

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for October 9, 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/>

October 1 *New 4-H Year Begins!* Re-enroll at <https://wa.4honline.com>

October 9 – 20 Fall Paper Clover Campaign, Tractor Supply Company

October 11-13 WA State 4-H Forum <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/washington-state-4-h-forum/>

October 14 Mandatory GH 4-H Club Kickoff Meeting, 5:30 pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1398653293631119/>

October 17 Celebrate Our Kids Committee Meeting, 5pm

October 17 GH 4-H Council Meeting, 6pm, WSU Extension office, Elma
<https://www.facebook.com/events/414002992563834/>

October 21 *EXTENDED* Year End Award Applications, Record Books, and Year Pin Requests Due
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2172198689763338/>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2411826332436358/>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/387043218766314/>

October 28 Celebrate Our Kids Slide Show Photos Due
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2651872961511958/>

November 4 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma
<https://www.facebook.com/events/208199736800315/>

November 7 Celebrate Our Kids, Recognition Event, 6 pm GHC Fairgrounds, Mike Murphy Pavilion
<https://www.facebook.com/events/587369828671815/>

November 11 WSU Extension Office CLOSED in Observance of Veterans Day

November 18 4-H Fair Committee Meeting, 6pm, WSU Extension office, Elma

November 20 GHC Fair Volunteer Dinner Meeting, hosted by GHC Fair Board, 6 pm, Mike Murphy Pavilion
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2436236489805541/>

November 21 GH 4-H Council Executive Board Meeting, 6 pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/414002992563834/>

November 28 & 29 WSU Extension Office CLOSED in Observance of Thanksgiving Day

December 2 *New 4-H Year Club Paperwork Due*
<https://www.facebook.com/events/372391229974594/>

December 2 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma
<https://www.facebook.com/events/208199736800315/>

December 19 GH 4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma
<https://www.facebook.com/events/414002992563834/>

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

MANDATORY 4-H CLUB KICKOFF – Monday, October 14th at 5:30pm

It's time to start planning for the new 2019-2020 4-H year!

All 4-H club leaders must attend the informative 4-H club kickoff meeting on Monday, October 14th at 5:30! Club representatives RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/y3gucpno>

The mandatory meetings will provide you with important information to start the new 4-H year.

Attendance is required in order to enroll/re-enroll your 4-H club for the new 4-H year. You will learn about state policies, expectations of a 4-H club, important dates, and more!

Main club leaders are encouraged to attend. If unable, you may send a club representative in your place. Feel free to send multiple club representatives.

CELEBRATE OUR KIDS – Save the Date!

Join us Thursday, November 7th at 6 pm in the Mike Murphy Pavilion at the GHC Fairgrounds for a festive evening to recognize 4-H members!

CELEBRATE OUR KIDS – Seeking a Photo & Slide Show Organizer

We are seeking an adult or 4-H member in the Senior age category to gather and organize digital photos (via email or similar manner) from the 4-H community. This individual would also be responsible for creating a slide show from the submitted photos to be on display during the annual Celebrate Our Kids recognition event using PowerPoint or a similar platform. This individual would work with the 4-H Program Coordinator to confirm that WSU Media Releases are on file as appropriate and to ensure that the finalized slide show is compatible and ready for display at the Celebrate Our Kids event.

The benefits of this volunteer role include networking and connecting with a broad spectrum of 4-H community members and practicing skills in the areas of communication and digital imagery.

Contact tracie.hanson@wsu.edu to review the full position description and express interest by Monday, October 14th

NATIONAL EQUINE JUDGING CONTEST

Grays Harbor County 4-H will be represented at the National Equine Judging Contest in Kentucky - Congratulations Cherokee! Cherokee will be a part of the WA State 4-H Team traveling to Kentucky next month. If you are interested in helping to support Cherokee's travel expenses, please forward your contribution to Grays Harbor County 4-H, PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541, payable to the "Grays Harbor 4-H Council." Checks and cash can also be delivered in person to the WSU Extension office at 34 Elma-McCleary Road.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMITS

The National Youth Summit Series brings together some of the best and brightest students to focus on STEM, agriscience, healthy living, and photography. Designed for high school students (grades 9–12), the Summits provide opportunities to learn technical skills, participate in hands-on activities, workshops, and engage with nationally recognized leaders. Students typically attend in groups comprised of two to eight youth and are accompanied by an adult mentor/chaperone. School year 2019-2020 will be our seventh year of programs and the results have been amazing! Surveys show up to a 47% increase in the number of students who felt after attending a Summit they were more aware of areas of study they could pursue in college relating to their Summit subject matter. The National Youth Summit Series aims to teach lessons students can use for the betterment of their personal lives and communities. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/2ITIHGv>.

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/>

USE OF THE 4-H NAME AND EMBLEM

The 4-H Name and Emblem Use Handbook has recently been updated, and is now available at <https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/fy-2019-4-h-name-emblem-use-guide-20190619.pdf>

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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