

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for December 7, 2017

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 11 GH 4-H Council Meeting, Elma, 6pm
Dec 25 & 26 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Christmas

Jan 1 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of New Year's Day
Jan 1 WA State 4-H Scholarship application opens
Jan TBA GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma, 6:30pm
Jan 8 GH 4-H Council Executive Board Meeting, Elma, 6pm
Jan 15 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WE ARE THANKFUL!

During this holiday season we are especially grateful for you! Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and genuine dedication to the Grays Harbor County 4-H program. Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday!

RE-ENROLLMENTS DUE

It is a new 4-H year and that means it is time to re-enroll! All youth members and adult volunteers must log into 4HOnline and update their profiles in order to re-enroll for the new 4-H year. Step-by-step instructions and a link to the 4HOnline enrollment site can be found on our website at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>.

PAYING ENROLLMENT FEES

During the re-enrollment process, you will have the option to pay the \$25 per youth member fee by entering your credit/debit card information or selecting pay by check. If you select pay by check, please note that the member's status will remain pending until payment is received by the 4-H office. If you are unsure of your status, or have questions please contact Tracie.

CLUB LEADER PACKETS DUE

Club leaders - don't forget to return your Club Leader Packets to the Extension Office. The packets contain the Annual Financial Summary, Club Chartering document, information on reporting your volunteer hours and more. Packets were distributed at the Fall Club Kick-Off meetings and are available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

GH 4-H CAMP STAFF TRAINING . Enroll now to Participate December 27th . 28th

All teens 9th grade and above and invited to this overnight 4-H Camp Counselor training session at the Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp from 6pm Wednesday evening to 4pm Thursday afternoon. Bring some friends to find out what being a camp counselor is all about! Lots of fun activities!

> For more information about the overnight event, contact:
Rhonda Borden at nooperdoo@aol.com or (360)482-5528 or
Taylor Sample at tsample1993@gmail.com or (360)470-4870

STATE 4-H FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS MAILED

Premium checks totaling over \$71,000 for the 2017 Washington State 4-H Fair were mailed on Thursday, November 3. Checks were mailed to the address stated on the exhibitor entry form. The entry fee of \$8 per exhibitor was withheld from each of the checks. In addition, no checks were issued for less than \$2.

Questions regarding checks should be directed to the State 4-H Fair office. Email inquiries are preferred to the Fair Manager at: St4hfair@wsu.edu

OUTBOUND 4-H EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO TANZANIA . Application Due February 1

Maryland 4-H is offering a Summer Outbound program to Tanzania this year. The application deadline is February 1 and program dates, including one night in Washington DC prior to departure, are July 22 . August 3. Students age 15-19 can apply. The costs include the \$3250 Program Fee plus 1 night lodging/meals in Washington DC, and roundtrip domestic flights from the delegates' home airport to Washington-Dulles International Airport. Delegates will stay at Tanzania 4-H, not with host families. Contact dianna.ullery@wsu.edu for more information and application

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - Apply January 1st . March 15th

You will find that all 4-H scholarships have been consolidated for 2018 at <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/> and there will be one 4-H scholarship application through 4HOnline.

The application opens January 1st, and is due March 15th at 9:59pm. Washington State 4-H is pleased to offer a number of different scholarships. Current and former Washington State 4-H members are eligible to apply. Applicants must have accumulated at least two years of 4-H affiliation. Previous Washington State 4-H scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be a senior attending an accredited two or four-year college or university in the fall.

ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO APPLY FOR STATE & 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.

For info about State and National opportunities, check out <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/>

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 hours 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 if you need assistance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - Building School Gardens for 1000 Youth in Burundi

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give+
. Winston Churchill

Join WA State 4-H to raise \$2500 to support Burundi 4-H School Gardens in 2018.

Join us if you believe every child has a right to healthy food. Since the beginning of 2017 there have been approximately 5,000,000 clinical cases of malaria registered across Burundi. Our Burundi 4-H Sister Schools are situated in one of the hardest hit areas of the malaria epidemic. Malaria is directly linked to food insecurity and malnutrition. Burundi 4-H School Gardens are playing a vital role in reducing the vulnerability of children by giving students the skills and materials needed to plant, grow and harvest their own vegetables, thus, improving their overall health and resistance to deadly diseases such as malaria. In turn these students are sharing what they learn with their families and communities, improving the health of everyone. It costs \$2,500 to supply one year of gardening supplies for all four Burundi Sister Schools. Help us during the 2017 Global Giving year-end campaign, to raise \$2,000 to support one year of Sister School gardening supplies.

Please help support the Burundi 4-H project this year during our Global Giving Campaign Tuesday, November 28th . Sunday, December 31st 2017.

Donors that set up new recurring donations from Wednesday, November 29th through December 31st will be matched at 100% of the first month's gift.

The more you give the more our project will receive! Donate at: <https://goto.gg/22344>

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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Disclaimer: By posting the above "free to a good home" information, WSU Grays Harbor County Extension 4-H does not endorse or give approval for any of these free animals to be used as 4-H project animals. Contact the animal owners at your own risk.

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

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