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4-H Parent News

-2018 “Know Your Government”  Spread the word!  We are looking for TEENS to join us!  KYG is open to all youth in 9th - 12th Grade, enrolled in 4-H or not.

What is KYG?

Know Your Government (KYG) is a civic education program with a four-year rotating topic: The Legislative System, The Judicial System, Elections and Party Platforms, and Politics and the Media. This year we will explore the topic of how a bill becomes law. It is important to remember though, that KYG is much more than learning about how the Legislative process works. In fact, one could argue that it is little about that. **KYG and 4-H are about learning the life skills our delegates will need to be responsible citizens and productive adults.** The conference is an opportunity for delegates to practice the skills they have learned, apply their knowledge to unknown situations and reflect on how they did.

All 39 counties in our state participate in KYG in Olympia the weekend of February 17th-19th, 2018. We need teams of 4 teens per bill; your team selects the bill to work on. KYG is an awesome opportunity to make awesome friends across the state. We will be working with other Teens on these bills, participate in a community service activity, dances, night out besides Fun learning and TEAM building. We have about 4-5 meetings to prepare the bill(s) selected prior to attending KYG.

We will hold our second meeting on December 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm at Fire Station #41, 7600 Old Military Rd NE, Bremerton, WA 98311
Any questions, please ask Corrina Coan, email at corrina.l.coan@navy.mil
Shannon Cass or Joy Lile joy.lile@wsu.edu

Know Your Government registration for youth members is open now! KYG registration is done through 4HOnline. Event and registration information can be found by visiting http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/kyg/

**Process for Registration**

In using 4hOnline this year the Youth Delegates and Adult Resources will have two ways of going about making a payment for KYG Registration (Credit Card through 4-H Online or by Check). Start with going to your Profile and choosing Event Registration.

The Registration process is the same as last year through 4hOnline but when they get to the invoice they can choose to pay by Card or Check.

If the participant chooses to pay by **Credit Card** for the KYG Conference then they need to make the **full payment** at the end of registration process on 4-H Online. If the participant received a scholarship from the County, then the **County is responsible for reimbursing the participant.**

If the participant chooses to pay by **Check** for the KYG Conference then at the end of the registration process on 4-H Online they will be provided with an **invoice amount that they owe.** From this step participants will deliver their check to their County Coordinator or to the County Extension Office. At this point if the participant is receiving a discount from the County they may pay the appropriate amount due at that time.

County Coordinators and County Extension Office, before you confirm delegates Event registration, we are asking that you collect all the checks from your delegation keep track of all the money coming in. Once you have all the Conference Registration Checks we ask you to mail these to Kristi Axtell: **Attention KYG to Washington State University Extension, 140 South Arthur, Suite 500, Spokane, WA 99210-1495** with a full report of all the participants that are paid. **Please have all checks mailed/postmarked to Kristi Axtell by January 22nd.**

**Important Note:** When Registering for KYG Conference the same deadlines are in place for early/late registration and the refund policy remains the same. Meaning if your delegate or adult resource submits their **KYG Application on 4-H Online after January 5th at 10pm then they will need to pay the late registration fee of $350.**
YOUTH MAPPERS
PAID WORK OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS!

Community Resource Mapping Project

DETAILS
Work as a team with other teens to map Kitsap County resources and create a resource directory for county residents.
Meet biweekly December 2017-May 2018 with mentors to build essential workplace skills.

REQUIREMENTS
At least 16 years old
Verbal communication skills
Working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word
Reliable transportation

TO APPLY
Please contact Laura Hyde for more information:
Email: hyde@co.kitsap.wa.us
Phone: 360.337.4879

WHY?
Develop a comprehensive listing of services and resources for families and youth.

You Receive
A stipend of $100
Work experience
Free training
Mentoring and leadership skills
Community service

WHO?
A group project of Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth.
-Calling All Teens!

Be a part of the 2017 WA State 4-H Teen Program Survey and use your voice to shape the future of 4-H Teen Programs! Share your experiences in 4-H as a teen and give us feedback to help plan future programs. When you complete the survey, you can enter to win one of four $25 Amazon gift cards through a random drawing. Drawings occur monthly October 2017 - January 2018.

Survey link: https://tinyurl.com/WA4HTeenSurvey2017

Contact Joy Lile with questions: joy.lile@wsu.edu

We need **YOUR** Help

*In Taking the: Washington State 4-H Teen Program Survey!!!*

**Youth Participation:**

During the next several months, your State Ambassadors and 4-H Volunteers will be asking all 4-H Teens ages 12-19, to complete a survey on current Teen Opportunities. This survey will help us determine what you, the **YOUTH**, want and how you see the program moving forward. Upon completion of the survey, your name will be entered in a drawing for a $25 Amazon gift card!

For More Information:

Please feel free to contact: Joy Lile at email: joy.lile@wsu.edu or phone: 360-337-5635

WSU Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.
- 4-H Council is Looking for TEENS  The Kitsap County 4-H Council is looking for two highly motivated teens to serve on the 4-H Council for a period of two years. The teens would participate on standing committees as well as other appointed committees. 4-H Youth can provide new and refreshing ideas on how the Council can better serve the youth of the county. This position may also lead to a State 4-H Ambassadors program that has not been promoted in the recent past, but is a good avenue for public speaking and leadership.

- Kitsap County 4-H Council Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month, at Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church, 403 S Summit Ave, Bremerton WA. At 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

**Volunteer and Leader News**

- National 4-H Conference:  
  [https://4-h.org/parents/national-4-h-conference/](https://4-h.org/parents/national-4-h-conference/)  
  - A chance for 4-H teens to connect to national activities

- Citizenship Washington Focus:  
  [https://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/](https://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/)  
  - Week-long 4-H programs where youth learn about the federal government in Washington, DC.

- Any 4-H Clubs needing Community Service  Here is a great idea! The Central Kitsap Food Bank is looking for extra volunteers help to fill their Holiday Baskets on Friday, December 15th from 1:30pm-3:00pm and Saturday, December 16th from 9:00am-1:30pm. These baskets are passed out to the Food Bank clients to give them a little extra help during the holidays. If you need more community service hours and would like to give back, please contact Chris Benson (director@ckfoodbank.org), 3537 NW Anderson Hill Rd, Silverdale, WA 98383, 360-692-9818

- Report Volunteer hours  Please Encourage all your club volunteers to report their 4-H volunteer hours Visit: [http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteer](http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteer)  
If you do not have a volunteer data base profile please contact La Vonne Cooper at lavonne.cooper@wsu.edu
Volunteer and Leader News Continue...
-Become a Certified Challenge Course Facilitator!

BECOME A CERTIFIED
CHALLENGE COURSE FACILITATOR!

Weekday Training Option: February 12-15, 2018
or
Weekend Training Option: April 28-29 & May 5-6, 2018

Do you value education through adventure and hands-on experience?

Join the Adventure Education Community

The 4-H Challenge experience helps youth develop social and emotional life skills such as leadership, teambuilding, communication, and healthy choices.

Location: Gibbs Lake Low-Ropes Challenge Course, Chimacum, WA

Instructor: Matt Duchow, Certified 4-H Challenge Trainer

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 15 PEOPLE per TRAINING

Choose either Weekday or Weekend Training Option and register online:

- For Weekday Training Option (Feb. 12-15): https://4-HChallengeTraining/Weekday.bpt.me; registration & refund deadline: Feb. 1
- For Weekend Training Option (April 28-29 & May 5-6): https://4-HChallengeTraining/Weekend.bpt.me; registration & refund deadline: April 16

Cost: $150 - includes materials, daily lunch, and instruction fee. After course completion, new facilitators may receive a discount on the future use of the Gibbs Lake Low-Ropes Challenge Course.

Scholarship inquiries: In Clallam Co. email jenny.schmidt@wsu.edu, in Jefferson Co. email tanya.barnett@wsu.edu

After registering, you will receive a confirmation packet that includes directions and additional course details.

For more information please contact: Sam Troxler at stroxler@sequim.k12.wa.us or (360) 582-3400.

Upcoming 4-H Event

-4-H Academy  (Formerly known as Clover Academy or Super Saturday)

March 10th, 2018

Faith Fellowship Church, Silverdale, WA

This fun event is open to 4-Hers of all ages groups, it is a multi tract class session day filled with classes on various projects and the fundamentals of 4-H.

Mark your calendar and save the date for an awesome day of fun and learning. If you are interested in teaching a class please contact Kelly Sciarrotta at Kellysciarrotta@yahoo.com.