports projects
- Enrollment in projects using motorized vehicles
- Enrollment in food preservation projects

*Cloverbuds may participate in age-appropriate activities and projects. Projects

recommended for Cloverbuds youth may include: Dog, Cat, Poultry, Rabbit, Pygmy or Novelty Goat, Horseless Horse, Cavy, Exploring the World of Small Animals, Exploring Farm Animals, Discovery, Creative Arts, Performing Arts, Aerospace, Bicycle, Computer, Photography, Clothing, Just Outside the Door, and Exploring 4-H. Cloverbuds **may not** participate in competitive activities.

- A novelty goat is defined as a small goat that is purebred or cross-bred lineage; is up to 23 inches in height and weighs no more than 65 pounds.
- Cloverbuds should demonstrate competence in exhibiting and caring for animal projects prior to exhibiting at fairs, shows, or similar events.

**Special Education youth who have reached their 19th birthday (on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year) through those who have not reached their 22nd birthday (on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year), may enroll with the approval of the WSU Extension 4-H faculty.

Washington State University Extension
Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program
Office closed on Mondays, T-F from 9 to 4 p.m.
Please schedule ahead to meet with 4-H staff

Office located on the Thurston County Fairgrounds
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tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us
(360) 867-2157

<https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/youth/>

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Washington State University (WSU), U.S. Department of Agriculture and Thurston County cooperating. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. If you have a disability for which you seek an accommodation, please notify the WSU Extension Office ten days prior to the event. 360-867-2157 or tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us.