

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for November 13, 2018**

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

NEW 4-H YEAR UNDERWAY!

Welcome to November....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!

November 13 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop – RSVP Due

<https://www.facebook.com/events/356044761635666/>

November 15 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop, WSU Extension office, 6 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1189180097924971/>

November 22 & 23 WSU Extension office CLOSED in Observance of Thanksgiving

November 30 4-H Camp Counselor Training Paperwork Due, WSU Extension office, 5pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2077839722545834/>

December 1 Annual 4-H Club Information and Reenrollment Due

<https://www.facebook.com/events/343328906239792/>

December 3 Grays Harbor County 4-H Horse Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6:30 pm

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

December 3, 4 & 5 GH 4-H Camp Counselor Interviews, Contact Taylor to schedule at time

December 10 GH 4-H Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6 pm

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

December 24 & 25 WSU Extension office CLOSED in Observance of Christmas

January 7 Grays Harbor County 4-H Horse Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6:30 pm

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

January 12 GH & Mason County 4-H Host Cat Project & Dog Project Workshops, WSU Extension office, 1:30 pm

January 14 GH 4-H Council Executive Board Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6 pm

January 21 WSU Extension office CLOSED in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

TIME TO RE-ENROLL

It is a new 4-H year, so 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 if you need assistance or have any questions.

CELEBRATE OUR KIDS A BIG SUCCESS

A big thank you to all who participated and helped at the Celebrate Our Kids recognition event! The room was filled with folks who enjoyed checking out the displays and activities while learning more about what 4-H has to offer Grays Harbor County families. As guests made their way around the room they were able to learn about a variety of 4-H projects, how to become a volunteer, summer camp and enjoy dinner delicious desserts, and a slideshow of member accomplishments!

4-H LEADER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Connie Brown, who was recently named 2018 Grays Harbor County 4-H Leader of the Year. Connie received an outstanding nomination and is very deserving of this award. She is always busy scheduling, coordinating, and attending 4-H events, fair activities, and is always ready to try something new. Connie has also been elected as the Grays Harbor 4-H Council Treasurer. She always makes 4-H a priority and we appreciate all of the time, energy, passion, and humor she brings with her. Make sure to thank Connie for her contributions to our 4-H program next time you see her.

NEW YEAR CLUB PACKETS DUE DECEMBER 1

Club leaders - don't forget 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 Club Kick-Off meetings.

"SHOW YOUR SPIRIT" PHOTO CONTEST

Are you inspired by your pet, farm, or service animal's courage, curiosity and confidence? This fall, 4-H and DreamWorks are calling all 4-Her's to showcase their animals "spirit" by entering the Show Your Spirit photo contest. The winner will receive a Beaches Resort vacation in the Caribbean! Submit your entry by November 16. For official rules and entry visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycnqwoy5>.

PANHANDLE LAKE 4-H CAMP SEEKS MANAGING DIRECTOR

Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp is looking for the next Managing Director (MD) of Panhandle 4-H Camp. Panhandle is a year-round, indoor-outdoor facility, fully equipped for events of any size, from one-day board meetings to family reunions to weeklong camps.

It is crucial that the new MD be well versed in all areas of business operations, have people skills to build relationships with staff and user groups, will successfully develop and execute a business plan and strategic marketing and sales plan, and develop and execute a capital and operating budget. Panhandle is unique, as the new MD must be as well!

For a full job description please visit our website: <https://www.panhandlecamp.com/job-opening/> Salary will be offered DOE. Must be able to pass a background check.

Interested parties will submit a cover letter, resume and 2 references to panhandle4hcamp@gmail.com Please attach each piece separately as a PDF document. Only candidates who follow these directions explicitly will be considered.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP TOWARDS BECOMING A WSU 4-H VOLUNTEER!

Share your skills and gain new ones! Make memories and friendships! Sharing your time and talents can be rewarding beyond expectation. Volunteering with 4-H will help to enrich a child's life as well as contribute to the future of your community.

After downloading and completing the WSU Volunteer Application at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/>

RSVP to attend a volunteer essentials session, which is a required step for all new 4-H volunteers. During this session, you will learn about:

4-H Mission & Goals, Tools for Working with Youth, Educational Theories & Learning Models

> RSVP by Tuesday, November 13th to Tracie 360-482-2934 or tracie.hanson@wsu.edu to confirm the scheduled date and time.

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

If you are in the 9th grade or above, you are encouraged to apply to become a 4-H camp counselor (youth team member) for the 2019 session. This year, camp is being scheduled for July 14th through July 19th. Counselors must arrive by July 13th no later than 7pm to set up and are required to be present the entire week until departure on July 20th at noon.

To become a youth staff member for the Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development Program, you will need to complete the steps outlined below. Please contact us using the information below if we can help to guide you through the process.

Review and complete the steps in this letter (at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/camping/>)

Step 1: Complete the annual 4-H enrollment process by Nov. 30. Visit <https://www.4honline.com/> or find links and step-by-step guides at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

Step 2: Complete the "Camp Counselor Registration," in 4HOnline, including participant health forms. *** make sure to update participant health forms if any changes occur during the year ***

Step 3: Complete the "4-H Camp Youth Application" and submit the completed documents to the WSU Extension Office on or before November 30th at the WSU Extension Office in Elma. Forms can be addressed to PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541.

Please note that this includes:

> One simple letter of recommendation describing how you are qualified to be a camp counselor. This letter should be from an adult who is not in your family, but who knows you personally and knows about your accomplishments. Examples include 4-H leaders, teachers, coaches, employers, etc.

Step 4: Register for a ten-minute youth interview for one of the following afternoons: Monday, Dec. 3rd, Tuesday, Dec. 4th, or Wednesday, Dec. 5th from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Contact Taylor by Dec 1st at (360)470-4870 or tsample1993@gmail.com to sign up for a time on a first-come, first served basis.

Attend the staff training and informational meetings that are scheduled to take place throughout the year. Make sure to save the following dates in order to meet the statewide 4-H requirement for counselor training hours; either 32 hours of training for new counselors, or 16 hours of training for returning counselors.

> Friday, Dec. 28th at 7pm through Sunday, Dec. 30th at noon (Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp),

> Friday, April 26th at 7pm through Sunday, April 28th at noon (Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp),

> For more info, contact volunteer camp director, Rhonda Borden, at nooperdoo@aol.com or Taylor Sample tsample1993@gmail.com

Once you have completed the application and interview process, you will be notified if you have been selected as a counselor. We are looking forward to working with you to prepare to mentor the youth in our 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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