

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for March 16, 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES More events and info on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>

Mar 17 Springtime Youth Calf Sale, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe
Mar 18 GH 4-H Camp Committee Meeting, WSU Extension Office, Elma, 2– 4pm
Mar 24 WSU/UI Youth Swine Field Day, Asotin County Fairgrounds, Asotin, WA
Mar 26 Early Registration Due for Hairy Horse Show Clinic (1 of 3)
Mar 31 GH 4-H Horse Council Presents Hairy Horse Show Clinic (1 of 3)

Apr 1st 4-H Enrollment Due for Fair Participation Eligibility
Apr 3-5 4-H Spring Day Camp - Open to first 25 campers (8-12 yrs old) who submit registration
Apr 5, 12 & 19 Discover 4-H Community Event, 5-6pm, Aberdeen Timberland Regional Library
Apr 9 RSVP to Reserve a Bunk at Panhandle 4-H Camp Community Service Weekend (Apr 20-22nd)
Apr 9 GH 4-H Council Meeting, Elma, 6pm
Apr 10, 17 & 24 Discover 4-H Community Event, 4-5pm, McCleary Timberland Regional Library
Apr 11- 22 Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign - Spring Fundraiser
Apr 18 GHC Fair Volunteer Meeting, hosted by GHC Fairboard, Mike Murphy Pavilion, 6:30pm
Apr 20-22 Panhandle 4-H Camp Community Service Weekend (RSVP by Apr 9th)
Apr 22 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training
Apr 30 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma, 6:30pm

HAIRY HORSE SHOW BUCKLE SERIES - March, May & June

The Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council presents the 2018 Hairy Horse Show Buckle Series, March 31, May 12, and June 16 (rescheduled from February) at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. Please note that it is a Grays Harbor 4-H requirement for all horse/rider combinations to successfully complete one clinic prior to exhibiting at the Grays Harbor County Fair. The Hairy Horse Shows are considered clinics. Visit <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/4-h-project-specific-materials/> for class list and registration form. Please note there is an early bird registration discount available, see registration form for complete details.

4-H SPRING DAY CAMP – April 3-5th

4-H Spring Break learning is here! Grays Harbor County 4-H invites youth ages 8-12 to join us April 3-5th for fun and learning at 4-H Day Camp where creativity, activity, and learning take place, helping to bridge the spring break learning gap. The three-day session includes fun, friends, science, art, and healthy living projects. Day camp will take place at Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma and will run from 1pm – 4 pm each day. Pre-registration is required, cost is \$5 for the three-day session.

Registration is limited to the first 25 campers who complete the registration process.

Registration forms are available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/event/4-h-spring-day-camp/>

DISCOVER 4-H COMMUNITY PROGRAMS - April

Two new fun and free 4-H programs begin soon.

The Discover 4-H series is designed to give families a glimpse of what 4-H has to offer youth in our community and how youth and adults can get involved!

Attend one or all of the sessions in the Aberdeen series, scheduled for the first three Thursdays in April (5, 12 & 19th) at the Aberdeen Timberland Library from 5-6pm.

or attend one or all of the sessions in the McCleary series, scheduled for the last three Tuesdays in April (10, 17 & 24th) at the McCleary Timberland Library from 4-5pm.

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. Contact Tracie at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu if you have questions.

Check out the Discover 4-H flyers at:

Aberdeen: <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/event/discover-4-h-community-program-aberdeen/2018-04-05/>

McCleary: <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/event/discover-4-h-community-program-mccleary/2018-04-10/>

SPRING CLOVER CAMPAIGN – Tractor Supply Company, April 11-22nd

The Tractor Supply Company Spring Clover Campaign is coming soon! We encourage all 4-H members and their leaders to participate in this very generous fundraising event put on by Tractor Supply Company nation-wide. Individual members or clubs can set up a date and time to educate the public, showcase the members or club's projects, or help carry purchase out for customers. The more participation, the better the fundraising results will be. Thank you for thinking of creative ways to show our pride for our 4-H program and the wonderful projects the members are involved with and also show our appreciation to Tractor Supply Company for supporting the 4-H Program of Grays Harbor!

PANHANDLE 4-H CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEKEND – Friday, April 20-22nd

Activities will start at 7pm on Friday night and go through the afternoon on Sunday (whenever 4-H families want to depart, 3pm being the latest). Come for a day or for the weekend!

Teams will be working on clearing the trails around the lake and any other projects that facility staff could have available.

4-H members with adult supervision can **RSVP with Rhonda by Monday, April 9th** to bunk in the dorm or the lodge. nooperdoo@aol.com or (360)482-5528

Items to bring: all-weather outdoor clothing, work gloves, boots, jackets, snacks, and toiletries and bedding for overnight. Tools like shovels, rakes, weed trimmers (run by older teens or adults) and clippers or wheelbarrows would be welcome. Panhandle Board Member, Linda H. will be cooking! This event will count as community service for those who need hours.

Summer camp counselors will be on hand to facilitate activities with the kids ... join your 4-H family, meet new people, and help Panhandle Camp be the best it can be!

PUBLIC PRESENTATION DATES SET - June

In 4-H, idea sharing in a structured way is called a public presentation. 4-H members are encouraged to give public presentations as part of their total 4-H experience

Club registration forms are available <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> and are due:

> **Friday, June 15th**

Public Presentations dates are set for:

> **Sunday, June 24th**, 9am – 4pm, Location to be Determined

Learning how to communicate your thoughts and ideas to others is an important life skill and helpful as you prepare your 4-H Public Presentation. "[Getting to the Point](#)" is a publication full of ideas, recommendations and tips for shaping your effective, organized, and successful presentation. Leaders may also want to review the [4-H Leader Guide](#), which defines the 4-H leader's role in presentations and has suggestions for how leaders can provide guidance for youth – from the beginner to seasoned presenters. So...choose a subject, gather information, work out a plan, practice, and get ready to deliver a memorable presentation!

"**Getting to the Point**" (WSU Publication EM4787) and **4-H Leader Guide** (WSU Publication EM4788) are available at <https://pubs.wsu.edu>

MAKING IMPACTS GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County serves the residents of Washington State by creating and delivering targeted research-based knowledge and education. It's a mission the organization and its dedicated specialists have refined over the past century. Part of that process is communicating results.

These reports provide accounts of how our programs empower participants to better their lives. We hope these reports inspire you to join at least one of our programs or events, share your story, and provide feedback. Your involvement will help us improve our responsiveness and reach more individuals. View or download our current Quarterly Report at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/community-impact/>

STATE 4-H FAIR COUNTY COORDINATOR ASSISTANT NEEDED

Mason County 4-H State Fair Coordinator, Marilyn Brennan is seeking individuals who are interested in assisting with the duties of the State 4-H Fair County Coordinator. Volunteers should be willing to learn, assist, and help carry out the tasks of the state fair coordinator. Tasks include, but are not limited to, the ability to work with youth and adults, able to plan and follow through on deadlines and work completion, able to organize and correctly prepare information, able to communicate effectively via phone and email, and have a working knowledge of how fairs function in general. If you are interested in this volunteer position, or would like additional information contact Marilyn at mpobrennan@hotmail.com or Tracie at (360)482-2934 or tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

SUMMER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

Camp staffs have been working hard to present outstanding camps this summer!

SAVE THE DATE FOR GH 4-H CAMP

Looking for some adventure blended with a traditional camping experience? Campers spend the week enjoying a myriad of activities, including swimming, hiking, arts, music, cooking, and making new friends! Awaken to birds singing and fall asleep to the stars (or exhaustion). Bring your positive energy and your sense of adventure! Camp runs July 8-13, 2018.

Online registration will be available soon at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/camping/>

SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H HORSE CAMP

Submitted by: Kathy Fuller, Mason County Extension

Mason County 4-H is gearing up for another outstanding 4-H Horse Camp to be held June 17 – 23 and all Washington State 4-H Horsemanship project members are invited! Members enjoy a week of equitation, showmanship and western games classes, trail rides, craft projects, and fun outdoor activities. Camp is held at beautiful Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp, a 400 acre tree farm located just outside of Shelton Washington. Panhandle amenities include modern dormitories, a 38 stall barn, riding arena, miles of trails, commercial kitchen and dining hall, a rustic lodge and beautiful lake-front areas for swimming. Please save the date and consider joining us for a week of fun and learning with your horse. Camp will be limited to the first 30 registered campers. Cost \$160. Registrations available in March.

For additional information contact Camp Director Melissa Seals at 360-280-5458, 4-H Program Coordinator Kathy Fuller at 360-427-9670 Ext 681 fuller@wsu.edu or visit us at <http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-youth-families/>

View the flyer at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/2018/01/4-h-horse-camp/>

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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