

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for October 24, 2017

Archived versions of the News Blast are available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/>
In this issue:

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 25 Window Display Sign-ups Due
- Oct 27 Registration Due for 4-H Archery Volunteer Training
- Oct 27-29 SW/NW District Rally - Island Lake Camp, Poulsbo
- Oct 29 - Nov 4 Window Displays Available for viewing in the community

- Nov 2 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshops – 1-3pm or 5:30–7:30pm, Elma, RSVP with Tracie
- Nov 6 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma, 6:30pm
- Nov 9 "Celebrate Our Kids" 4-H Year End Recognition & Dinner, Elma, 6pm
- Nov 10 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Veterans Day
- Nov 15 Fair Volunteer Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6pm
- Nov 17 & 19 4-H Archery Volunteer Training
- Nov 18 Women In Agriculture Conference
- Nov 19 GH 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training, Elma, Noon – 4pm
- Nov 23 & 24 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

- Dec 1 Club Leader Packets Due to WSU Extension office
- Dec 4 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma, 6:30pm
- Dec 11 GH 4-H Council Meeting, Elma, 6pm
- Dec 25 & 26 WSU Extension office Closed in observance of Christmas

TIME TO RE-ENROLL

October marks the beginning of the new 4-H year. All youth members and adult volunteers must log into 4HOnline and update their profiles in order to re-enroll for the new 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/>

CLUB KICK-OFF MEETING A SUCCESS

Thank you to all who participated in the October 2 Club Kick-Off and October 4-H Council meetings. It was great to have so many familiar faces and wonderful to welcome some new folks as well. If you are a main club leader and were unable to attend, it is your responsibility to contact Tracie to arrange an alternate time to meet. Clubs are not eligible to re-enroll until at least one leader has attended a club kick-off meeting. Contact Tracie at (360)482-2934 to schedule a meeting.

CLUB LEADER PACKETS DUE DECEMBER 1

Club leaders - remember 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 October 2 Club Kick-Off meeting and are available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

4-H VOLUNTEER ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP – Thursday, November 2nd 1pm or 5:30pm

Fun & Rewarding Mentoring Opportunities!

Are you interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer in Grays Harbor? Are you a volunteer leader who would like to update your youth development knowledge & skills? Do you know other adults who would like to connect with the 4-H Youth Development Program? Plan to attend these volunteer education sessions and invite others to join you! This is a required step for all new volunteers and helpful for all returning volunteers, club leaders and council officers. Join us and energize yourself!

RSVP to Tracie at 360-482-2934 or tracie.hanson@wsu.edu to confirm the scheduled date and time.

For more information, visit <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/>

"CELEBRATE OUR KIDS" RECOGNITION EVENT, DINNER & AUCTION, SAVE THE DATE – Nov. 9th

The date has been set ... mark the time on your calendar for 6pm on Thursday, November 9th at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. A fun and festive way to celebrate another wonderful year of Grays Harbor County 4-H programs as a community! Complimentary dinner provided for each enrolled 4-H member plus one guest, additional dinner tickets purchased at the door for \$5. Funds raised during the Celebrate Our Kids event support scholarships and other program expenses.

We need your help to make this event a huge success:

1. Please extend a personal invitation to at least four of your friends – if they receive a personal invitation they are much more likely to attend. You can find a flyer to share with your friends and neighbors here or at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/event/gh-4-h-achievement-program/>
2. We need participation from all 4-H families – can you help with set-up, clean-up or more? Contact Committee Members, Cathy and Mary ASAP at cathleencoza@gmail.com or marylightfoot@aaawin.com for other ways to get involved!
3. We are planning a slideshow to play during the event celebrating the entire year of 4-H activities, youth members, leaders, and volunteers. **Please submit your 4-H photos by Wednesday, November 1st to Tracie** at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu
4. We will also be presenting Year End awards – celebrating another great 4-H year filled with learning and personal growth!

GH 4-H SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING – Sunday, November 19th

An update and invitation from Taylor:

"Hello everyone, it is time to start the 4-H Camp year! We will be having our first 4-H Summer Camp Counselor training on Sunday, November 19, at the Grays Harbor County WSU Extension office in Elma from noon to 4pm. Any student who is currently in the 9th grade or above and enjoys working with youth of all ages can apply to be a counselor at Grays Harbor 4-H Camp this year. Our camp is a week-long overnight camp, which will be held July 8th – 13th. Paperwork will be available at the first training and must be submitted before you can attend your second training. Let's make this the best year yet!"

ALL ABOUT GOATS - TWO Workshops, your choice, one or both! October 28th & November 4th
Presentation and workshop, October 28 & November 4, 2017; Need more info? Call 360-740-1212.

Topics: Health and Kidding, Selection for use, Nutrition and more!

Location: WSU Meeting room, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis; Old Historic Courthouse, use west entrance.

Time: Doors open at 8 am; sessions 8:30 am to 4 pm. Lunch on your own or brown bag.

Speakers: Dr. Susan Kerr, DVM; Gary Fredricks, Lorrie Conway and Julie Pirtle.

Registration: Online with brownpapertickets.com at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3085724>
or hardcopy (cash or check only).

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 if you need assistance.

WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE - November 18, 2017

Registration is now open for the 6th annual Women in Agriculture Conference! Limited scholarships are available for college and high school agriculture students, 4-H members and FFA members. Visit womeninag.wsu.edu for the application.

"We Can Do It"

is the theme for the sixth annual Women in Agriculture Conference. This year's conference will be an engaging, interactive day full of inspiration, learning and networking with other women farmers. The conference is a one-day event held simultaneously in 40 locations (including Elma!) throughout Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

This conference is designed for all women farmers and anyone who works with women farmers. If you have been farming for years, are a new and aspiring farmer, a banker, lender or anyone in the agricultural industry, **this conference is for you!**

Registrations fees are: \$25 if you register between October 5 and November 5; \$30 if you register between November 6 and November 17. Your registration fee includes a light breakfast, lunch and all the conference materials, along with a great bag to take everything home!

If you are an aspiring farmer and need financial assistance to attend this conference, please contact us directly at viebrock@wsu.edu.

For more information, <https://www.facebook.com/WomenInAgricultureConferenceWashingtonState> to find event locations or to register, visit WomenInAg.wsu.edu

WELCOME SMALL FARMS EDUCATOR, KILEY!

"My name is Kiley Smith, the new Small Farms Educator for the WSU Extension in Grays Harbor County. I am a Grays Harbor native, having graduated from Aberdeen High School, received an AA degree from Grays Harbor College, and a Bachelor Degree from The Evergreen State College. I have been small-scale farming for the past 5 years and have worked in the produce industry for 7 years. My goal is to support small farms, producers, distributors, and community members with networking, marketing, and educational opportunities. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone involved or interested in the local food system. If you have any questions or would like to be notified of farm-related events and news please contact me at 360-482-2934 or via email at Kiley.smith2@wsu.edu."

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 collaborating 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.

"These notices are provided for informational purposes only, and do not imply any endorsement of a particular brand or product."

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://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/>