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Important Dates:

- Member Enrollment Dates

CHANGE to member enrollment dates! Kitsap County 4-H is OPEN to all members year round!

To participate in the Kitsap County Fair youth must be ACTIVE in 4-H by May 1st of the current 4-H year.

- March 4-H Volunteer Orientation – March 9th

If you are an interested parent or new Club Leader please consider attending our upcoming volunteer orientation.

Date: Thursday, March 9th, 2017

Time: 6 – 8 PM

Location: Norm Dicks Building, 345 6th Street Bremerton

****Minimum of 5 people necessary or the training will be cancelled!**

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Sign up online at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4BADAE28A1FD0-4hvolunteer

- Monthly Dates

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

Dog Project Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 PM, Clear Creek Community Center, 12641 Clear Creek Rd NW, Silverdale, WA 98383

Livestock Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30-8:30 PM, Eagles Nest, 1195 Fairgrounds Rd NW, Bremerton, WA 98311

Teen Opportunities:

- KYG

9 youth and two adults from Kitsap County attended KYG Feb 18th-21st in Olympia.

Youth participated in 7 classes before the Conference learning about the judicial system before heading to Olympia for 4 days, with 280 youth from around the state of Washington. Youth participated in mock trials, toured the State Capital and the Temple of Justice, met legislators at our Legislative dinner and made friends with other 4-H'ers from around the state!

Thank you for supporting KYG!

- Teen Rally

Kitsap and Jefferson County will be hosting a joint Southwest and Northwest Teen Rally. We held our first planning meeting two weeks ago.

Rally is open to teenagers, 7th – 12th grade, and is a great way for teens to increase their leadership skills, involvement, learn new things and make awesome friends from around the districts.

We are looking for youth to help plan, organize and facilitate. We are also looking for adults to help support youth and organize details.

Save the date: Rally will be held either Oct 27-29th or Nov 3-5th.

Date: Friday, March 3rd, 2017

Time: 6 – 8 PM

Location: Group Health 10452 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale, WA 98383

- Teen Leadership Summit

Date: April 1 at 8 AM to April 2nd at 5 PM

Location: 850 Camp Koinonia, Cle Elum, WA 98922

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Teen Leadership Summit gives 7th to 10th graders the opportunity to develop leadership skills including goal setting, meeting facilitation, communication, planning and leading activities, youth/adult partnerships, cultural awareness, time management, and public speaking.

For more information go to: <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/teen-leadership-summit/>
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-MXXS9_m_ioBUwzOXI4Vi1kUDQ/view?usp=sharing

- Neighborhood Stores

The Kitsap County Youth Prevention Alcohol and Tobacco Retailer Education Program has invited 4-H **TEENS** to apply for a paid leadership opportunity!

The goal of the project is to education retailers and decision makers about strategies that decrease the marketing of alcohol and tobacco to youth.

For more information: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-MXXS9_m_ioYkFxRW83cDRqUkU/view?usp=sharing

Equine Project:

- Equine Bylaw Committee Meeting

We will be having our 2nd OPEN meeting on Tuesday, March 7th to work on proposed changes to the Equine projects bylaws.

If you are passionate and interested in the future of the Equine project please join us to discuss and form a committee for the upcoming rewriting of the Equine projects bylaws.

Meeting: Tuesday, March 7th, 2017

Time: 6-8 PM

Location: Norm Dicks Government Building, 345 6th Street Bremerton, WA

- Equine Show

The Equine Projects first qualifying show will be held June 23-25th at Kitsap Saddle Club.

- Equine Paperwork

Due to the requirement to declare your horse 90 days before your show all Declarations of Intent and Horse Certificates must be turned in to the 4-H Office by March 23rd.

Updated documents can be found at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kitsap/youth/equine/>

- Equine 4-H Closet

The Equine project has been blessed by a LARGE donation of equine equipment and we are looking for large plastic storage tubs/totes to store things in. If you have any that you are interested in donating please contact Tina Meekins at thewholehorseplace@gmail.com

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April 29th is 4-H's National Day of Service. Kitsap County 4-H will be doing a service project at the Kitsap County Fair. Activities will involve painting and a weed pull with Dana Coggon with the Noxious Weeds Extension Program.

We need youth and adults willing to get their hands dirty and give back to our community.

Please sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4BADAE28A1FD0-4hnational

- 4-H Burundi, Africa Sister School

Help WA State 4-H support a school garden program in Burundi, Africa. Learn more here: <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/burundi4hsisterschools/>

- Give a Clover

Give a CLOVER campaign: <http://4-h.org/get-involved/support/> Show your support for 4-H on a national, state or local level by donating \$20 to support 1 youth member for a year.

Volunteer & Leader News:

- Report Your Volunteer Hours

Report your Volunteer Hours! Your volunteer hours are critical for demonstrating the value of our program. It is also how volunteers are covered under WSU's insurance. Visit the database and report your hours, <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>. Contact me if you are missing your account username and password.

1 adult volunteer per email address, spouses cannot share email addresses 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 via email at e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu.

- Regional Volunteer Training

Date: April 22, 2017

Location: Jefferson County (Specific location TBA)

4-H staff in Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties are planning a retreat for 4-H Leaders on April 22, 2017. We need your feedback to help us know how you would most like to use this time. Please click the link below to take a very brief survey (should take 1-2 minutes) to let us know. Thank you for your participation!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=JKxpBXCKg7tgW7PI7zGsgg_3D_3D

- Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

- o 1 in 5 families is affected by a mental health disorder.
- o 1 in 4 Americans will be diagnosed with a mental health condition this year.
- o Every 16 minutes someone in the US dies by suicide.
- o Youth and young adults face and experience mental health and substance use challenges differently than adults.
- o Early detection and treatment of mental health disorders and substance use concerns is important.

Kitsap County Youth Coalition is offering Youth Mental Health First Aid USA training free of charge.



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We work with youth in our program on a regular basis and having the necessary skills to handle a youth in crisis could make the difference in their life. Please consider taking on

They have an upcoming training

Date: April 29th

Time: 8:15 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Windermere/Blue Heron Room: 26159 Dulay Rd. NE, Kingston, WA

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-MXXS9_m_ioVi16WjBldWINSDA/view?usp=sharing

You can register at: http://www.kitsapmentalhealth.org/mental_health_first_aid_training.aspx

If we have interested we are in discussion about having a 4-H specific training in the Bremerton area. Please let me know if you are interested.

- Challenge/Low Ropes Training

Train to become a group leader! Camp Long is hosting multiple Low and High Challenge Ropes Certificate Trainings. 4-H affiliates are offered a 50% discount.

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News from WSU 4-H:

- 4-H Online Status and Enrollment

All adults and youth must enroll online at <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/>

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 made online, mailed or hand delivered to the office. Members must have an "ACTIVE" status in 4-HOnline to be covered by 4-H's insurance.

- WSU 4-H Policy and Procedure

UPDATED 2017 WSU 4-H Policy & Procedure Handbook can be found on our web page at:

<http://extension.wsu.edu/kitsap/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2014/07/policy-and-procedure-handbook-4-h-Nov.-2-2016.pdf>

- 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-bound month long summer program. We are currently looking for placement for 15 12-18 year old youth coming from Japan and South Korea for four weeks, from mid-July to mid-August.

Learn more here: <http://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact Elisabeth Wilder at e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu to discuss possible placement opportunities.

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As most of you know to be a 4-H Club you need to have a minimum of 5 youth from 3 different families. We have a few clubs that are struggling to meet these needs and are at risk of losing their charters, so we are putting the call out for members. Remember you can participate in multiple clubs if you are interested or please spread the word to friends and community members. If you would like more information on any of these clubs please email me at e.williams-wilder@wsu.edu

- Welcome Rose Riders! We are thrilled to welcome our newest 4-H Club, the Rose Riders! They are an Equine Club that is based out of Poulsbo. We are thrilled to have them and looking forward to bringing them in to the 4-H Family!
- We have a cat club that has been meeting in Poulsbo that is in need of a Leader.
- We have a goat club in Port Orchard that is looking for members.
- We have a swine club in Seabeck that is looking for members.
- We also have a llama club that has a Port Orchard and Seabeck meeting that is looking for members.

- **Knowledge Bowl Grant**

We have received a small grant that is for Knowledge Bowl events, activities and materials. The grant is for \$810.00

Applications must be turned in to the 4-H Office by Friday, March 24th.

You can download the application at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-MXXS9_m_ioR185eU1pMno2OUU/view?usp=sharing

If you are awarded all or part of this grant you will be required to report on the outcomes of the event.

- **Fair Barn Competition**

Ken Kramer will be sponsoring a contest at the fair for all barns based on the best display to honor 4-H's 100th year in Kitsap County. He will be awarding a 1st, 2nd and 3rd rosette ribbon with the winning exhibit. Start planning now to show your pride in 4-H during fair!

- **Public Presentation Sign Up**

There are 3 online sign up forms:

To sign up for GIVING a presentation ... <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49aaa72ba5fb6-public/>

To sign up to JUDGE a presentation ... <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49aaa72ba5fb6-judge>

To sign up to CLERK a presentation ... <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49aaa72ba5fb6-clerk>

Presentations are Friday, March 31 from 2 until 7 pm and Saturday, April 1 from 9 until noon. They will be held at the same place as last year ... Liberty Bay Presbyterian Church in Poulsbo. The sign up has the location and more information.

Please pass this on to your club members and encourage them to sign up!

If you have any questions contact Heidi Brandt at brandt5family@comcast.net

- **Armed Forces Day Parade Sign Up**



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May 20th, 2017

20 youth and 5 adults needed by March 10th.

We are also looking for ANIMALS! If you would like to bring your horse, dog, goat, pig, rabbit, cavy, chicken, cat, etc please contact Kelly.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan, organize and coordinate the parade.

Youth and adults must register by Mar 10th at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4BADAE28A1FD0-69th>

If you have any questions please contact Kelly Sciarrotta at kellysciarrotta@yahoo.com

- 2017-2018 OPEN 4-H Superintendent Positions

There are a few 4-H Superintendent Positions that are still open for the 2017-2018 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:

- Expressive Arts (assistant/co wanted)
- Family Living (assistant/co wanted)
- Needlecraft (assistant/co wanted)
- Plant Science (assistant/co wanted)
- Swine

“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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