

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for September 21, 2018**

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

August 31 – September 23rd WA State 4-H Fair, Puyallup, WA

October 1 NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS!

October 1 4-H Club Kick-off, WSU Extension office, 5:30 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1902770409760356/>

October 1 Grays Harbor County 4-H Horse Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6:30 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/249936505542086/>

October 3 National Youth Science Day – Code Your World

<https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day/>

October 3-14 Tractor Supply Company Hosts Fall paper Clover Campaign

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1505756872876672/>

https://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages_4-h_4h-tsc

October 4 4-H Club Kick-off, WSU Extension office, 1 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/898761233647685/>

October 4 4-H Club Kick-off, WSU Extension office, 5:30 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/747524608924492/>

October 8 Grays Harbor County 4-H Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1789069464457848/>

October 8 Grays Harbor County 4-H Record Books Due, WSU Extension office

<https://www.facebook.com/events/294592961134610/>

October 8 Grays Harbor County 4-H Award Applications Due, WSU Extension office

- Club Awards, Club Year Pin Requests, Project Achievement Awards
- Nominations Due to WSU Extension for Member of the Year
- Nominations due to WSU Extension for Meritorious Service Award, Friend of 4-H Award, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/270495236900060/>

October 9 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop – RSVP Due

<https://www.facebook.com/events/158989671630743/>

October 11 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop, WSU Extension office, 10 am

<https://www.facebook.com/events/462478854155781/>

October 11 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop, WSU Extension office, 5:30 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/454639121706123/>

October 16 4-H Club Orientation Workshop – RSVP Due

<https://www.facebook.com/events/505715393204540/>

October 18 4-H Club Orientation Workshop, WSU Extension office, 10 am

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2290247497928249/>

October 18 4-H Club Orientation Workshop, WSU Extension office, 5:30 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1757573694295766/>

October 19-21 WA State 4-H Forum

<https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonState4HForum/>,

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/washington-state-4-h-forum/>

October 24 4-H Promotional Window Display Entry Forms DUE, WSU Extension office, 5 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/666778190360566/>

October 27 – November 3 4-H Promotional Window Displays Available for Viewing in the Community

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1711510995624328/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO STATE 4-H FAIR PARTICIPANTS

We are proud to have so many 4-H members representing Grays Harbor County at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup this year....have fun and good luck to you all! To view a complete schedule of all 4-H State Fair activities visit <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/fairs/state-4-h-fair/exhibitor-guide/>. The State 4-H Fair wraps up for the year on Sunday, September 23.

PROMOTIONAL WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST

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 24th, and have the display available for viewing from Saturday, October 27th through Saturday, November 3rd

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

MANDATORY 4-H CLUB KICKOFFS SCHEDULED

It's time to start thinking ahead to the new 2018-2019 4-H year! While all 4-H club leaders must attend one of the informative 4-H club kickoff meetings, feel free to send multiple club representatives. Attendance is required in order to enroll/re-enroll your 4-H club for the new 4-H year.

The mandatory meetings will provide you with important information to start the new 4-H year.

Participants will learn about:

- > State Policies
- > Expectations of a 4-H club
- > Important dates

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If a general club leader is unable to attend one of the scheduled dates, it is their responsibility to contact Tracie to make arrangements for an alternate date.

YEAR END RECOGNITION & AWARDS SEASON

HELP US RECOGNIZE 4-H MEMBERS -

Year Pin Requests, Record Books and Award Applications Due Monday, October 8th

As the 4-H year draws to a close, we have the opportunity to reflect on the learning and accomplishments of 4-H members (and adult volunteers!) this year. Many thanks for all that you do to "Make the Best Better" each year! Many of these accomplishments will be recognized at the annual Celebrate Our Kids event in November.

In the meantime, thank you for working with your 4-H Club Leader to submit your record book for review, along with applications for member of the year, club awards, and year pins. Included below is more information about each of these opportunities, which can also be found online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

> **RECORD BOOKS** are due to the Extension Office no later than 5pm Monday, October 8th or the GH

4-H Council meeting held at 6:00 that evening. Record book scoresheets are also available for your review at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

> **MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Grays Harbor County 4-H Member of the Year Nominations can be submitted any time before October 8th. With so many deserving members that make a difference every day who will you nominate? One boy and one girl in each age group will be selected as "4-H Member of the Year" for Grays Harbor County. The recipients will receive a certificate and cash award. Individuals may be selected one time per age group. Their names will also be engraved on plaques hanging in the County Extension Office.

> **CLUB AWARDS**

Application forms and more specific information are available under "GH 4-H Council Awards Guideline" at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> or at the Extension Office. Applications are due October 8th. Grays Harbor County 4-H clubs can be recognized in the following categories:

- > > Publicity
- > > Membership Building
- > > Community Service
- > > Achievement

Additional recognition is available for 4-H Club Secretaries who complete and turn in the 4-H Secretary Book as well as 4-H Club Treasurers who complete and turn in the 4-H Treasurers Book

"CELEBRATE OUR KIDS" RECOGNITION EVENT, DINNER & AUCTION, Save the Date – Nov. 8th

The date has been set ... mark the time on your calendar for 6 pm on Thursday, November 8th 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! Funds raised during the Celebrate Our Kids event support scholarships and other program expenses. We will also be presenting Year End awards – celebrating another great 4-H year filled with learning and personal growth!

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. A flyer will be available soon to share with your friends and neighbors
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 cathleencozad@gmail.com or marylightfoot@aaaawa.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 Tuesday, October 30th to Tracie** at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

OPPORTUNITIES AT TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY

Is your 4-H club looking for a fundraiser or wanting to help raise 4-H awareness in our community? With the Paper Clover Campaign on the horizon for October 3 – 14th, there are plenty of opportunities at the Tractor Supply Company store in Aberdeen. If your club is interested in participating please contact the store manager at 360-533-8888 to make arrangements. Here are just a few ideas:

1. Host a bake sale.
2. Bring your 4-H project and share fun facts about it.
3. Set up a 4-H information table.
4. Participate in the Fall Paper Clover event October 3 -14. This is another great opportunity for clubs to set up a table and sell Paper Clovers, help bag customer purchases, display your

animals, etc. When clubs are present in-store during the event, donations increase by more than 40%. Clubs that participate are eligible to enter the Paper Clover Sweepstakes where winners will receive a \$100 TSC gift card. Proceeds from the Fall Paper Clover event benefit, national, state, and our local 4-H program.

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H FORUM

Forum is a great opportunity for teen and adult leaders to build friendships, skills, and knowledge across the state. This year Forum will be held October 19-21 at the Centennial Hotel in Spokane and will feature three days of networking, recognition, and great workshops! Save money and register by October 1. Event, registration, and lodging information is available online at <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/washington-state-4-h-forum/>.

SAVE THE DATES FOR TEEN RALLIES

Teen Rallies are a weekend get-away for 4-H members grades 7-12. Don't miss the opportunity to attend educational workshops, build leadership skills, and expand relationships with your peers! Put the following dates and locations on your calendar! More details to follow. Keep an eye on <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/camps/> for updates.

- > NE/SE Rally – Get your Ticket To Healthy Living
 - When: November 2-4
 - Where: WSU Spokane Campus
 - Cost: \$99 Early Bird Registration (before 9/28); \$115 Late Registration
- > NW/SW Rally – Fall Adventures
 - When: November 2-4
 - Where: Camp Seymour, Gig Harbor
 - Cost: \$120 Early Bird Registration (before 9/30); \$135 Late Registration

DONATED CRAFT SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FOR CLUB PICKUP

If your 4-H club needs craft supplies for creative arts projects, please stop by the WSU Extension office to pick them up in October. Thanks to a local family for this practical donation, we have two boxes of beads and other craft supplies to share with the 4-H community.

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 <https://volunteers.cahnrs.wsu.edu/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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