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As 2016 comes to an end we want to take the time to thank each and every one of you for your continued support with WSU Kitsap County 4-H Program. This has been a year of transition and we appreciate your patience and understanding while we strive to provide positive youth development to youth in our county.

- States 4-H International Exchange

**States 4-H International Exchange.** Did you know that there are opportunities through 4-H to travel abroad, or host an exchange student? Washington State 4-H is looking for host families for our in-
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bound month long Summer program. Learn more here: [http://www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org/) or contact Elisabeth Wilder at e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu to discuss possible placement opportunities.

- **KYG Community Service & Fundraisers**

  Know Your Government (KYG) is collecting clothes for Foster children at YouthNet. We are looking for donations of new play clothes and PJs for kids between 1-5 years old. Small stuffed animals are great too. If you or your Club is interested in helping our Kitsap delegation please contact e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu to arrange a pick up location for donations.

- **4-H Fundraiser & Fun**

  - Wednesday, January 11th from 5-8 pm 4-H & Beyond and KYG will be hosting a McTakeOver at the Poulsbo McDonalds.
  - Saturday, January 14th KYG will be hosting an AppleBee’s breakfast from 8-11 am in Silverdale.
  - 4-H & Beyond is hosting a fun bowling night on December 27th from 7-9 pm at All Star Lanes in Silverdale. Cost is $15 per person (shoe rental is included). Space is limited, reserve your tickets by emailing Sheila at Sheila.jernigan@wsu.edu

- **New 4-H Volunteer Orientations**

  By request, I will be holding additional new 4-H Volunteer and Club Leader Orientations in January and February. If you are a parent who wants to learn more about 4-H or be able to assist your club as an enrolled volunteer, or a new volunteer or Club Leader please keep your eyes open for upcoming training dates after the first of the year. If you have any questions contact e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu.

- **Report your Volunteer Hours for 2016!**

  **Report your Volunteer Hours for 2016!** All enrolled 4-H volunteers, report your volunteer hours for 2016 -- Your volunteer hours are critical for demonstrating the value of our program. It is also how volunteers are covered under WSU’s L&I and liability. Visit the database and report your hours, [http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx](http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx). Contact me if you are missing your account username and password.

  Also, please remember that it is 1 volunteer per email address, *spouses can not share the same email address for reporting purposes.

  If you are a new member and need an account to be set up please email me your name, Club name, email address, address and phone number and I will get an account set up for you after the beginning of the year.

- **4-H Online Status and Enrollment**

  **It’s 4-H Enrollment/Reenrollment Time:** All returning 4-H leaders and members who plan to participate in the new 4-H year (which started Oct. 1, 2016) MUST REENROLL online at [http://wa.4HOnline.com](http://wa.4HOnline.com). You will find a “Returning Families” guide to help with reenrollment here:[http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-youth-families/4-h-forms/](http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-youth-families/4-h-forms/). Also on this site, you’ll find a guide to help “New Families” enroll as well. Enrollment/reenrollment ensures that all volunteers and members
have insurance coverage while taking part in 4-H activities.

**If your status says “PENDING” it means that we are still waiting on your membership fees.**
Membership fees are $25 per youth, $20 to WSU 4-H and $5 to Kitsap County 4-H Council. Payment can be mailed or hand delivered to the office. Members must have an “ACTIVE” status in 4-HOnline to be covered by 4-H’s insurance.

- **4-H Council**
  
  **Monthly 4-H Meetings:**
  
  Kitsap County 4-H Council: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Clear Creek Community Center, 12641 Clear Creek Rd NW, Silverdale, WA 98383

  Horse Committee: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 PM, Silver Spurs Riding Club, 7600-7880 Nels Nelson Rd NW, Bremerton, WA 98311

- **WSU 4-H Policy and Procedure**
  

- **4-H Giving Opportunities**
  
  Help WA State 4-H support a school garden program in Burundi, Africa. Learn more here: [https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/burundi4hsisterschools/](https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/burundi4hsisterschools/)

- **Kitsap County 4-H Camp 2017 Teen Staff Application**
  
  4-H teens (14-19 years old) interested in being a Teen Staff for Kitsap County 4-H Camp must complete the application found at [http://extension.wsu.edu/kitsap/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2015/05/Teen-application-2017.pdf](http://extension.wsu.edu/kitsap/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2015/05/Teen-application-2017.pdf) and return it to the 4-H Office.

- **2016-2017 4-H Superintendent OPEN positions**
  
  There are numerous 4-H Superintendent positions open for the 2016-2017 year. If you are interested in any of the following positions please contact Elisabeth Wilder immediately at e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu. There are also a few positions that are looking for co/assistant supers to transition into the position this year. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the following:

  - Beef/Dairy
  - Educational Displays
  - Expressive Arts
  - Family Living
  - Foods – Food Preservation
  - Goats
Clover Academy is January 21st! This is an all day event exploring 4-H and projects! Be sure to register before January 16th for this event at this link: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44a9ae23aafd0-clover](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44a9ae23aafd0-clover)

**Questions? Contact Kelly at kellysciarrotta@yahoo.com**

When registering for classes, select one class from each time slot that interests you. Registration closes on the 16th of January registration starts at 8:30 and classes start promptly at 9:00. Please arrive at 8:30 for check in and to pay, you can sign up for volunteer positions to fulfill during the day, many hands make light work.

**Schedule subject to change. Every attempt will be made to keep you in your scheduled class.**

**Bring your own lunch if desired, substitutions and alternatives for non-pizza fans are not available.**

**Date:** 01/21/2017 (Sat.)  
**Time:** 8:30am - 1:00pm PST  
**Location:** Faith Fellowship Church, 6261 Newberry Hill, Silverdale  
**Cost:** $5 per person, due at registration includes 2 slices of pizza and a drink

**Classes being offered at Clover Academy 2017:**

**Record books!** There are three different choices of record book classes this year, all are geared for both youth and adults. Adult volunteers are encouraged to attend so they can help their youth and their clubs. First year record book is for folks who need help learning how to put a record book binder together, what a record book is and why we do it. The 2nd class is for folks who have the basics, but need help knowing what to fill in where. Be sure to bring your record book if you already have one! The third class is a question and answer time with our own record book superintendent, Jill. What a great opportunity to learn all you and your club need to know to be set up for success with record books!

**Officer Training Modules 1-4** This is the same training that we did earlier this year for youth officers and adult volunteers who want to be able to help their clubs learn about what the big picture for youth officers is, how to manage responsibilities- and how to use parliamentary procedure to your club's benefit. This class is geared for adults and youth alike.

**Public Presentations**- enjoy a session setting you up for success with your 4-H public presentation. This interactive class is geared for both youth and adults

**Cloverbud Bird Feeders**-- your cloverbud aged 4-Hers can have fun making bird feeders to bring home with them in this fun class

**Cavy Breeds and Varieties**- this class is for cavy kids who want to learn about the varieties and breeds of cavies!

**Robotic Arms**- this class is for youth that are juniors and above. You will be creating a STEM project to make a robotic arm out of recycled materials.

**Youth and Adults, A valuable Partnership**- this class is geared for both youth and adults alike, our Regional 4-H Specialist, Joy, is teaching this class. Learn how you can encourage and grow a positive partnership for your club and your community.

**Cloverbud Fun**-- This class is for 4-H youth aged as cloverbuds, our youngest 4-Hers will have a blast with our teacher working on an age appropriate fun and interactive activity during this session

**Cavy Skeletal** - cavy kids, advance your learning about the cavy skeletal system in this session
*Cavy Rabbit Carry Cage* - this class is $30 and you must sign up with Heidi Brandt in addition to registering online. You will be a transport cage for your rabbit and cavies in this session.

*First Aid with the Red Cross* - This presentation teaches youth the importance of knowing basic First Aid. Instructors will demonstrate bandaging a cut, tying a sling, back blows/stomach thrusts if someone is choking, and why/how to call 9-1-1.

Target Audience: Kindergarten-6th grade

*Cavy Show Prep* - Cavy kids, sharpen your skills for showing your pigs!

*Livestock Projects info* - This class is youth and adults who would like to learn about livestock projects, the scope of them, the requirements, the auction, possible financing and what clubs are doing what. This session is geared for youth and adults alike

*Planting Hens and Chicks in Boots* - Join our plant science superintendent for a fun session recycling old boots and shoes into cool planters for succulent plants. If you have any neat old boots or shoes that you want to transform into your planter, be sure to bring them! This session is appropriate for all ages. *In need of BOOT DONATIONS.*

*Cupcake Decorating* - Join our food science superintendent for a yummy session on decorating cupcakes! This session is appropriate for all ages

*Cloverbuds STEM exploration* - cloverbuds can free play with STEM building blocks this session in a relaxed and inviting session. If you are also an older 4-H who would like to volunteer to assist, there are volunteer spots welcomed to support this session.

*Oyster Mushrooms in a Bag* - you will learn how to grow your own mushrooms and take your kit home with you to start off on your own mushroom garden in a bag!

*Cavy Diseases* - Cavy youth, this session you will explore all the diseases you need to learn about cavies.

*Educational Displays* - join our educational display superintendent to learn how your educational displays are judged and how you can create an award winning display

*Rabbit First Aid* - this first aid class is for learning what you need to know for the first aid of your rabbitry.

*Rocketry* - join a lifelong collector and model builder to explore rocket building and rocket science

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLOVER ACADEMY:**

- Pick up pizza during the day.
- Food coordinator
- Hall assistants to help direct youth to the correct classes.
- Help with set up and clean up
- Registration in the morning
- Someone to bring flags and run pledges.
- Someone to help Joy run a STEM block play class with cloverbuds.
- Donations of old boots and shoes for the “boot planting” class

Register due by January 16th, so teachers can prepare material.

If you have any issues with registering please contact Kelly
“Kitsap 4-H Newsletter” Submissions: due by the 20th of the month by 3 pm. Please submit 4-H club/project news, stories, and upcoming events. No ads or solicitations, please; we reserve the right to edit all submissions in accordance to WSU 4-H policies. Email to e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu

4-H Mission: 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

4-H Vision: A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

4-H Pledge: I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to greater Service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

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