



## 4-H EMPOWERS KIDS WITH THE SKILLS TO LEAD FOR A LIFETIME

### Interested in Starting a 4-H Club?

- \* 4-H is open to all youth from 5—not yet 19 years of age as of Oct 1st of current 4-H year.
- \* Large animals and shooting sports require that the youth be at least 8 years of age as of Oct 1st.
- \* The 4-H year runs from Oct 1st—Sept 30th.
- \* Youth are separated by age categories as follows:
  - \* Cloverbuds: 5-7 years old      Junior: 8-10 years old      Intermediate: 11-13 years old      Seniors: 14-19 years old

### Adult Volunteer Requirements

Requirements to become a certified volunteer are:

- \* complete a [Volunteer Application](#) and return completed reference forms,
- \* pass a criminal background check and renew background check every three years,
- \* watch training videos on extension.org and submit to certificate of completion to extension office,
- \* attend in-person (or zoom) training,
- \* create a profile on [4-H Online](#) and re-enroll every year before meeting with youth.
- \* Show proof of COVID-19 vaccination to 4-H Program Coordinator or obtain an approved exemption from WSU.
- \* Adults must log their volunteer hours.
- \* Adults are only considered Certified Volunteers when they have an active, approved enrollment in 4-H Online.

### Club Charter Requirements

All clubs must have the following:

- \* General club leader needs to complete club leader training. Treasurer needs to complete treasurer training on extension.org.
- \* 5 youth from at least 3 families.
- \* Clubs hold a minimum of 6 business meetings throughout the year.
- \* Clubs have youth officers.
- \* You must have at least 2 certified adult volunteer/leader.
- \* Current ANNUAL membership dues: \$25 per youth (state fee) and \$5 per youth with a 3 youth family cap (county fee).
  - \* Clubs may have additional costs.
- \* Scholarships are available upon request. Please contact county 4-H Program Coordinator: Melanie Greer.

### County Requirements:

To “complete” a 4-H year, you are required to:

- \* complete a Record Book (Cloverbuds do not have this requirement),
- \* attend at least 2/3 of general club meetings unless excused by club leader,
- \* complete at least one club level public presentation (demonstration),
- \* complete any additional club requirements (for example community service),
- \* Meet any project specific requirements and entry requirements for each barn at the Clallam County Fair.

### Club Requirements:

- \* Clubs follow all state and county policies and can enact additional policies and/or Club Agreements.
- \* Club members, adult and youth, follow any club agreements.