



ARE YOU READY FOR CAMP?

"Once Upon a Panhandle" 4-H Summer Camp

July 9th-July 14th, 2022

It is camp time! Come experience Once Upon a Panhandle!
Pack your bags and get ready for 4-H camp fun with a storybook twist!

Registration is limited to the first registered and paid campers. Registration is only confirmed once payment is received. All registrations must be completed online at <https://v2.4honline.com>
Camp registration fees must be in the form of check or cash. Card payments are not accepted.

Cost \$ 225

Submit registration online and mail or deliver registration fee to the WSU Extension office:
Grays Harbor County 4-H, PO Box 3018, 34 Elma-McCleary Road, Elma, WA 98541

Checks payable to "Grays Harbor County 4-H Camp"

Submit registration online and mail or deliver registration fee to the WSU Extension office:
Mason County 4-H, 303 N. 4th Street, Shelton, WA 98584

Checks payable to "Mason County 4-H"

Camp Scholarships Available - Campers may apply for a limited number of partial scholarships available to offset some of the camp registration fees. The scholarship request form is available from the WSU extension office or at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/camping/>

Some Highlights...

- ✓ Games
- ✓ Cabins
- ✓ Programs
- ✓ Fishing
- ✓ Arts
- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ Canoeing
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Campfire
- ✓ And many more surprises await you!!

Open to Campers Ages 8-14

(as of October 1st, 2021, the beginning of the current 4-H year)

who have not started the 9th grade

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension Office. Reasonable accommodation will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who contact Tracie Hanson by May 31, 2022 at PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541, tracie.hanson@wsu.edu, 360-482-2934.



Keep This For Future Reference

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY 2022 4-H SUMMER CAMP PARENT INFORMATION

We ask that you read all of the information and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to connect with the camp director before camp begins.

CAMP STAFF:

4-H Volunteer Camp Director, Taylor Sample, panhandlecamp@gmail.com (360)426-9523

WSU EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

4-H Program Coordinator, Grays Harbor County: Tracie Hanson, tracie.hanson@wsu.edu, (360)482-2934

4-H Program Coordinator, Mason County: Heather Doran, heather.doran@wsu.edu, (360)427-9670 x680

4-H Regional Specialist: Dan Teuteberg, dan.teuteberg@wsu.edu, (360) 427-9670 Ext. 681

STAFF, CHAPERONES, VOLUNTEERS AND INSTRUCTORS:

The 4-H camp staff includes both teen and adult volunteers. Each volunteer completes a background screening process. All camp staff including teen counselors must attend several state camp mandated trainings. On site volunteers/chaperones are required to complete 8 hours of training. Volunteers play a critical role in the success of camp. If you would like to volunteer your time in any way (instructor, on-site parent volunteer etc.) and share a commitment to our counties youth please contact the camp director.

CHAPERONES:

A minimum of one adult chaperone will be present in each cabin during the night. Camp counselors will also be sleeping in the cabins. **4-H camp relies on families to be chaperones.** All chaperones must have background screening through Sterling Volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS, CHAPERONES AND GUESTS ARRIVAL TO CAMP:

Everyone arriving at camp needs to sign in and out of camp. Please check in with the camp director upon arrival as well as departure. This policy is strictly enforced for safety of our campers.

CHECK-IN:

Camp check-in is **Saturday July 9th**. **Camper last name determines check-in times.**

Please no early arrivals; as the welcoming party will not be ready.

(A-F) Noon – 1 pm

(G-L) 1-2 pm

(M-R) 2-3 pm

(S-Z) 3-4 pm

When arriving at camp, you will check in at the office, stop in for a quick visit with the medical staff and pick up the camper wristband. From there, you will get directions to your cabin and start settling in before the Opening Flag Ceremonies start (promptly at 4 pm) at the flagpole down by the lake! During check-in, campers will also take a swimming test in order to swim, fish, or go boating at camp. If for some reason your child will be coming after or will arrive on another day please let the camp director know.

COVID-19 guidelines provided by the CDC, Washington State 4-H Program, and local health departments will be continuously monitored and protocols adjusted accordingly.

CHECK-OUT:

Camp check-out is **Thursday July 14th**, and campers can depart promptly by **4 P.M.** The last meal served at camp will be a lunch on Thursday. Cabins will be inspected and parents need to help clean cabins and grounds before departure. All campers must go through the check-out procedures before they leave camp. Parts of these procedures include picking up medications and signing your child out of camp. Parents are not allowed to take campers off site until they have signed the release form. **If your camper needs to be checked out of camp at an earlier time or day please make arrangements at check-in with the camp director.**

CAMPER CONCERNS:

Leaving/Returning to camp during camp session, medical concerns, homesick worries:

If your child has to leave camp for any reason please make prior arrangements during check-in with the camp director. If necessary, medicine in prescribed container needs to be turned into medical staff during camp check-in. If your child becomes homesick, we will make every attempt to encourage the child to stay. Helping campers overcome homesickness is a part of their camp experience. Speaking to your child in advance can alleviate many feelings once they have arrived at camp. If the child continues to struggle parents will be called and we will work together to help the camper feel supported and cared for.

TALENT SHOW:

One of the evening programs will include a talent show. Group skits and individual performances and an array of incredible talent fill the evening. If your camper plays a musical instrument, loves to sing, dance or be a comedian and/or any other talent they would like to showcase here is their chance! If items are needed for their performance they may bring them to camp and they will be checked in with the director. A piano is on site for those who play. **The individual talent show performances are optional!**

MAIL:

Parents are welcome to send mail to their child at camp. **Address:** 370 West Panhandle Lake Road, Shelton, WA 98584. Due to the short amount of time we are at camp we suggest that you send a card/letter before camp begins. **Since food attracts wildlife, please include other items in care packages.*

DIRECTIONS:

From Grays Harbor Co. Fairgrounds in Elma:

Proceed eastbound on the Elma-McCleary Road and take the first left past the fairgrounds, crossing the railroad tracks onto Cloquallum Road. Stay on this road for approximately 12 miles, continuing past Star Lake. Just past the Bucks Prairie store, turn left onto Highland Road. After 4 miles on Highland Road, you will see a large sign on the right for Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp. Turn onto the driveway and proceed ¼ mile to the parking lot.

Heading North on HWY 101:

Take the 2nd Shelton exit (City Center/Matlock), turning left onto the Shelton-Matlock Road. Go approximately 6 miles (you will see a convenience store on your right) turn left on Highland Road there will be a Panhandle Camp sign on the right shoulder. The camp is approximately 4 miles on this road. There is a big sign on the left with a dirt road. Please go slowly. Additional directions are available at www.panhandlecamp.com/

THINGS TO BRING TO CAMP:

Your child will be sleeping in an open-air cabin, which has no electricity therefore, have your child prepare for any type of weather.

- **Flashlight** (good batteries)
- **Sleeping bag** (if your sleeping bag doesn't have a carry bag please secure it in a plastic trash bag.)
- **Sleep mat or egg crate (No Air Mattresses please) - FYI- there are no mattresses on the bunks!**
- **Blanket** (cold nights)
- **Pillow**
- **Toiletries-** toothbrush, soap, shampoo, etc.
- **TOWELS!!!** (We prefer you send them with old ones.)
- **Clothing** (All weather)
- **Swimming suit**
- **Shoes** (closed-toe shoes such as tennis shoes, plus water shoes, etc.)

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- **If necessary, medicine in prescribed container (turned into the medical professional at check-in)**
- **Appropriate "Once Upon a Panhandle" themed clothing and/or decorations for your cabin**

Please do not send any article of clothing or items that you wouldn't want to get soiled or damaged. Taping a list of your child's items inside their suitcase or duffle bag is extremely helpful especially for younger campers. Counselors will assist campers in keeping their items and belongings together, to the best of their abilities. If you notice that something is missing, check the lost and found area located in the lodge near the medical staff office. **All unclaimed clothing will be donated to charity a week after camp.*

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME:

- **Food Items** (since this can attract wildlife, snacks or other food should be left at home)
- **Valuables** (money, jewelry etc.)
- **Electronic Devices** (I-Pod, I-Pad, Kindle, Nintendo DS or similar device, etc.)
- **Cell phones for any reason** (campers have access to a phone if they need to use one for any reason)

At registration we will ask if your child has a cell phone in their possession. If your child has a phone we ask that you take it home. The **NO CELL PHONE policy is strictly enforced. Your child has access to the camp phone if needed.*

The Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp Association was founded in 1947. The first 4-H camping session was held in July of 1948. At that time the camp consisted of just a few pole buildings. Today we enjoy over 490 acres of unique cabin style living with a beautiful lodge, mess hall, campfire area, two docks, and miles of trails.

