

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development  
News for September 22, 2017  
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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Oct 2 Mandatory 4-H Club Kickoff Meeting, Elma, 5:45pm  
Oct 2 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma, 6:30pm  
Oct 4-15 Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

Oct 9 GH 4-H Council Meeting, Elma, 6pm  
Oct 9 Record Books Due (All Project Areas)  
Oct 9 Year Pin Request Forms Due from Club Leaders  
Oct 9 4-H Member of the Year Nominations Due  
Oct 9 Club Award Applications Due

Oct 20-22 WA State 4-H Forum at Great Wolf Lodge  
Oct 25 Window Display Sign-ups Due  
Oct 27-29 SW/NW District Rally - Island Lake Camp, Poulsbo  
Oct 29 - Nov 4 Window Displays Available for viewing in the community

Nov 6 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma  
Nov 9 "Celebrate Our Kids" 4-H Year End Recognition & Dinner, 6pm, Elma  
Nov 10 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Veterans Day  
Nov 15 Fair Volunteer Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6pm

### **MANDATORY CLUB KICK-OFF MEETING**

Welcome to fall....and the beginning of another great year for Grays Harbor County 4-H! We look forward to a full house at our October 2nd Club Kick-Off meeting. Each club is required to send at least one representative to this very important meeting where we will discuss important information to start the new 4-H year, including the new Washington State 4-H enrollment fee. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm as we enjoy an evening of great friends and 4-H fun – become an active part of the 4-H community! The Club Kick-Off Meeting takes place October 2 at 5:45pm @ the WSU Extension office in Elma (before the GH 4-H Horse Council meeting begins at 6:30). Please share this information with your fellow 4-H volunteers – we need participation to ensure a successful upcoming year. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend. If your club is unable to attend, it is your responsibility to contact Tracie to arrange for an alternate date.

### **ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?**

The election of a 4-H council for the 2017-2018 year will take place at the October 9 council meeting. Please ask yourself and other volunteers in your club if one of these positions might be a good fit for you. Open positions include President, Vice President, At Large Positions 2 and 3, Teen Representative, Advisor to the Board, and 1 Panhandle Representative position (position descriptions available upon request). Our 4-H program is guided by caring and passionate volunteers like you; please consider stepping up into a leadership role or nominating someone.

### **YEAR END COMPLETION & AWARDS INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

4-H year-end completion forms are now available for pick up at the Extension Office. All Record Books and Year End forms are due to the Extension Office no later than Monday, October 9. Forms are also available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms>

> **4-H YEAR PIN REQUEST** forms are now available for pick up at the Extension Office. Club Leaders complete and turn in the form, which is due to the Extension Office no later than 5pm Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> or the GH 4-H Council meeting held at 6:00 that evening.

The 4-H year pin is an award earned by the 4-H member for completing the 4-H year. As the Grays Harbor 4-H Council purchases these pins, the council has established guidelines for earning a year pin. The 4-H member must complete five of the following seven items to receive a pin (Cloverbud members are not required to complete items #3 and #4, but must complete four of the remaining five items.):

1. Complete the project/projects in which the member is enrolled.
2. Attend at least 50% of their club's general and project meetings after enrollment.
3. Give a public presentation.
4. Complete the 4-H record book.

5. Exhibit at a fair or other designated activity.
6. Participate in a 4-H community project.
7. Serve as a club officer.

> **RECORD BOOKS** are also due to the Extension Office no later than 5pm Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> or the GH 4-H Council meeting held at 6:00 that evening. Record book scoresheets are also available for your review at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>.

#### > **MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Grays Harbor County 4-H Member of the Year Nominations can be submitted any time before October 9<sup>th</sup>. With so many deserving members that make a difference every day who will you nominate?

One boy and one girl in each age group will be selected as "4-H Member of the Year" for Grays Harbor County. The recipients will receive a certificate and cash award. Individuals may be selected one time per age group. Their names will also be engraved on plaques hanging in the County Extension Office.

#### > **CLUB AWARDS**

Application forms and more specific information are available under "GH 4-H Council Awards Guideline" at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> or at the Extension Office. Applications are due October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Grays Harbor County 4-H clubs can be recognized in the following categories:

- > > Publicity
- > > Membership Building
- > > Community Service
- > > Achievement

Additional recognition is available for 4-H Club Secretaries who complete and turn in the 4-H Secretary Book as well as 4-H Club Treasurers who complete and turn in the 4-H Treasurers Book

#### **4-H FORUM AT GREAT WOLF LODGE**

Are you a 4-H member in the Intermediate or Senior age category? Are you a 4-H volunteer or parent who is interested in a fun and local way to learn more about new resources and ways to be connected with the 4-H Program in Washington State? WA State 4-H Forum could be for you! Make sure to check out the WA State 4-H Forum at the Great Wolf Lodge October 20-22. Our neighbors in Thurston County are hosting the 2017 "Make a Splash" event, which is a great opportunity for teens and adults to build friendships, skills, and knowledge across the state! Find out more about the two days of workshops, awards, speakers, and the WA State 4-H Council meetings at <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/washington-state-4-h-forum/> and look for the latest announcements and workshop descriptions at <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonState4HForum/>

#### **TEEN RALLY COMING THIS FALL**

What is Teen Rally? Rally is a weekend get-away for teens grades 7-12 filled with educational workshops, meeting youth from other counties, learning more about 4-H, hands-on activities, and a whole lot of fun! It brings together young people to share 4-H club and county experiences, develop leadership skills and build new relationships to expand individual resources, and make the 4-H program better. Save the date for the NW/SW Teen Rally October 27-29 at Island Lake Camp in Poulsbo. Teen Rally is open to all teens – you do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to attend, so tell your friends. See complete details on our website at <http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/2017/09/4-h-teen-rally/>.

**"CELEBRATE OUR KIDS" RECOGNITION EVENT, DINNER & AUCTION SAVE THE DATE** – Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> The date has been set ... mark the time on your calendar for 6pm on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. A fun and festive way to celebrate the 4-H year as a community! Complimentary dinner provided for enrolled 4-H members plus one guest, additional dinner tickets purchased at the door for \$5

#### **STATE 4-H PROGRAM UPDATE – ENROLLMENT FEE FOR THE NEW 4-H YEAR**

The Washington State 4-H Program recently announced that members will be assessed a \$25 State 4-H Enrollment Fee beginning October 1, 2017 due to declining funding for WSU Extension. This fee is only for youth members, not volunteers. This fee will cover safety and risk management procedures, marketing, as well as volunteer and staff support. Additional information from WSU Extension regarding the fee is available as an attachment to this letter by clicking {-Newsletter: WA State 4-H Enrollment Fee Letter & FAQs: 567-}.

Grays Harbor County 4-H will have various options available to cover this fee, so no child will be denied access to our program. If the fee is not a financial burden, families will be able to pay the fee in a variety of ways, outlined below:

- Credit card – Select this option when enrolling in 4HOnline for the new 4-H year. (preferred method)

- Check or cash – Select this option when enrolling in 4HOnline for the new 4-H year. Make checks payable to “Grays Harbor County 4-H” and mail or deliver checks to the WSU Extension office. Mailing cash to the WSU Extension office is not recommended.
- If club funds are available, another option is having the \$25 fee paid by the club for all of their members. Work with your club leader to learn more about this option.

In addition, Grays Harbor County 4-H is exploring sponsorship donations from local benefactors and businesses to help youth, families, or clubs who may not have funds. We hope to continue to grow this fee sponsorship fund to ensure that all youth will have access to 4-H Programs. More information on these processes will be provided, as details are available.

#### **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

If you participated in the Grays Harbor Fair, a 4-H meeting, camp, or helped a member with their project you must report these hours. Reporting of volunteer hour's documents coverage for injuries they might sustain and it is also documentation for the liability coverage WSU provides to its volunteers. All WSU Extension Volunteers must log on to <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx> each month to report hours they worked for any WSU Extension program. Your user name will be your last name and first initial, such as "HansonT" and your initial password is password! (all lower case and include the exclamation point!) Once you log in you will have the option to change your password. For additional information visit the [Reporting Your Volunteer Hours](#) page on our website or contact Tracie 360-482-2934 or [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) if you need assistance.