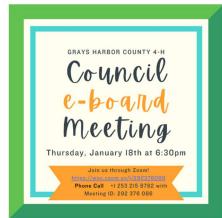
WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development News for January 2024

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

- Dec 29: 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training & Info Meeting for teens & adults, 6pm, Shelton YMCA
- **Dec 31**: News Blast will only be sent to 4-H members and families who have submitted updated profiles in 4-H Online
- Jan 1: WSU Extension office CLOSED New Year's Day
- Jan 7: 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training for teens & adults, 10am 2pm, WSU Extension, Elma
- Jan 8: GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
 https://wsu.zoom.us/j/975732070
- Jan 15: WSU Extension office CLOSED Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 18: GH 4-H Council Mtng, 6:30 pm, WSU Extension office or https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086
- Jan 24: RSVPs Due for Public Presentation Workshop https://forms.office.com/r/FUwyVVL0h2
- Jan 28: 4-H Public Presentation Workshop, 1 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma
- Feb 4: 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training for teens & adults, 10am 2pm, WSU Extension, Elma
- Feb 5: GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom or the WSU Extension office

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



We would love to have you join us for the next at the next Horse Council meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 8, and the next 4-H Council meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 18. We hope that you will add attendance at 4-H Council meetings to your plans.

These 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 link at https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/ Connect with Tracie to test the system in advance.



4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS WORKSHOP – RSVP by January 24 for the Workshop on 1/28

Join us to learn about the 4-H Public Presentation contest! This session will be held at the WSU Extension office in Elma on Sunday, January 28 from 1 - 3 pm.

All ages are welcome. Limited space available.

RSVPs will close on Wednesday, January 24 unless spaces are filled sooner. Once workshop capacity has been reached, families will be placed on a waiting list for a future 4-H Public Presentation Workshop.

RSVP at https://forms.office.com/r/FUwyVVL0h2

For more information on the 4-H Public Presentations activity, visit https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/ and search for "Getting to the Point" (WSU Publication EM4787) and 4-H Leader Guide (WSU Publication EM4788). For more information on the 4-H Public Speaking Activity, check out the 4-H Member Manual (WSU Publication EM4903e).

SEEKING 4-H COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Teen 4-H Members or Adults Welcome - This could be you! The Grays Harbor 4-H Council is seeking adults, teen 4-H members, or teen-adult teams to join our team in the following leadership roles: Secretary, Vice-President, Committee Member.

4-H provides many opportunities for volunteers to act as thoughtful, fun mentors to our youth! While roles and duties can be customized to fit your interests, potential options are described below.

If you are interested in these roles or would like to learn more, contact GH 4-H Council President, Mary, at marylightfoot@aaawa.com or contact 4-H Program Coordinator, Tracie, at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu



Secretary - Potential Tasks

- Preside at the monthly 4-H Council meetings
- Record full and complete minutes for the 4-H Council meetings
- Work with WSU 4-H staff to share Council meeting minutes w/the community
- Assist with all correspondence regarding the Grays Harbor 4-H Council
- Plan 4-H Council meeting agendas in consultation with the Council team
- Participate in developing goals to guide the GH 4-H Youth Development Prog.
- Engage with 4-H youth & adults to support & facilitate 4-H activities/programs



Vice President - Potential Tasks

- Preside at monthly 4-H Council meetings, w/direct leadership in absence of President
- Plan 4-H Council meeting agendas in consultation with the Council team
- Work with WSU 4-H staff to share 4-H information with the community
- Engage with 4-H youth & adults to support & facilitate 4-H activities/programs
- Facilitate/support committee work such as scholarship, recognition, etc.
- Participate in developing goals to guide the GH 4-H Youth Development Prog.
- Conduct meetings, listen, and communicate effectively with youth and adults



Committee Members – Committee Options

- Support planning, scheduling & coordinating educational workshops & events
- Engage with 4-H youth & adults to support & facilitate 4-H activities/programs
- Coordinate and confirm event logistics w/adult volunteers & youth members
- Support education of volunteers and participants
- Find and secure event venues and digital meeting options as needed
- Create promotional materials and graphics
- Organize committee meeting notes



4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT UPDATES

If you are interested in enrolling in a 4-H market livestock project and participating in the livestock auction (for members in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age groups), there are some new expectations and details to be aware of. These resources are available at https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/.

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. Archived copies of "Grays Harbor County 4-H News" are available at: http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/