

WSU Extension Mason County 4-H Youth Development

News for June & July 2023



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UPCOMING DATES:

- **June 5:** Clover Kids, 4:30 pm North Mason Library
- **June 10:** Youth Gardening, Catalyst Demonstration Garden
- **June 13:** Mason County 4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm via Zoom
- **June 13 & 20:** Get ready for summer camp: Zoom, 6pm
- **June 21:** GHC Fair Board hosts Fair Volunteer Meeting, 6 pm GHC Fairgrounds Pavilion
- **June 26:** 4-H Fair Committee Meeting 6 pm via Zoom or at the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **June 28:** 4-H Camp Committee Meeting, 6 pm via Zoom
- **June 30:** 4-H Day Camp, 9am – 1 pm (youth 5-8) at The Salmon Center
- **July 8-13:** 4-H Camp at Panhandle Lake Camp
- **August 2-6:** Grays Harbor County Fair



CLOVER KIDS – June 5

Join us for Clover Kids on 6/5, 4:30pm at the North Mason Timberland Library, in Belfair!

Attendance is free, however, you must pre-register. Registration is limited to the first 15 youth. This is not a drop off program, parents must stay on site. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors – you do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to attend.

Register for Clover Kids at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/CZrymPwNWE>

Thank you to our partners at the **United Way of Mason County** for their support funding this program to provide free educational opportunities for the youth in our community!



COUNCIL MEETING – JOIN US ONLINE: 6/13

Our next 4-H Council Meeting will be held on June 13 at 6pm, via Zoom. All are welcome to attend this meeting to hear brief updates from the council and participate in discussion. This meeting is a great way to share your ideas, connect with other volunteers and hear the latest information to help shape the direction of your 4-H program in Mason County.

Council Zoom Link: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/91092255786>



Youth Gardening

in collaboration with the Mason County Master Gardeners




- Make your own worm bin
- Hanging strawberry planters
- Make your own bee bath
- Make seed bombs ... AND MORE!

TAKE HOME THESE FREE PROJECTS!!!

Meets at **10am** on the **2nd Saturday** of the month
Dates: 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9, Oct TBD
Location: Catalyst Park Demonstration Garden



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Enroll Online: <https://v2.4honline.com>
 Choose Mason County: "Youth Gardening" club

Contact Heather Doran with questions or help enrolling: heather.doran@wsu.edu

scan to learn more about joining 4-H

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Youth Gardening Club – next meeting on June 10 at 10 am

Spots are still available, join us! As a club member you will take home some awesome FREE projects – this month you will make a hanging strawberry planter. Upcoming projects: Bee/Butterfly bath, seed bombs and more!

Enroll online at <https://v2.4honline.com> (choose youth gardening club). Email Heather if you want to join us but are having trouble signing up, or need a scholarship for the \$25 enrollment fee!

Existing 4-H members are welcome to join! Youth who sign up for the club and enroll online will receive the free projects.



JUNE 30
9 AM - 1 PM

DAY CAMP

at the Salmon Center

Youth ages 5-8 are invited to join Mason County 4-H and The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group at the Salmon Center for a day of outdoor fun and learning. We'll meet the farm animals, explore the garden and adventure through the Union River Estuary Preserve. Snacks provided, please bring a lunch and dress for the weather. \$5 to register.

REGISTER HERE



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Register at: www.tinyurl.com/HCSE4-Hdaycamp



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

4-H SUMMER CAMP

July 8 - 13, 2023
PANHANDLE LAKE 4-H CAMP



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4-H SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Spaces still available for Junior & Intermediate age groups!

Camp registration is online through your 4-H profile at <https://v2.4honline.com>

Dates: July 8-13, 2023

Location: Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp

Cost: \$225 per camper (Junior & Intermediate age groups)

For more information check out our camping website: <https://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-youth-families/4-h-camping/>



GET READY FOR SUMMER CAMP: ZOOM SESSION

Are you a new camper, or do you have questions about camp? Join us on Zoom: June 13 or 20 at 6pm.

WHO: any registered camper, parent or potential campers

WHEN: June 13 or June 20 at 6pm

WHERE: Zoom <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/97557445495>

WHY JOIN US? Meet camp counselors and staff members before camp, learn about some of the fun we have planned for you this year, answer any questions you have, and you may even see some familiar faces and reconnect with fellow campers from last year!



TABLE SETTING WORKSHOP SERIES – June 21 through July 6 - RSVP by June 14

Learn how to set a table, plan a themed table setting, and create a menu for a county or state fair 4-H Table Setting display. Participants can attend the overview workshop as a stand-alone or attend the whole series to create elements for their table setting. All sessions will be held at the WSU Extension office in Elma (34 Elma-McCleary Road).

RSVPs are appreciated by Wednesday, June 14 at <https://forms.office.com/r/mCxR97KLyy> or call (360)482-2934

Session 1: Table Setting Overview (Wed., 6/21, 6:30 - 8 pm)
Session 2: Centerpiece 1: Papier Mache (Mon, 6/26, 6:30-8pm)
Session 3: Centerpiece 2: Painting (Thurs, 6/29, 6:30-8pm)
Session 4: The Menu (Thursday, JULY 6, 6:30 - 7:30 pm)

The 4-H Table Setting Activity involves youth members planning a coordinated, economical table setting and menu around a specific theme and culture, while taking into consideration the menu's nutritional value as a part of total day's food. The 4-H member will provide their own placemat, centerpiece, dishes, utensils, glassware, and linens. For more information on the 4-H Table Setting Activity, visit <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/> and search for C1075e, C1076e, and EM3443e.



WA STATE 4-H EQUINE SCIENCE & HORSEMANSHIP SERIES June 22 & July 20

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.



POULTRY AT THE GHC FAIR

The GHC Fair staff let us know that as of this moment, based on the latest information from the State Veterinarian, the GHC Fair Veterinarian does not have a problem with birds attending the 2023 Fair. This is so long as there are no cases reported in “backyard flocks” within our area, prior to the start of the fair. The GHC Fair Veterinarian will also be screening birds carefully during vet check.

The GHC Fair Veterinarian states, *“It is extremely important that we follow good biosecurity measures, and that the public is not allowed contact with the birds. Additionally, I will be turning away any sick or suspicious birds at check in; this will include all birds*

from that family/premise. Please let the kids know that if any of their birds appear sick, do not bring any bird from their flock. It is not worth the risk to try to sneak in a potentially ill bird.” Biosecurity information is available at <https://agr.wa.gov/birdflu>

In any event, there will be a variety of ways that 4-H members enrolled in the poultry project can participate and showcase their knowledge and poultry project by signing up for other special poultry classes such as cage decorating, poultry equipment, educational posters, judging contests, and more!



GH 4-H FAIR ENTRY INFORMATION – Red, White & Moo!

We are looking forward to seeing what 4-H clubs and members have been doing this year and are excited to use the FairEntry online registration platform again this year. Now that members have raised/trained animals, taken photos, made cookies/posters/creative arts, grew plants, built robots, gave presentations, hosted community service events, and more, it is time to explore the 4-H Exhibitor Guide, which describes opportunities and entry details.

The guide is available, along with a video and step-by-step guide, at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/>

The FairEntry platform will be available soon for submitting entry information at <https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18760> using the same email address and password as 4-H Online.

ENROLL IN 4-H: Remember to submit your 4-H enrollment each year by April 1, for youth to be eligible to exhibit 4-H projects at Grays Harbor County Fair. Both youth members and adult volunteers can complete the annual 4-H enrollment process at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Here is a video for help with enrollment: <https://youtu.be/5IFbWGFzWUo>

BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER: <https://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-youth-families/become-a-4-h-volunteer/>

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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 Heather Doran at least two weeks prior to the event. Our county is partnering with neighboring counties—the Constellation group of Grays Harbor, 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." Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Mason County Extension.