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Thank you for your interest in becoming a 4-H camp volunteer this year! Each adult who volunteers at 4-H camp provides the opportunity for 6-10 youth to attend camp and have a fun, educational, and memorable positive youth development experience!

Adults who are excited about supporting youth staff (counselors) as they prepare to mentor and connect with younger campers are encouraged to start the process to become an official 4-H camp volunteer for the 2022 session. Camp is currently scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> - July 14<sup>th</sup>. While details about arriving early for set-up and staying to wrap up, debrief, and clean up are still being arranged, we anticipate an in-person chaperone training meeting will take place at camp on July 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.

To meet the 8 hour training requirements outlined in the WA State 4-H Resident Camp Standards (available online at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/camping/>), you will need to complete the steps outlined below. Viewing the 4-H Camp video resource available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7\\_Dezpl0NxA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_Dezpl0NxA) can be counted towards a portion of the 8-hour chaperone-training requirement.

- A. **Attend staff training and informational meetings** to meet the statewide training requirements noted above. The 4-H Volunteer Camp Director, Taylor, will work with you to schedule dates and times for volunteer planning sessions, which will take place via Zoom.
- B. **All new and returning adult volunteers must either create or update their 4-H enrollment profile information** at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Within 4-H Online, each individual will also need to **sign up for the “4-H Camp Counselor Training Series,” Event** in 4-H Online. A video guide outlining the process is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28py3W0ltvo>
- C. **All new adult volunteers will need to complete the 4-H Volunteer Application Packet**, available at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/>
- D. **New adult volunteers will need to initiate the background screening process through Sterling Volunteers™** using the link below. Please complete this screen as soon as possible; your enrollment status will not be approved without a completed screen.  
<https://app.verifiedvolunteers.com/promoorder/1e96d4cb-1952-4438-8adb-1850430954e8>  
**Each returning adult volunteer will be notified if an updated background screening is needed**, and will receive a different link to initiate the background screening update.
- E. **Submit all of the forms to the WSU Extension Office before attending the first in-person session.**

We are looking forward to working with you to prepare to mentor the youth in our community! As always, feel free to contact me at [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) if I can answer any questions. You can also reach out to 4-H Volunteer Camp Director, Taylor Sample at [panhandlecamp@gmail.com](mailto:panhandlecamp@gmail.com) or visit <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/camping/>

These events will follow all current COVID guidelines in place from Washington State, Grays Harbor County, and Washington State University, including masking and social distancing protocols.

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