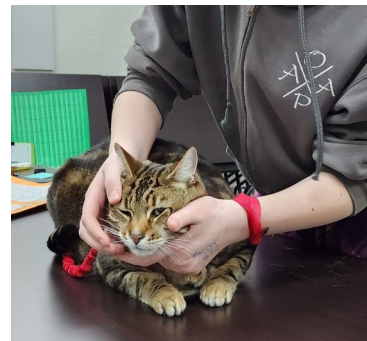




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4-H Youth Development
2021-2022

4-H IN NUMBERS

86 youth were
enrolled in Jefferson
County 4-H during the
2021-2022 4-H year.

20 fabulous 4-H
volunteers worked
alongside youth.
Volunteers are the
heart of our 4-H
community.

8 clubs were
active in Jefferson
County during the
2021-2022 4-H year.

"To Make the Best Better."



ISSUE

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

Throughout Jefferson County communities - suburban, urban or rural, all 4-H programs are guided by research-based curriculum where youth learn by doing. 4-H enables youth to foster the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world. These life skills include positive self-esteem, perseverance, effective communication, teamwork, leadership, healthy life choices, problem solving and so much more.

The structured out-of-school learning, leadership experiences, and adult mentoring that youth receive through their participation in 4-H plays a vital role in helping them achieve life-long success. 4-Hers are 4 times as likely to make contributions to their communities, and 2 times more likely to be civically active and to make healthier lifestyle choices.

RESPONSE

2022 was a year of growth and transition for Jefferson County 4-H. As the restrictions of the covid pandemic eased and we all learned how to navigate virtual learning and strategies for social distancing, the 4-H community began to return. An essential component of 4-H programs, adult volunteers, became re-engaged, allowing clubs to expand and reach more youth in our communities. This year clubs began meeting in person again, summer camp started up and we celebrated with a vibrant county fair—the first in 2 years.

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QUOTES



My favorite part of 4-H this year was building things like towers.

- Ollie, Brinnon Tryers ASP



My favorite part of 4-H this year was the cat show, participating in the parade, and helping at community events

- Gwen, Paws-N-Claws 4-H Cat Club



I was surprised how much I liked 4-H! This was my first year in 4-H, I really liked helping with Herdsmanship in the Cat Building and winning a Blue Ribbon for my artwork!

- Violet, Paws-N-Claws 4-H Cat Club



IMPACTS

- Clubs Meetings and the Brinnon 4-H Afterschool Program (ASP) were all meeting in-person during the 2021-2022 4-H year. Jefferson County 4-H Clubs engaged in National 4-H Day of Service in April 2022, they participated in the Port Townsend Rhody Parade, and individually continued to grow and learn in their project areas throughout the year. During the 2021-2022 4-H year Jefferson County community clubs had projects in Horse, Goat & Sheep, Robotics, Cavy, Cat, Poultry, Gardening and Sewing.
- 4-H Summer Camp came back to Brinnon! 22 youth attended 4 days per week, from 9a-12p, for 5 weeks. Aged 5-12 years old, youth explored plants and gardening. They painted vegetable portraits and create giant paper mâché fruits and vegetables! On hot summer days they built solar oven to cook s'mores and engineered aluminum foil boats.
- Jefferson County Fair was back in-person for the first time in two years. The weekend was a tremendous success. 4-Hers showed in Horse, Goat, Sheep, Cavy and Cat. They also made public presentations, engaged the community in 4-H In Action activities, and provided numerous hands-on activities for community members to engage with in the 4-H Youth Development building. The 4-H Building was presented with the coveted black and white Fair Commissioner's Award this year at the Jefferson County Fair!
- Interest in 4-H programs continues to grow. New clubs are forming with projects in Archery, Gardening, Jewelry Making, Cooking, Electronics, Woodworking, Livestock and Outdoor Adventure.