

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for October 18, 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 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 23 Volunteer Essentials Workshop, 5:30 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma

<https://www.facebook.com/events/515915878984396/>

October 28 Celebrate Our Kids Slide Show Photos Due to gh4hphotos@gmail.com

<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

VOLUNTEER ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP – Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:30pm

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.

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 the 4-H Mission & Goals, Tools for Working with Youth Educational Theories & Learning Models. Download and complete the WSU Volunteer Application at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/>

YEAR END RECOGNITION & AWARDS DUE – Monday, October 21st

Year Pin Requests, Record Books and Award Applications Due Monday, October 21st

As the 4-H year draws to a close, we have the opportunity to reflect on the learning and accomplishments of 4-H members (and adult volunteers!) this year. Many thanks for all that you do to "Make the Best Better" each year! Many of these accomplishments will be recognized at the annual Celebrate Our Kids event in November.

In the meantime, thank you for working with your 4-H Club Leader to submit your record book for review, along with applications for member of the year, club awards, and year pins. Included below is more information about each of these opportunities, which can also be found online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

> **RECORD BOOKS** are due to the Extension Office no later than 5pm Monday, October 21st. Record book scoresheets are also available for your review at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

> **MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Grays Harbor County 4-H Member of the Year Nominations can be submitted any time before October 21st. With so many deserving members that make a difference every day, who will you nominate? One boy and one girl in each age group will be selected as "4-H Member of the Year" for Grays Harbor County. The recipients will receive a certificate and cash award. Individuals may be selected one time per age group. Their names will also be engraved on plaques hanging in the County Extension Office.

> **CLUB AWARDS**

Application forms and more specific information are available under "GH 4-H Council Awards Guideline" at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> or at the Extension Office. Applications are due October 21st. Grays Harbor County 4-H clubs can be recognized in the following categories:

- > > Publicity
- > > Membership Building
- > > Community Service
- > > Achievement

Additional recognition is available for 4-H Club Secretaries who complete and turn in the 4-H Secretary Book as well as 4-H Club Treasurers who complete and turn in the 4-H Treasurers Book

CELEBRATE OUR KIDS – Dinner and Recognition Event – Thursday, November 7th

The date has been set ... mark the time on your calendar for 6 pm on Thursday, November 7th at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. A fun and festive way to celebrate another wonderful year of Grays Harbor County 4-H programs as a community! Funds raised during the Celebrate Our Kids event support scholarships and other program expenses. We will also be presenting Year End awards – celebrating another great 4-H year filled with learning and personal growth!

We need your help to make this event a huge success:

1. Please extend a personal invitation to at least four of your friends – if they receive a personal invitation they are much more likely to attend. A flyer is now available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/587369828671815/> to share with your friends and neighbors
2. We need participation from all 4-H families – can you help with set-up or clean-up? Can your 4-H Club provide a prize basket or a baked item for dessert? Contact Committee Members, Cathy and Mary at cathleencoza@gmail.com or marylightfoot@aaawa.com for other ways to get involved!
3. We are planning a slideshow to play during the event celebrating the entire year of 4-H activities, youth members, leaders, and volunteers. **Please submit your 4-H photos by Monday, October 28th to the Photo & Slide Show Coordinator** at gh4hphotos@gmail.com

TIME TO RE-ENROLL

October marks the beginning of the new 4-H year. 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.

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.

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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