

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for December 22, 2017

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>

Jan 3 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

Feb 5 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma, 6:30pm

Feb 12 GH 4-H Council Meeting, Elma, 6pm

Feb 24 (*Tentative*) GH 4-H Horse Council Presents, Hairy Horse Show

WE ARE THANKFUL!

During the holiday season of 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!

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

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 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.

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

ORIENTATION TO BEEKEEPING

Interested in beekeeping, but not sure what's involved? What's the time commitment? What gear do you

need? What do beekeepers DO, anyway, with their bees through the seasons? Lewis County Beekeepers' Association is holding a **free Orientation to Beekeeping on Saturday, January 6**, from 10 a.m. to noon at Centralia College, Washington Hall 103, 701 W. Walnut, Centralia WA 98531. **No pre-registration is needed and children are welcome.** Here are details:

We'll Cover: Benefits of Beekeeping; "Bee Biology 101"; Equipment You'll Need; How To Set Up Your Apiary; Your First Year of Beekeeping—What You Do; Getting & Managing Bees; Harvesting Honey; Parasites & Diseases; Over-Wintering; & More! *This Orientation is also a preview of LCBA's Beginning Beekeeping Class, offered through Centralia College Continuing Education this January & February. See information bee-low!*

Your First Year in Beekeeping – LC Beekeepers' Association's Beginning Beekeeping Class

Dates & times: Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17

Place: Centralia College, Washington Hall 103, 701 W. Walnut, Centralia WA 98531

This class is offered through Centralia College's Continuing Education Program.

6 3-hour class meetings through Centralia College's Continuing Education Program

For beginners: learn to keep bees successfully in southwest Washington's unique conditions. Topics: basic bee biology/behavior, equipment & apiary set-up, seasonal management, identifying & managing parasites & diseases, honey harvesting, over-wintering, & more. Students completing the course earn LCBA's diploma.

How to Register: Registration costs \$40 and goes through Centralia College by phone, mail, or in person - sorry, no online registration. Registration starts December 6, 2017. Here's how it works:

First, get a registration form at: <http://www.centralia.edu/academics/cont-ed/> And fill it in with Course No.: CS 118A; Code: 6621. To Register & Pay by Phone w/Credit Card: Call (360) 623-8940, ext. 427 or 623

Questions? Email secretary@lcba.community or call 360 880 8130.

YOUTH TURN TO PEERS FOR EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

4-H Youth in Action Healthy Living Pillar winner, Bryanne Sanchez, shares why it can be beneficial for teens to seek support from their peers, and how "Text, Talk, Act" makes the connection. <https://4-h.org/about/blog/text-talk-act/>

OFFICER HANDBOOKS

These exciting new resources are available for youth officers and the adults working with them. Information about duties, tips for effective Youth-Adult Partnerships, and tools to help you prepare for effective meetings are available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

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.

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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