

## WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development News for January 9, 2019

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

**January 9** RSVP for Explore 4-H Cat & Dog Workshops

**January 12** Explore 4-H Cat Project Workshop (GH WSU Extension Office) & Dog Project Workshop (GHC Fairgrounds Dog Barn / Borden-Seabert Exhibition Building), 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

**February 4** Grays Harbor County 4-H Horse Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6:30 pm  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/249936505542086/>

**February 6** RSVP for Explore 4-H Maple Syrup Workshop

**February 9** Explore 4-H Workshop - Making Local Maple Syrup – register by February 6

**February 11** GH 4-H Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6 pm

**February 18** WSU Extension office CLOSED in Observance of Presidents' Day

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we jump into 2019 with a calendar filled with exciting 4-H events we hope that you will add attendance at the 4-H council meetings to your plans. The meetings are the best way to share your ideas, get up to the minute information on upcoming events, deadlines, and help shape the direction of YOUR 4-H program. The meetings are held on Mondays alternating months at 6:00 in the WSU Extension office. If you aren't able to attend in person, join us with phone or video conferencing at <https://zoom.us/j/728438983> We hope that you will make this your new resolution and would love to see you on Monday, February 11! All 4-H volunteers, youth members, and families are welcome.

### EXPLORE NEW PROJECTS – FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

A new 4-H community outreach series is set to begin soon. This is your chance to learn about the 4-H cat or dog project, how to tap local Maple trees for syrup, robots & science, and cake decorating & table setting. The Explore 4-H series is free and open to 4-H members as well as families who are interested in learning more about 4-H.

Preregistration is required. Please call Tracie at (360)482-2934 or email [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) to register. Sessions are subject to cancellation due to low registration. The series is designed to give families a glimpse into different project areas as well as what 4-H has to offer youth and how youth and adults can get involved. Join us for one or all four of these free activities. More information at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/event/explore-4-h/> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/327588501166893/>

### **January 12 Learning About Dogs and Cats in 4-H – register by January 9**

*Want to learn about cats and dogs in 4-H and how these 4-H projects and activities can lead to youth learning valuable life skills. Please join us for a free Explore 4-H Cats and Dogs session on Saturday, January 12 at 1:30pm at the Grays Harbor Extension Office 32 Elma McCleary Road Elma, WA 98541. This event is open to all youth ages 5 – 18, please tell your friends and neighbors. We hope to see you there!*

February 9 Making Local Maple Syrup – **register by February 6**  
April 27 LEGO Robotics and Science Bugs – **register by April 24**  
June 15 Cake Decorating and Kitchen Activities – **register by June 12**

#### **4-H ARCHERY LEADER TRAINING**

Grays Harbor 4-H Shooting Sports is hosting a 4-H Archery Leader Training which will begin with a full range day on Saturday, February the 9th followed by a session for classroom STEM instruction on a separate day.

Registration fee is \$35 per person. Please make checks payable to:  
“GH 4-H Shooting Sports” and mail by February 1st to  
WSU Extension, Grays Harbor  
PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541

Complete the online registration process by January 25th at:  
[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ceQrtfH3tEeoeQx5m7U9tT\\_iniyRDpNOt1I6z3-W-aVUNII4STJUQjJQUIBMOUdLTUhQOTYwWjdWRS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ceQrtfH3tEeoeQx5m7U9tT_iniyRDpNOt1I6z3-W-aVUNII4STJUQjJQUIBMOUdLTUhQOTYwWjdWRS4u)

#### **GRAYS HARBOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION - UPDATED RULES**

Now available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/>

#### **QUARTERLY REPORT**

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 <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/community-impact/>

#### **WATCH WSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WITH 4-H PROMO CODE**

Mark your calendars for 4-H day with WSU Women's Basketball! March 3, at 12:00pm, the WSU Women's Basketball team will be featuring 4-H, including games for 4-H kids at half-time. If you'd like to purchase tickets, use promo code "4HDay" and tickets will be only \$3.00! It's never been a better time to watch WSU Women's Basketball.

Purchase tickets here: <https://ev9.venue.net/cgi-bin/incommerce3/SEGetEventList?groupCode=WB&linkID=washst&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=&template=chocolate>

#### **WASHINGTON SWINE INFORMATION DAY – Register by Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> for the February 1, 2019 event**

The Washington Swine Information Day will be held on February 1, 2019 from 9:00 AM until 4:45 PM at the Pillar Rock Grill (Moses Lake Golf & Country Club) in Moses Lake, Washington. Swine producers of all sizes; 4-H/FFA youth producers; agency representatives; agriculture educators; and fair/show representatives are invited to participate. The event has been organized and sponsored by Washington Pork Producers, National Pork Board Checkoff, and Washington State University Extension.

Washington Swine Information Day features an array of presentations that have been organized to meet the diverse and unique needs of Pacific Northwest Swine Producers. This year's featured speaker will be Dr. Chris Hostetler the Director of Animal Sciences at the National Pork Board.

Registration for the day's event is \$25 per person and includes seminar, handouts, lunch and break

refreshments. An all-day youth registration, \$20, is also available to 4-H and FFA members. Individuals may also attend just the afternoon session for \$10. There is a \$15 per person late charge for registrations postmarked after January 26, 2019. Please pre-register so we can ensure adequate accommodations and meals.

A complete seminar agenda and registration brochure is available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/animalag/event/washington-swine-information-day/> or by contacting Sarah M. Smith, WSU Extension Regional Specialist at [smithsm@wsu.edu](mailto:smithsm@wsu.edu) or (509)754-2011, Ext 4363. To register with a credit card, go to [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com) and enter event number 4026905 (<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4026905>). Additional funding for this event was made available by Pork Checkoff funding.

### **SOCCER BALLS FOR BURUNDI 4-H SISTER SCHOOLS**

This year a WSU 4-H team will be visiting the six Burundi sister schools. One of the favorite pastimes for kids in Burundi is soccer! Please help us raise funds to support the 4-H program in Burundi as well as purchase 4-H soccer balls for each school. All 4-H clubs, councils, and groups are invited to participate! Prizes will be awarded to the groups that raise the most money by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mail donations (checks payable to 4-H Teen Leaders of Tomorrow) to:  
c/o Kevin Wright  
WSU Extension King County  
1000 Oakdale Ave SW, Suite 140  
Renton, WA 98057

### **EQUINE PRE FAIR**

The Grays Harbor 4-H Equine Pre Fair event is set for June 29 & 30 at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. More information will be available soon.

### **4-H CAMPS 2019 – SAVE THE DATES**

Mason County 4-H Horse Camp will take place June 22-27 at Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp.  
Grays Harbor County 4-H Summer Camp will take place July 14-19 at Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp.  
Online registration will open spring 2019.

### **STATE 4-H FAIR EQUINE POSITIONS OPEN** Submitted by Tom Gwin

Steve Vonderau, Equine Coordinator at the WA State 4-H Fair, retired from his position following the 2018 fair. The WA State 4-H Fair Board reviewed the position and decided to split the position into a Pre/Post Fair Position, and Superintendent positions for each of the equine sections during the fair. By breaking the coordinator position up into several smaller positions, we hope to see an increased interest in filling one of the shorter term positions.

The job descriptions for the positions are attached, along with an application form for interested persons. The schedule for the 2019 fair is as follows:

Sept 4-9	Senior Performance/Dressage Section
Sept 10-11	Harness Section
Sept 12-15	Senior Western Games Section
Sept 15-19	Intermediate Performance/Dressage Section
Sept 19-22	Intermediate Western Games Section

Completed applications are due back to the WA State 4-H Fair office by January 15, 2019. We ask that you forward this information on to your 4-H equine volunteers and other interested persons.

Contact Tracie at [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) for position description and application.

## **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](mailto: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](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.*

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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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