

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for March 20, 2019**

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/>

March 27 – April 7 Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2188801401176628/>

April 1 4-H enrollment due (<http://wa.4honline.com>) for Grays Harbor County 4-H Fair eligibility

➤ <https://www.facebook.com/events/389414305222677/>

All 4-H members wishing to participate in the 2019 Grays Harbor County Fair or State 4-H Fair must meet this deadline or they will be eligible for club participation only. There may be additional requirements specific to each club or project (record books, community service, quality assurance, etc.) Enrollment instructions are available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/>
Connect with Tracie if you have any questions.

April 1 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6:30 pm

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

April 1 Animal Management & Ownership Deadline (120 days) – Market Beef

(State Policy/Procedures Handbook, Section 9, Animal Management & Ownership <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h>)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/412728389287485/>

April 8 Public Presentation Registration Due

<https://www.facebook.com/events/246146493005643/>

April 8 GH 4-H Council Meeting, 6pm <https://www.facebook.com/events/266195094098481/>

April 15 GH Youth Livestock Auction Registration forms Due to GHYLA Secretary

<https://www.facebook.com/events/532890923911472/>

April 24 RSVP for Explore 4-H Workshop – Robotics/STEM, Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp

<https://www.facebook.com/events/327588501166893/>

April 26-28 GH 4-H Camp Counselor Training <https://www.facebook.com/events/474502836387095/>

April 27 Explore 4-H Workshops – Robotics/STEM, Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp

May 1 4-H Projects can no longer be added for Grays Harbor County 4-H Fair eligibility

May 1 Dairy Certificates Due to WSU Extension Office (90 days prior to the official county exhibit)

(State Policy/Procedures Handbook, Section 9, Animal Management & Ownership <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h>)

May 1 Animal Management & Ownership Deadline (90 days) – Breeding Beef, Equine, Llama, Dairy

(State Policy/Procedures Handbook, Section 9, Animal Management & Ownership <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h>)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/328110361144135/>

May 1 Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction (GHYLA) – Mandatory Quality Assurance Meetings

5:30 and 6:30 pm sessions at the Elma High School Library

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2379725278926082/> (5:30 pm)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/252877652287436/> (6:30 pm)

May 3-5 Spring Youth Fair (*while this event is not hosted by 4-H, it is open to the community*)

<https://www.springyouthfair.org/>

May 4 GH 4-H Council presents Public Presentation Event, Tractor Supply Company, Aberdeen

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2325386444384880/>

May 6 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30pm

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

May 13 Grays Harbor 4-H Council – Executive Board Meeting, 6pm

May 15 GHC Fair Volunteer Meeting, 6:30pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/522026524934296/>

May 18 Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction (GHYLA) – Mandatory Auction Weigh/Tag, 9 am – 2 pm
Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2100606306692173/>

May TBA GH Fair Staff Pass Order Forms & Camping information available
(Camping reservations are available on a first come, first served basis – submit ASAP)

May 25 GH 4-H Horse Council presents Hairy Horse Show

May 27 WSU Extension Office CLOSED in Observance of Memorial Day

EXPLORE NEW PROJECTS – FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

A new 4-H community outreach series is underway. This is your chance to learn about robots & science, as well as 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 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 of these free activities. More information at

<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/event/explore-4-h/> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/327588501166893/>

April 27 **LEGO Robotics and Science Bugs** – **register by April 24**

June 15 **Cake Decorating and Kitchen Activities** – **register by June 12**

GRAYS HARBOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION – UPDATES

... submitted by GHYLA Secretary, Donna Boyer, boyerboys@centurytel.net

It is that time of year again to register for the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction that will be held during the Grays Harbor County Fair in August. Click on the following link to register for the auction. <https://goo.gl/forms/Kw8sVQfol0wiKcrE2> If you know of any new members who are interested in the auction, please share this link.

Registration is due by April 15, and the link will be closed on that date.

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

Please check the GHYLA Facebook page or the 4-H website for a copy of the rules; or let Donna know, and she can e-mail you a copy.

We have had some recommendations from the 2018 poultry judge, so there have been changes made to the chickens and turkeys.

- Chickens: The maximum age for Cornish Cross chickens is 8 weeks on haul in day of fair. All other meat breeds have a maximum age of 12 weeks of age on haul in day of fair.
- Turkeys: The weight range for turkeys is 15-35 lbs., and they must be between 14-18 weeks of age on haul in day of fair.

Official paperwork with the hatch date for all poultry will be required on haul in day.

Other Important GHYLA Dates

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GETTING READY TO PRESENT

Learning how to communicate your thoughts and ideas to others is an important life skill and helpful as you prepare your 4-H Public Presentation. "Getting to the Point" is a publication full of ideas, recommendations and tips for shaping your effective, organized, and successful presentation. Leaders may also want to review the 4-H Leader Guide, which defines the 4-H leader's role in presentations and has suggestions for how leaders can provide guidance for youth – from the beginner to seasoned presenters. So...choose a subject, gather information, work out a plan, practice, and get ready to deliver a memorable presentation!

"Getting to the Point" (WSU Publication EM4787) and 4-H Leader Guide (WSU Publication EM4788) are available at <https://pubs.wsu.edu>

SPRING PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT – Saturday, May 4th

The GH 4-H Council presents the Spring Public Presentation Event at the Tractor Supply Company in Aberdeen on Saturday, May 4th from 10 am to 3 pm. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2325386444384880/>

Contact Mary at marylightfoot@aaawa.com if you need to arrange an alternative presentation date in conjunction with a 4-H Council meeting (evenings of April 8th, May 13th, June 10th).

Club Registration Forms Available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> (Due Monday, April 8th)

"HOW COUNTRY FEELS" FAIR DECORATING CONTEST

We are looking for your great ideas to help us decorate our barns and still life exhibit buildings to the theme of "How Country Feels" for this year's Grays Harbor Fair. Entries may be from an individual or 4-H club and must include a written description with drawings or photos of how your ideas can be carried out in different buildings. Entries are due to the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, April 30th. See the Fair Decorating Contest entry form at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/> for complete details.

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 (Register now!). 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.

4-H CLUBS INVITED TO TEACH AND LEAD AT SUMMER CAMP

... submitted by Taylor Sample, GH 4-H Camp Director, tsample1993@gmail.com

Attention all Grays Harbor 4-H Clubs. Grays Harbor 4-H Camp would like to invite you to show off your skills and what makes your 4-H club unique! We are looking for volunteers to teach at 4-H Camp this summer. Our classes are 45 minutes long and the youth participating are 8-14 years of age. If you would like to teach a class, please email Taylor Sample at tsample1993@gmail.com.

In your email please include:

- The days you can teach (Monday, July 15th - Thursday, July 18th).
- The number of campers you can teach per class.
- What lesson or activity you would like to teach.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & CARE DEADLINES – April through June

These dates are posted at (<https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>) and more information is available at (<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>) under section 9, "Animal Management and Ownership." Section 9.6

States: Animals must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for the following periods of time prior to the official county exhibit activity, including junior livestock shows:

Market Beef - 120 days (*approximately April 1 in GH*)

Breeding Beef - 90 days (*approximately May 1st in GH*)

Equine - 90 days (*approximately May 1st in GH*)

Llama - 90 days (*approximately May 1st in GH*)

Dairy - 90 days (*approximately May 1st in GH*)

Dairy Heifer Replacement - 60 days (*approximately June 1st in GH*)

Cats - 60 days (*approximately June 1st in GH*)

Dogs - 60 days (*approximately June 1st in GH*)

Goat - 60 days (*approximately June 1st in GH*)

Sheep and Swine (Breeding and Market) - 60 days (*approximately June 1st in GH*)

Cavies - 45 days (*approximately June 15th in GH*)

Rabbits and Poultry - 45 days (*approximately June 15th in GH*)

Animals raised by the 4-H member from birth or hatching are exempt from the minimum time periods.

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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