FOCUS ON THE ESSENTIALS: MASTERY

Each month, we’re bringing it back to the basics. In order to develop self-confidence youth need to feel and believe they are capable and they must experience success at solving problems and meeting challenges. Youth need a breadth and depth of topics that allow them to pursue their own interests. Introduce youth to expert knowledge and guide them toward their own sense of mastery and accomplishment.

QUICK CLICKS

National 4-H newsletter here
4-H Curriculum here
4HOnline here
Club Requirements Checklist here
Quarterly Council Meeting via Zoom here
How to Confirm Members here
Leader Resource Page here
Like us on Facebook here
Log Volunteer Hours here
View Projects & Publications Guide here
WA State 4-H Projects List here
County Extension Website here

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 9th & Feb 11th - Extension Office Closed
Feb. 16th – 19th – Know Your Government Conference Olympia
Feb. 21st & Feb 22nd – Extension Office Closed
Feb. 24th – Tentative New Volunteer Orientation – 10a-12p
Feb. 28th – Poultry Order Forms Due- 5pm
Feb. 28th – Fair Market Entry Cards Due- 5pm
Feb. 28th – Shooting Sports Volunteer Training- Reg. Closes
Mar 2nd – Shooting Sports Mandatory Online Training, 9a-12p
Mar 16th & 17th – Shooting Sports Training, Goldendale 8a-5p
Apr. 13th – Beef Weigh In
May 1st – Enrollment Deadline for Fair Participation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watch WSU Women’s Basketball for $3 with 4-H Promo Code
Mark your calendars for 4-H day with WSU Women’s Basketball! March 3, at 12:00pm, the WSU Women’s Basketball team will be featuring 4-H, including games for 4-H kids at half-time. If you’d like to purchase tickets, use promo code “4HDay” and tickets will be only $3.00! It’s never been a better time to watch WSU Women’s Basketball. Purchase tickets here: https://bit.ly/2zEh7kE

4-H Fabric Now at JOANNs!
Add some clovers to your upcoming sewing and craft projects, fair displays or 4-H promotion with new 4-H fabrics available at the Moses Lake JOANN store, online at the JOANN website and at shop4-h.org! Also, this Spring will we’ll see a return of the JOANN Clover for Kids Fundraising campaign. This will be the 2nd year that Joann Stores partnered with National 4-H to help promote the 4-H program and provide discounts for 4-H leaders and members. Watch for more details in March.

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REMINDERS

• **4HOnline Enrollment is Open!** Youth aren’t considered 4-H members and should not be participating in 4-H club activities until their status is active. An active member has completed all of the steps in 4HOnline to include payment of the annual fee. The deadline for enrollment in 4HOnline is May 1st.

• **Background Rescreens in Progress** Thanks to all of you who have completed the background checks. You’re in the clear until the fall of 2020! As volunteers continue to re-enroll in 4HOnline, those with last names that start with A-K will continue to be asked to complete this process. Our deadline from the state office to have this done is Feb. 1st so don’t delay, or we’ll have to bug!

**AROUND THE OFFICE**

Can I just start off by saying how much I enjoy working with Skamania County 4-H families and volunteers? I’ve officially been on the job for 6 months, and I can’t believe how lucky I am to get to do this work for a living!

I spent much of January working on rolling out the new YA4-H! Afterschool program that starts this month, attending meetings, setting the ground work for future partnerships, and doing what I can to support our clubs. February is going to be a fast and busy month!

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Please note that I will be on vacation Feb. 8th - 11th, and I will be out of the office attending trainings Feb. 21st – 25th. The office will be closed, but I will remain available via email!
SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

Learn about what matter is and how it changes form; explore the different properties of matter; find out about acids and bases; and discover how everyday items and kitchen ingredients can be used in cool tests! Designed for beginners, but appropriate for all levels. Visit: https://shop4h.org/

BALLS FOR BURUNDI

Please help us raise funds to support the 4-H youth program in Burundi and for the purchase of 4-H soccer balls for each 4-H school until March 15th! Prizes will be awarded for groups that raise the most money by the deadline. All 4-H Clubs, Councils and groups are invited to participate!

Questions? Contact Mary Katherine mdeen@wsu.edu or Kevin 206-263-1917

PROJECT SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITIES

February Frolic 4-H Rabbit Show
February 23rd, 2019 – Sponsored by Clark County’s Royal Rabbits 4-H Club
Held in the Gymnasium at Felide Baptist in Vancouver. Entries Due via email by Feb. 11th. For more information or the entry form, email somer.meade@wsu.edu.

American Youth Horse Council Symposium
March 8th-10th, 2019 – Pullman, WA
The 42nd Annual AYHC Symposium will provide you with take home tools to teach youth about safe and effective horsemanship. This non-breed specific, interactive curriculum presents equine knowledge that transfers from the book to the barn and beyond. Visit ayhc.com/symposium-2019 for registration information.

State 4-H Hippology Contest
April 13th, 2019 – Snohomish, WA
Registration is $20 per individual. Fee and registration forms due April 1, 2019. Counties are limited to sending four senior and four intermediate 4-H individual youth. For specifics, email somer.meade@wsu.edu!

Host a delegate from Japan this summer!
We're expecting 20 delegates between the ages of 12 - 16, from the LEX and LABO programs this summer. We need 22 great host families like yours to "adopt" these amazing young people and their Japanese chaperones. Expand your global horizons by hosting during the 4 week summer exchange, mid-July to mid-August, 2019.

NEW! HOSTING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WASHINGTON FAMILIES
Starting this summer, your family can earn $200 toward your own child's participation in our Washington 4-H Outbound Program, by hosting a Washington 4-H Inbound Summer delegate. Opportunities for growing your global connections have never been better.

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 photos, questions, comments, concerns, or to be featured in the newsletter, please email somer.meade@wsu.edu!
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<td>Brownpaper Tickets opens for Camping Reservation. More Info to Follow.</td>
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<td>Sheep/Goat Weigh In &amp; Rabbit Tagging&lt;br&gt;All Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, Chickens, Cats, Dogs, Dairy Heifer Project Certificates Due.</td>
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<td>9:30am-11am</td>
<td>Sheep Shearing&lt;br&gt;$10 @ head.</td>
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2019 Skamania County Fair<br>August 12th-18th

POULTRY NEWS

ORDER NOW:
Final orders for all Market Chickens, Turkeys, and Ducks will be **February 28th**. Just a month away! The delivery dates will be announced later after the orders have been places. The delivery estimate as of now will be mid March for turkeys and chickens and sometime in April for ducks. You can submit your orders to Jayne at info@skamaniafair.com

MARKET CHICKENS
Market chickens this year will be laying hens only, and not meat-type birds as has been done in the past. Any questions can be directed to the Fair Board by emailing info@skamaniafair.com

"Enthusiasm is more important to mastery than innate ability, it turns out, because the single most important element in developing an expertise is your willingness to practice"

—Gretchen Rubin
Skamania County 4-H Calendar

February 2019

Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
1 | | | | | Registration opens for Shooting Sports Training | 2
3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | 4-H Office Closed | 8
10 | 11 | | | | | 15
17 | KYG Conference | KYG Conference | KYG Conference | | | February Frolic Rabbit Show Vancouver, WA
24 | TENTATIVE New Leader’s Orientation 10-12, Stv | 4-H Office Closed | | | Market Forms & Poultry Orders Due | 28

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