

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/>

NEW 4-H YEAR ENROLLMENT – Now Open!

Welcome to October and the new 4-H year! As in previous years all 4-H members and volunteers are required to enroll each year to actively participate in the new 4-H year, which began on October 1.

To log back into your family profile, you will need internet access and the family email address that is currently on file with the Extension Office. You can find a link to the enrollment website <http://wa.4honline.com>, along with step-by-step instructions at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

We promise to provide you support and help answer any questions that you may have as you navigate your way through the process. Most club leaders have attended one of the Club Kick-Off meetings and received important information along with helpful tools for completing the enrollment process.

Remember to enroll again as soon as possible before December 1st. If you have any questions or are unsure of the email address that is connected to your family profile, please don't hesitate to contact Tracie at (360)482-2934 or tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

***** *This could be your last News Blast until your family completes the enrollment process through 4HOnline. Since the News Blast is sent to the contact information of actively enrolled 4-H families, it is important that your contact information is updated to keep informed about upcoming events and activities!***

YEAR-END MEMBER RECOGNITION NOMINATIONS – Due October 14th

The Award Guideline contains information about annual awards available from the Grays Harbor 4-H Council, and is available under "Year End Completion & Awards" at: <http://ext100.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

Find out more about:

> Member of the Year (*nominations due October 14th*)

> Club Awards (*nominations due October 14th*)

GET INVOLVED: PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN – Through October 16th

How can you or your club be a part of the upcoming Clover Days event? Carrying out purchases? Club demonstrations? Get creative and contact Tracie for more information or contact Whitney, Mackenzie, or

Colby with Tractor Supply Company at (360)533-8888 for more information.

Our local Tractor Supply Company store is a huge supporter of Grays Harbor County 4-H! In the past 5 years this partnership has helped to raise more than \$2,000 which has provided funds for program support across our county. ***We ask that all clubs consider scheduling a time to set up a display or demonstration during the upcoming Clover Days – it is fun and pays off!*** It's a fact that having a youth presence in the store during the event increases contributions. The Paper Clover Campaign supports camps and other leadership events for our county. A BIG THANK YOU to each club for signing up to participate! The event runs October 5 – 16.

4-H CAMP INFO NIGHT – Saturday October 22nd

All adults interested in volunteering during 4-H camp as well as teens 14 and above and their parents are invited to this 4-H Camp Information Night at the WSU Extension office. Bring some friends to find out what being a camp counselor, camp chaperone, or camp volunteer is all about! Get connected with the camp team, get the schedule of upcoming training opportunities and get your questions answered!

While we'll also be available to help you complete the 4-H enrollment process, you can get a head start by visiting <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

For more information about the event, contact:

Taylor Sample at tsample1993@hotmail.com or (360)470-4870

WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST, 4-H PROMOTION EVENT – Sign up by October 26th

Why: To have fun with your club and promote 4-H in our community!

What: Work as a team to design and install a display sharing your message about 4-H with the community.

How: The display area can be an indoor or outdoor location suitable to the target audience. It could be flat paper construction, a tri-fold display board, or a more dimensional display. The Evaluation Criteria is available online under **Window Display Event to Promote 4-H** at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

When: Submit the entry form found under **Window Display Event to Promote 4-H** at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> by Wednesday, October 26th, and have the display available for viewing from Sunday, October 30th through Saturday, November 5th

Where: Work with a local business, school, library, etc. to find a suitable public space.

MENTORS NEEDED: 2016 VOLUNTEER EDUCATION SERIES – Register Now for October 27th Session

- > Are you interested in becoming a role model for youth in our community?
- > Are you interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer in Grays Harbor County?
- > Do you know adults who would like to get connected with the 4-H Youth Development Program?
- > Are you a volunteer leader who would like to update your youth development knowledge & skills?
- > The sessions are helpful for all volunteers, club leaders and council officers, and required for new volunteers.

Thursday, Oct 27 **Volunteer Essentials** (Shelton ... may relocate to Elma) 5:30 – 7:30pm

Thursday, Nov 3 **Club Volunteer Orientation: Nuts & Bolts** (Elma) 5:30 – 7:30pm

- > Pick the session or sessions that fit your needs. Join us in either location!

CELEBRATE OUR KIDS RECOGNITION EVENT – Thursday, November 10th

... submitted by committee member, Cathy Cozad, cathleencoza@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for the 1st Annual "Celebrating Our Kids" event November 10th at 6PM at the Borden-Seabert Exhibition Hall at the GH Fairgrounds in Elma. Dinner will include spaghetti, salad, rolls, and ice cream for dessert. Complimentary dinner provided for enrolled 4-H Members plus one guest. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5.00. A great event for our 4-H Families and the community to enjoy!

For more information and to access printable flyers to share in the community, visit http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2014/04/2016_Celebrate_Our_Kids-Flyer_Final.pdf

We are planning a slideshow for the event of 4-H activities, youth members, leaders, and volunteers and ask that you submit your 4-H photos of this past 4-H year as soon as possible to Tracie Hanson at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

Funds raised during the Celebrate Our Kids event will be used to support scholarships and other program expenses.

DONATED CANNING JARS AVAILABLE FOR CLUB PICKUP

If your 4-H club needs quart or pint canning jars for food preservation or creative arts projects, please stop by the WSU Extension office to pick them up in October. Thanks to a local 4-H alumni family for this practical donation, we have over three dozen quart jars and three dozen pint jars to share with the 4-H community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STATE 4-H FAIR EXHIBITORS

Thank you to all of the 4-H members, families, and volunteers who took the time to represent the Grays Harbor County 4-H Program by sharing their year-long accomplishments at the WA State 4-H Fair! Welcome back!

REPORTING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS – Thank you!

Thank you to the enthusiastic folks listed below who have logged a total of 1,100+ 4-H volunteer hours in the database for the second half of the 4-H year (April – September)!

Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated!!

Barb Anensen

John Depaszthory

Mert Turner

Donna Musick

Phyllis Beaver

Kathleen MacKay

Tobi Buckman

Jan Hendricksen

Carole Weyerts

Darcy Potts

Vince Potts

If you participated in a 4-H clinic, a 4-H meeting, camp, fair, or helped a member with their project you must report these hours. Reporting of volunteer's 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/default.aspx> each month to report hours they worked for any WSU Extension program. Your user name will be your last name and first initial, 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 <http://ext100.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/reporting-your-volunteer-hours/> or contact Tracie (360)482-2934 or tracie.hanson@wsu.edu if you need assistance.

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.

Archived copies of "Grays Harbor County 4-H News" are available at: <http://ext100.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/>