

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

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

- **Oct 1:** New 4-H Year Begins
- **Oct 4-15:** Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Company
- **Oct 13:** RSVP for Nacho Average 4-H Club Kickoff <https://forms.office.com/r/dWt489vSZj>
- **Oct 16:** 4-H Camp Committee Meeting, 6 pm via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Oct 19:** 4-H Club Kickoff – **6 pm** At least one representative from each club must attend to be active
- **Oct 19:** GH 4-H Council Meeting, at the WSU Extension office, Elma, or via Zoom; following Kickoff
- **Nov 2:** Volunteer Essentials Workshop, 1pm or 6 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Nov 5:** Celebrate Our Kids Recognition Event, 1pm, GHC Fairgrounds
- **Nov 6:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Nov 10:** WSU Extension office Closed in observance of Veterans Day
- **Nov 16:** GH 4-H Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or at the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Nov 16:** Submit entries for Big Leaf Maple Contest at <https://forms.gle/8REoya18bqj9kKiW7>
- **Nov 23 & 24:** WSU Extension office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving
- **Dec 1:** 4-H Club Renewal & Annual Financial Documents Due
- **Dec 1:** 4-H Re-Enrollment Due for Returning 4-H members and volunteers

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



We would love to have you join us for the next 4-H Council meeting on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> (after the Club Kickoff mtng) and at the next Horse Council meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 6. 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.



**NACHO AVERAGE 4-H CLUB KICKOFF – Thursday, October 19**

With the new 4-H year underway, we are looking forward to connecting in person with 4-H Club Leaders and Volunteers for "Nacho" Average 4-H Club Kickoff on Thursday, October 19. Join us at 6 pm in the WSU Extension office in Elma for nachos and updates! While at least one representative from each club must attend for the club to be active this year, more are welcome!

Thank you for submitting your RSVP by October 13 at

<https://forms.office.com/r/dWt489vSZj> ... or call or email Tracie to RSVP



**BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER** – Thursday, November 2  
RSVP for the volunteer orientations scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 2 and join us or the 1 pm session or the 6 pm session at <https://forms.office.com/r/rgUttfPEuJ> to learn more about volunteering with the 4-H Youth Development Program and connecting with other volunteers and 4-H staff!

Adults interested in becoming official 4-H volunteers are encouraged to check out the application located at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/> which outlines the steps to becoming a 4-H volunteer in Grays Harbor County, and includes links to the online modules for adults interested in supporting an existing 4-H Club or a new 4-H Club.



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

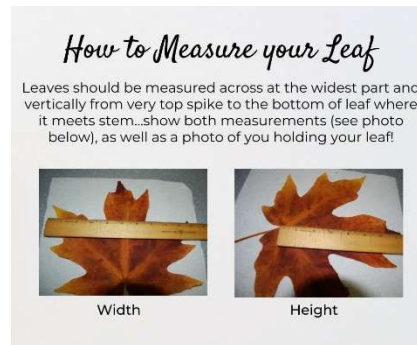
The Grays Harbor 4-H Council wants to recognize 4-H members for all the great things that have been learned and explored this year!

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!

#### **BIG LEAF MAPLE CONTEST** – Submit photos by November 16

It's that time of year again - the Big Leaf Maple CONTEST is back!!! Have you seen all the big maple leaves falling around the city? Find the biggest one you can and enter it to win a fabulous maple treat basket! Check out the images below for full contest details, how to enter and how to measure your leaf! Submit your big leaf photos by November 16 by filling out the online form here:

<https://forms.gle/8REoya18bj9kKiW7>





**WELCOME TO THE NEW 4-H YEAR!** Re-enroll by December 1  
Welcome to the new 4-H year! We are excited for you to join this year - Enrollment for the 2023-2024 year is open for all. Please log in to your 4-H Online account to submit your yearly enrollment: <https://v2.4honline.com/>  
Returning members: re-enrollment deadline is December 1 for all programs including fair & summer camp.

*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](mailto: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."*

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*Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Grays Harbor County Extension.*  
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