

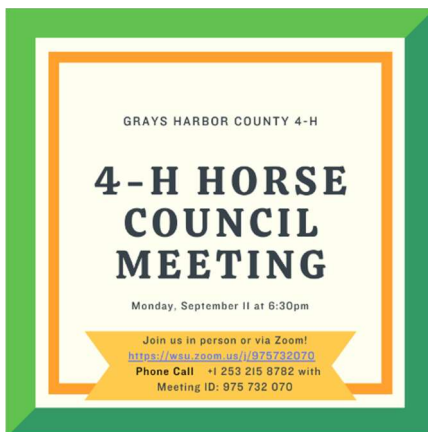
WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for September 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES More events and info on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>

- **Sept 1-24:** State 4-H Fair, Puyallup
- **Sept 11:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Sept 15:** 4-H Year Pin Requests Due <https://forms.office.com/r/ytx6mA7tTX>
- **Sept 15:** 4-H Award Nominations Due <https://forms.office.com/r/8fRqA3RmEy>
- **Sept 15:** 4-H Record Books Due to the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Sept 21:** GH 4-H Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or at the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Sept 30:** Current 4-H Year Ends (*time to begin Annual Financial Summary & plan for new year*)
- **Oct 1:** New 4-H Year Begins
- **Oct 2:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Oct 19:** GH 4-H Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or at the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Oct TBD:** 4-H Club Kickoff – At least one representative from each club must attend to be active
- **Nov 5:** Celebrate Our Kids Recognition Event, 1pm, GHC Fairgrounds

4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS – Join Us Digitally or In Person



We would love to have you join us for the next 4-H Horse Council meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 11. Join us at the next 4-H Council meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 21st. We hope that you will add attendance at 4-H Council meetings to your plans.

The meetings are the best way to share your ideas, get up to the minute information and help shape the direction of YOUR 4-H program. The meetings will be held in person with the option to join remotely, and you can join us via Zoom or with a phone call if you have a Zoom account by clicking the relevant link at

<https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>.

Connect with Tracie to test the system in advance.

GRAYS HARBOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS – Congratulations!



Congratulations to Brianna, who is one of the 4-H members awarded a scholarship from the Grays Harbor 4-H Council this year! Included below is an excerpt from Brianna's 4-H story, in her own words:

"Due to 4-H I have become a more outgoing person with better leadership skills compared to years ago. I also highly believe that due to 4-H I am pursuing a career in education. Through 4-H I was able to discover my love for teaching and working with children. Both in my life today and in the future, I will be able to exercise the knowledge and skills I have learned through 4-H and extend these into my community."

"Through my twelve years of 4-H I have mainly been involved in the rabbit and cavy program in the Brady Bunch 4-H Club. My main responsibility during my project was to take care of my animals while also helping

those around me. Most recently I have taken a position in my club as the president. This position has helped me exercise the leadership skills and various knowledge I have gained throughout 4-H has greatly contributed to my personal growth."



Congratulations to Emma, who is one of the 4-H members awarded a scholarship from the Grays Harbor 4-H Council this year! Included below is an excerpt from Emma's 4-H story, in her own words:

"Let me introduce myself, my name is Emma, and I'm graduating from Elma High School and Grays Harbor Community College with my AA this year. I aim to work with animals or be a paramedic one day. I have lived in Grays Harbor my whole life and have been fortunate to grow up on a family farm. I joined 4-H when I was eight. Over the years, I have shown a variety of species. I have also

held various office positions, the latest being president.

I know that 4-H has shaped me into the person I am today. I am grateful for the opportunities that 4-H has provided me. One of my goals is to attend WSU this fall to obtain a Bachelor's in Animal Science or Fire Science. I then plan to return to my rural community and give back either in a field dealing with animals or becoming a firefighter paramedic. Both fields are needed and would be much appreciated in my community. I have a strong passion and desire to contribute to my community in a positive way. "



STATE 4-H FAIR – September 2-25

Congratulations to the 4-H members helping to represent Grays Harbor County at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup!

If you are visiting the State 4-H Fair this month, say hello to our 17 local 4-H members exhibiting year-long accomplishments with their dog, cat, sheep, goat, or horse projects.

Head upstairs in the pavilion to check out over 50 still life entries from local youth, including photos, paintings, drawings, creative arts, clothing, and educational posters!

4-H members will also be giving public presentations and participating in the table setting activity!

NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS OCTOBER 1

While the 4-H Online enrollment system is going through the annual update process to prepare for the October 1 start to the new 4-H year, youth members and adult volunteers will be able to begin the annual 4-H enrollment process at <https://v2.4honline.com/> in October, just in time for clubs begin meeting for the new 4-H year!

4-H RECOGNITION SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, November 5

The Grays Harbor 4-H Council wants to recognize 4-H members for all the great things that have been learned and explored this year! We are so proud of each 4-H member and look forward to celebrating the completion of the 4-H year with you at a Recognition event at the GHC Fairgrounds on November 5th!

YEAR PIN REQUESTS - Submit by Friday, September 15



This year you are invited to request your 4-H Year Pin, which will be awarded along with other prizes at the annual Recognition event!! Please submit your answers by no later than Friday, September 15 at

<https://forms.office.com/r/ytx6mA7tTX>.

All Grays Harbor 4-H members who complete this process will receive their Year End Completion Pin.



It's time to submit your nominations for the 2022-2023 4-H year for an exceptional Grays Harbor County 4-H volunteer or member! All award nominations will be open until Friday, September 15 and will be reviewed by the 4-H Council to select this year's recipients! Awards will be announced at our fall recognition event.

Nominations are now open at

<https://forms.office.com/r/8fRqA3RmEy>

4-H RECORD BOOKS DUE - Friday, September 15



The Grays Harbor 4-H Council wants to recognize 4-H members who have completed a record book this year. Completed record books must be submitted to the WSU Extension office in Elma by Friday, September 15 to be reviewed by the record book committee and to be eligible for awards and prizes. Record Books will be reviewed using the scoresheets at

<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping and record books teach members valuable, lifelong skills in records, accounting, reporting, and written communication. In 4-H, youth have tracked their activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences, within their record books.

4-H Record Books serve a variety of purposes:

- They give members an opportunity to reflect on their yearly work where they can measure their achievements and growth in their 4-H career.
- They encourage members to set goals, develop plans to meet those goals, and shift gears in the face of challenges and obstacles.

Check out Tips for 4-H Record Keeping at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

4-H Record Books at <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/>

> for Level 1 documents, WSU Publications C0932 & C0933

> for Level 2 documents, WSU Publications C0934 & C0935

BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/>



WA STATE 4-H EQUINE SCIENCE & HORSEMANSHIP SERIES - September 28

All are invited to attend to learn more about horses! Sessions will incorporate hands-on opportunities and fun learning games!

Use this link to sign up and receive the zoom link:

<https://bit.ly/WA4-HEquineScience>

Registered participants will be emailed a suggested supply list prior to each session for the hands-on component.

Hosted virtually on the 4th Thursday of the month, December 2022 – December 2023 (*5th Thursday in November 2023, due to Thanksgiving) from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

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. "These notices are provided for informational purposes only, and do not imply any endorsement of a particular brand or product."

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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