

## WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development News for October 5, 2018

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

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

### October 1 NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS!

Welcome to fall....and the beginning of another great year for Grays Harbor County 4-H! We look forward to an exciting new year of learning and growing together!

**October 3-14** Tractor Supply Company Hosts Fall Clover Days

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

[https://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages\\_4-h\\_4h-tsc](https://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages_4-h_4h-tsc)

**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, 23 & 30** Discover 4-H LEGO Lovers Series, WSU Extension office, 4:30pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/944517112406673/>

**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/>

### 4-H CLUB KICKOFFS

Thank you to each of the club leaders and representatives who have attended the scheduled 4-H Club Kickoff meetings this year! Since each club is required to send at least one representative to this very important meeting, it is your responsibility to contact Tracie and arrange an alternate meeting date if your club has been unable to attend to this point.

## 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 4-H year. Step-by-step instructions and a link to the 4HOnline enrollment site can be found on our website at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> There are two options for payment of the \$25 Washington State 4-H enrollment fee. You may pay with a card online during the enrollment process, or select check and deliver a check payable to WSU to the Extension Office. Enrollments will remain pending until payment is received. Re-enrollment is due prior to December 1. Please contact Tracie at 360-482-2934 or [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) if you need assistance or have any questions.

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 7-13<sup>th</sup>

On Tuesday, October 2nd the Board of County Commissioners for Grays Harbor County proclaimed October 7-13 to be National 4-H Week in Grays Harbor County. 4-H was founded on the belief that when kids are empowered to pursue their passions and chart their own course, their unique skills grow and take shape, helping them to become true leaders in their lives, careers and communities! You can celebrate the positive impact that 4-H has had on your family during National 4-H Week by distributing bookmarks and flyers, wearing your 4-H shirt, taking goodies to a 4-H supporter, or decorating your driveway.

## TRACTOR SUPPLY FALL CLOVER DAYS

The Fall 2018 Paper Clover Fundraiser is underway at Tractor Supply Company and runs until October 14<sup>th</sup>! Consider setting up a club display, bring a small animal, have a bake sale, bring an educational poster and invite friends and family to support 4-H by donating \$1 at check-out when they are done shopping. 100% of each dollar goes to the 4-H Youth Development Program. 70% of all funds collected support local and state 4-H programs right here in Grays Harbor County. Stores that have participation from 4-H clubs raise an average of 40% more revenue. Call Tracie if you would like to participate in this important event. 360-482-2934.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>, and have the display available for viewing from Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

## 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/>.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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. 8<sup>th</sup>

The date has been set ... mark the time on your calendar for 6 pm on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cathleencozad@gmail.com) or [marylightfoot@aaawa.com](mailto:marylightfoot@aaawa.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 30<sup>th</sup> to Tracie** at [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu)

## 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 \*\*extended to 10/14\*\*; \$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 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 <https://volunteers.cahnr.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](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) if you need assistance.

## 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..... congratulations on your accomplishments!

*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](mailto: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.*

*"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.*

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