

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
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Find us on Facebook – Grays Harbor County 4-H at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>

Other ways to connect with Washington State 4-H through social media:

>>> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonState4H/>

>>> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/wastate4h>

New calendar features! Available online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/calendar/>

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Grays Harbor County Extension will be closed December 26-27th, January 2nd, and January 16th in observance of Christmas, New Year's Day, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

SMALL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

> **Clif Bar Family Foundation:** <https://goo.gl/VVaHsp>

Accepting applications for general grant of up to \$7,000 to be awarded along with funding for specific projects that align with one or more of the foundations focus areas.

> **Lead2Feed Leadership Challenge:** <https://goo.gl/6DhqWP>

Up to \$275,000 in prizes will be awarded to teams of students for service-learning projects that raise awareness of world hunger.

CHANGES TO WASHINGTON STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS – March 15th Deadline

Please note deadline for the Washington State 4-H Scholarships has changed to March 15, 2017.

Applications will be available online no later than January 1st.

WINTER IS COMING – #MakeaPlan

... submitted by Kerr, Susan R kerrs@wsu.edu

Across the nation, winter weather is quickly approaching. According to the 2015 FEMA National Household Survey*, only 40% have developed a household emergency plan. Many students will see winter weather as a reason to celebrate school closures, but it's also a critical time to make sure your families, schools, and communities have a plan in place for when a winter storm hits. Be safe this winter –visit

<https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan> to make a plan for your family, and help us motivate others to prepare BEFORE the storm hits.

Disclaimer: The reader recognizes that the federal government provides links and informational data on various disaster preparedness resources and events and does not endorse any non-federal events, entities, organizations, services or products. Please let us know about other events and services related to youth preparedness that could be included in future newsletters by contacting FEMA-Youth-Preparedness@fema.dhs.gov.

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BURUNDI UPDATE - Washington's Youth are Raising Funds for Burundi 4-H!

From rocket blasting contests to plant sales, 4-H youth across the state are finding creative ways to raise funds for Burundi 4-H.

You, too, can make a difference. JOIN US TODAY, for our year-end Global Giving Campaign for 2016. Our goal is \$2500 to purchase, install and maintain water catchment systems at our four sister schools.

Thanks to our generous donors who donated on Giving Tuesday for a total of \$1723! **We are only \$777 from our goal.** Go to: <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/burundi4hsisterschools/> to donate by December 31st and help us reach our goal.

Here is what our youth have been doing. Let's celebrate their generosity!

Cade Cowell and members of the Thurston Co. 4-H Dog Project (Steamboat Island Kibbles and Bits) raised more than \$1600.00 by hosting a giant garage sale on October 23rd. This was a great opportunity for Cade to broaden his world perspective. He learned more about Burundi and says that he wants to visit Africa one day. Cade wants to know what kind of impact his efforts will make.

Check out how other Washington 4-H youth are mobilizing to raise funds for the Burundi 4-H Sister Schools Program.

- > **Skagit County 4-H Horse Program** headed up a challenge to fill a 5-gallon water bottle with spare change at their county fair
- > **Sugar and Spice 4-H Club** – Wahkiakum donated a basket at the 4-H Market Sale at the Wahkiakum County Fair. The winning bid was \$100.00
- > **King County Teen Group** held a yard sale and raised \$226.75
- > **Curious Kids 4-H Group** held a Science Rocket Launch Activity at King County Fair
- > **Healthy Helpers Extension Club** Jefferson County hosted a Plant Sale

For more information on the Burundi 4-H Sister Schools program contact: Mary Katherine Deen (mdeen@wsu.edu); Kevin Wright (wrightkc@wsu.edu) or Lauren Hrcirik (lauren.hrcirik@wsu.edu)

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Wsu4HBurundiProject?ref=profile>

ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO APPLY FOR NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Please encourage mature teens with advanced leadership skills to apply to attend future National 4-H Conferences.

National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Citizenship, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world.

National 4-H Conference delegates engage in personal development experiences that increase their knowledge, resources, and skills while they discuss topics affecting youth and 4-H programming nationwide. The delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a briefing. During the conference, the groups present their briefing to federal officials around the Washington, D.C. area. Delegates not only learn while at the conference: they are empowered to create positive social change in their communities and have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in a real-world setting.

Washington State applications are due December 30th, 2016. For more information and application packet go to: <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/teen-leadership-opportunities/national-opportunities/>

Selection Criteria:

- Minimum 20 hours of Community service (hours or project involvement)
- Minimum 2 years 4-H involvement
- 11th grade or above
- Minimum 2 years in club/council leadership roles
- Attended a minimum of one district AND one state event prior to the national event

Cost: approximately \$1200, some scholarships are available

Please note that for the 2nd year, two Washington State 4-H Alumni have served as Roundtable Facilitators:

2017 Roundtable Facilitators

Lead:

Sergio Martinez-Beltran – Michigan State University

Returning Facilitators:

Christeanna Friend – University of Washington –Tacoma

Dominique Germann – Fresno State University

Jarod Jensen – Utah State University

Nina Klein – Trinity Western University

Oakley Perry – University of Tennessee

Ricki Schroeder – Oklahoma State University

Casondra Rutchske – North Dakota State University

4-H teaches life skills that lead young people to become self-directing, positive, contributing members of our society. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact Tracie Hanson at PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541, (360)482-2934, tracie.hanson@wsu.edu at least two weeks prior to the event.

Our county is partnering with neighboring counties—the Constellation group of Mason, Pacific, Lewis, Thurston, etc., to send out e-newsletters. Some articles are from other counties, and include helpful information or invitations to participate in local, regional, or statewide events. Please read carefully.

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Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Grays Harbor County Extension.

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