

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for November 27, 2018**

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

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 13 GH 4-H Council Award Guideline Update Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6 pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/379756442567853/>

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

NEWS BLAST – UPDATE EMAIL ADDRESSES

While we have currently been sending 4-H news blasts to the mailing list from the last 4-H year, December will bring the transition to the new mailing list, so make sure that your profile is updated and activated in 4HOnline as soon as possible to continue receiving updates and information. As always, archived versions of the news blast are available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/>

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.

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.

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS – Paperwork Due November 30th, 5pm

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!

AWARD GUIDELINE UPDATE MEETING – December 13th, 6pm

The Grays Harbor 4-H Council invites youth members and adults to be a part of the update of the Awards Guideline. Bring your ideas and share your perspectives on what updates or revisions are needed to prepare for the new year!

Check out the current version of the Awards Guideline at:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> or directly at:

https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2062/2014/04/2017_GH_4-H_Awards_Guideline-With_Attachments.pdf

4-H BACKGROUND SCREENING INFORMATION

Thank you for being an important part of the Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development Program. You may have completed or submitted your enrollment for the 2018-2019 4-H program year, or perhaps it is on your “to do” list. As discussed at the October and November 4-H Council and 4-H

Horse Council meetings, the Washington State University 4-H Youth Development Program announced the initiation of a national criminal background screening process. In addition to those who are newly applying as a volunteer, we are beginning to conduct the same screens on our returning volunteers. Beginning this year, we will re-screen volunteers whose last name begins with A – K in even numbered years (2018, 2020, etc.) and L-Z in odd numbered years (2019, 2021, etc.).

STATE 4-H FAIR EQUINE UPDATES FOR 2019

The WA State 4-H Fair Board has made several decisions regarding the equine department at the 2019 Washington State 4-H Fair. Those changes include:

-Western Dressage will be added to the Performance/Dressage Sections. To allow for a gradual introduction, it will not be necessary to qualify for this class prior to the 2019 fair.

-All equine exhibitors will be allowed to enter one additional riding class in each section. Intermediate participants may ride in five classes, while senior participants will be allowed to ride in six classes.

-The performance and dressage sections will continue to be combined into one section for 2019, with minor changes as listed in the schedule below.

-Exhibitors may have two horses in the performance/dressage section if the county allocation allows. Both horses must qualify in fit/show at the county level. The rider will determine which horse will be used in fit/show at the State 4-H Fair. The fit/show horse must be ridden in at least one riding class at the State 4-H Fair. The county will determine additional qualifying requirements.

2019 Equine Schedule:

Wed, Sept 4 - Senior Dressage Arrives, 5-7 p.m.

Thurs, Sept 5 - Dressage Classes; Senior Performance Arrives, 5-7 p.m.

Fri, Sept 6 - Sr. Performance/Dressage - fit/show, performance classes

Sat, Sept 7 - Equine Judging Contest; Senior Dressage exhibitors may depart at 2 p.m.; Groom Squad; Performance Classes

Sun, Sept 8 - Sr. Performance Classes

Mon, Sept 9 - Sr Performance Classes; Sr Performance departs at 2 p.m.

Tues, Sept 10 - Harness Arrives, 5-7 p.m.

Wed, Sept 11 - Harness Classes - Fit/Show and Harness Classes; Harness departs 2 p.m.; Senior Western Games Arrives 5-7 p.m.

Thurs, Sept 12 - Senior Western Games - Fit/Show, followed by gaming events

Fri, Sept 13 - Senior Western Games - gaming events

Sat, Sept 14 - Senior Western Games - gaming events (no classes after 1 p.m. - dog agility in arena)

Sun, Sept 15 - Senior Western Games - gaming events; Senior Western Games departs at 2 p.m.;

Intermediate Performance/Dressage Arrives 5-7 p.m.

Mon, Sept 16 - Int Performance/Dressage - fit/show, classes

Tues, Sept 17 - Int Performance/Dressage - classes - fair is officially closed on this day, but we will have a show

Wed, Sept 18 - Int Performance/Dressage – classes

Thurs, Sept 19 – Int Performance/Dressage – classes; Int/Performance Dressage departs at 2 p.m.; Int Western Games arrives 5-7 p.m.

Fri, Sept 20 – Int Western Games – fit/show, followed by gaming events

Sat, Sept 21 – Int Western Games – gaming events

Sun, Sept 22 – Int Western Games – gaming events – depart by zones starting at 4 p.m.

Additional information and logistics will be announced as we work out those details in preparation for the 2019 fair. Please share this information with your equine exhibitors and leaders.

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.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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