

# CLOVER REPORT

Skamania County 4-H Newsletter  
December 2018

## FOCUS ON THE ESSENTIALS: GENEROSITY

Each month, we're bringing it back to the basics. This holiday season, we encourage you to keep Generosity at the heart of what you do in your clubs. Whether it be between members or in service to the community, generosity brings meaning and purpose in our own lives as well as awareness and compassion for others in our community and our world. To make the best better, let's look at ways to give back. Send pictures of your 4-Hers being generous for a chance to be featured in our next newsletter!



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## QUICK CLICKS

National 4-H newsletter [here](#)

4-H Curriculum [here](#)

4HOnline [here](#)

Club Requirements Checklist [here](#)

Quarterly Council Meeting via Zoom [here](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Due Date for Club Paperwork

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Registration for KYG Conference opens

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - New Leader Orientation, Stevenson, 10am

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - Clinic Committee 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, Hub Hopworks on Millplain, 6pm

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Basket Delivery, Stevenson, 9am

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - WSU Extension/4-H Office Closed

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - Preferred Due Date for 4HOnline Enrollment

Jan. 7 - Leader's Council, Stevenson. 6:30pm

For more details, see the calendar below or visit our County Extension website!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Leader Orientation Coming Up!

Volunteers who are looking to be Project or General Club Leaders will need to attend a New Leader Orientation before they can be certified. Get our next training on your schedule! Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm at the Hegewald Center in Stevenson. RSVP required!

### Now hiring teens!

This winter the 4-H office will be hiring two 4-H teens to get involved with the YA4-H! program. This involves teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders how to make healthy nutritional choices in an after school program setting starting in February. Teens will be trained and receive stipends for participating. If you are a teen or know a teen who might be interested, please contact the 4-H office for an application.

"WHEN YOU HELP  
SOMEONE UP A HILL,  
YOU GET THAT MUCH  
CLOSER TO THE TOP  
YOURSELF."

- MARY ENGELGREIT





PREFERRED DEADLINE

## Enroll in 4HOnline by Dec. 31st

The 4-H year started October 1st. We'd love to see all current members enrolled by the end of December!  
wa.4honline.com



## CLINIC COMMITTEE

The Clinic Committee will be meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Hub Hopworks on Mill Plain to collaborate and further develop ideas, as well as prepare a proposal for Leaders Council in January. If you would like to get involved with this committee, please contact Jim Costa, club leader for 4-H R.O.C.K.S at jim@commercialtoolsupply.com

## NEWSLETTER

Consider having the youth in your club submit a story or report to share in the monthly Clover Report! This is especially great for Club Reporters & Secretaries!  
Any questions comments, concerns, or to be featured in the newsletter, please email somer.meade@wsu.edu  
Photos are always welcome!



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## FEATURED FUN



### LEARNING ABOUT JUDGING Through Christmas Cookies!



Tis' the season to teach 4-H youth a little more about judging contests! Whether your club takes this on or you do it as a family, I guarantee fun will be had and the kids will walk away having satisfied both their sweet tooth and their desire to understand how everything works!

#### Here's what you need:

- A paper plate for each participant
- A marker & a pencil
- A notecard or piece of paper for notes
- 4 different types of cookies
- An agreed upon criteria for what makes the best cookie
- 1-2 adult judges who decide on the order

#### Here's what you do:

**First**, have the 4-H'ers discuss and decide on what the elements of a great cookie are. This is a great time to point out we all have different perspectives and preferences but can find common ground

**Second**, have the adult judge(s) sample each of the 4 cookies and rank them 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> according to the agreed upon criteria. This ranking should be kept secret until the end.

**Third**, give each 4-H'er a plate with one of each cookie on it. They can take notes and begin to rank them based on the criteria. They should taste each cookie (though not finish them off, yet). They can take notes. Once they are ready to make a determination, they should label their plate with the number ranking next to it's respective cookie and be prepared to explain their reasons.

**Fourth**, each 4-H'er explains to the group the reason for their decisions, also known as "oral reasons". Giving reasons is an important component of judging as it allows youth to organize their thoughts, learn to express themselves in a logical and convincing way, and helps them speak effectively in groups.

**Fifth**, the youth rankings for the cookies should be compared against the adult judge's rankings. This is a great opportunity for discussion about why there may be differences between the adult rankings and the youth rankings (if there are any) and how this applies to judging contests 4-H members may regularly participate in.

**Lastly**, everyone should enjoy the rest of those cookies. Nobody wants cookies to go to waste!

## AROUND THE OFFICE

November was a productive month, that went by way too fast! Here is what was happening around the office:

- 4HOnline Enrollments continued to be processed
- Lots of new volunteers were started on the training and screening process
- The New Member Open House was a smashing success
- Activity Support was provided for the County Craft Camp
- A plan is coming together for the After school program for the Stevenson Carson School District
- Somer attended a very productive regional retreat with Missy & program coordinators from 3 other counties
- Oodles of annual club paperwork was processed

## FEATURED NEWS

### Notice of Volunteer Rescreening

Last year, the WSU 4-H Youth Development Program announced the initiation of a national criminal background screening process. In addition to those who are newly applying to become a volunteer, we are beginning to conduct the same screens on our returning volunteers. Starting this month, the 4-H office will re-screen all volunteers whose last name begins with an A-K. In the next 4-H year, all volunteers whose last name begins with L-Z will be re-screened. All volunteers will go through this process every other year to ensure that all of our volunteers are regularly screened for both the safety of our youth members and the peace of mind for their guardians. WSU has selected Verified Volunteers™ as the vendor to conduct these background screens, and all of our volunteers will receive an email when it is their turn to begin this process with instructions for completing this quick and easy process! If you have any questions at all, please contact the 4-H office.



## SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM



This low cost curriculum is now on sale and would be a delight for 4-H members to complete over the holidays as they gather with their families. Now on sale in the [4-H Mall!](#)

VALUE-ADDED CROPS & ENTERPRISES EVENT  
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION  Oregon State University Extension Service

### From Orchard to Glass

EXPLORING COMMERCIAL CRAFT HARD CIDER & PERRY PRODUCTION

Join WSU and OSU Extension for an all-day, exploratory workshop for those interested in orchard-to-glass commercial craft cider and perry production in the Mid-Columbia Gorge region. The event will bring together speakers from OSU and WSU's cider teams, along with panels of tree fruit growers and cidemakers.

- Fundamentals and considerations for commercial scale production
- Considerations for developing and running a successful field-to-glass cider business
- Fermentation for craft Cider and Perry Production
- Catered lunch for full day attendees
- Refreshments and Snacks
- Networking

**DECEMBER 12, 2018**  
MOUNTAIN VIEW GRANGE  
1085 MAIN STREET WHITE SALMON, WA  
PROGRAM FROM 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tasting Follows Event at  in White Salmon

Additional Support from  Underwood Conservation District

WSU Extension programs, employment, and volunteer service are available to all without discrimination. Concerns regarding potential discrimination may be reported through your local Extension office. If you require special accommodation, call WSU Extension Clark County at 564-397-5701 at least 1-2 weeks prior to the event.



## 4-H GROWS HERE

# LEADERS CORNER

## New Volunteers

Our [website](#) has been updated to include all pertinent information for becoming a 4-H volunteer in one place! It all starts with an application. If your club has multiple new volunteers, Somer can come do a New Leader Orientation on site at your next meeting. Contact her to schedule!

## Annual Club Paperwork – Goal Met!

All active clubs turned their paperwork in by the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. You know what that means!? Carnitas in January! Thank you leaders!

## PAPERWORK ROCK STARS!



Thank you leaders for getting your annual club paperwork in by our deadline today!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

# CONTACT US!

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# SERVICE LEARNING

If you know of an opportunity to engage 4-H youth in serving their community, please email [somer.meade@wsu.edu](mailto:somer.meade@wsu.edu). If your club has done service learning, the 4-H office would love to know more!

## Skamania County Christmas Basket Program

The Skamania County Christmas Basket Fund was first established in 1980 and to this day continues to provide holiday food baskets to 200+ families in our community. Volunteers are needed to continue this tradition of service on the following days:

Wednesday, Dec. 19th @ 9:30am for Basket Assembly  
and  
Friday, Dec. 21st @ 9:00am for Basket Delivery

We cordially invite you to participate in this program and ask you to mark your calendars early! If you are interested in volunteering, please email [parks@co.skamania.wa.us](mailto:parks@co.skamania.wa.us) and we will add your name to our list of supporters.

Please also consider a monetary donation which may be submitted as follows:

In Person	By Postal Mail
Skamania County Community Events	Skamania County Community Events
Hegewald Center	Attn: Christmas Baskets
710 SW Rock Creek Drive * Stevenson	PO BOX 369 * Stevenson, WA 98648



# DECEMBER

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## Skamania County 4-H Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Club Paperwork due TODAY!
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 New Leader Orientation 10:00a-12:00p Hegewald, STV
9	10	11 Clinic Committee Meeting 6:00pm Vancouver	12 Skamania County Craft Camp 2:00p-5:00p <u>Orchard to Glass:</u> Cider Event 8:00a - 5:00p White Salmon	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Christmas Basket Delivery Volunteer Opportunity 9:00am Stevenson	22
23	24 	25 	26	27	28	29
30	31 WSU Extension/4-H Office Closed					