

CLOVER REPORT

Skamania County 4-H Holiday Newsletter 2019

FOCUS ON THE ESSENTIALS: GENEROSITY

The holiday season is always a great time to focus on developing generosity in your 4-H clubs and activities. 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!



HANDS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 1st - Due Date for [Club Paperwork](#)
- Dec. 1st - [Registration](#) for KYG Conference opens
- Dec. 1st - New Volunteer Orientation, Stevenson, 12pm
- Dec. 10th - Preferred Due Date for 4HOnline Enrollment
- Dec. 20th - Christmas Basket Delivery, Stevenson, 9am
- Jan. 6th - Leader's Council, Stevenson. 6:30pm

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



IT'S THAT TIME!

ENROLL IN 4-H

wa.4honline.com

Preferred Deadline:
December 10th, 2019

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](#)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Volunteer Orientation Coming Up!

Anyone wanting to become a volunteer for 4-H this year is encouraged to attend this training. We will work through all of the certification steps together, so you can knock it out and get involved! In order to participate, send an email to get a volunteer application started: somer.meade@wsu.edu. This training will take place on Sunday, December 1st from 12-4pm at the Hegewald Center in Stevenson.

Teen Leadership Opportunity

In the New Year we will begin recruiting teens to participate in a new teen leadership program that will have the opportunity to participate as teen teachers in the Youth Advocates for Health program as well as other civic engagement opportunities. Participants will also get to train and collaborate with teens from neighboring counties. Contact the 4-H office for more information!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

FROM SKAMANIA COUNTY WSU EXTENSION 4-H

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



- MARY ENGELGREIT

OFFICE UPDATE

Starting in December, the 4-H office will be open intermittently. The first 2 weeks of December, I will be traveling around the state to help facilitate workshops with other 4-H staff. On December 16th, I will be going out on medical leave to have brain surgery. During my recovery, Missy Cummins, our 4-H faculty will be in and out of the office to support our clubs and families. Our WSU Extension Director, Hannah Brause, will also be around to help! Watch your email for more information in December!

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!



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH



Applications Available:
<https://extension.wsu.edu/skamania/youth/become-a-volunteer/>

To attend this training, submit your volunteer application by
November 25th!



Email:
somer.meade@wsu.edu

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION



Support your club and the Skamania County 4-H program!

Attend this orientation to complete all of the requirements to become a certified 4-H volunteer in one afternoon!



**DEC
1ST
12-4P**

HEGEWALD CENTER



710 Rock Creek Dr,
Stevenson, WA 98648
(West End Meeting Room)
Contact Somer: 509-427-3932

Certification Requirements:



Application
Reference Check
Background Check
Child Protection Video
eLearning modules
In-person Orientation

WSU Extension programs, employment, and volunteer service are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. If you require special accommodation, call Somer Meade 509-427-3932 two weeks prior to the event.

Volunteer Corner

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 conducting re-screens on our returning volunteers. **For this 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 regular screening for both the safety of our youth members and the peace of mind for their guardians. WSU has selected Sterling Volunteers™ as the vendor to conduct these background screens, and all of our volunteers will receive a request to begin this quick and easy process when they enroll in 4honline for the year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tis' the season of giving! Here are a few programs and organizations that can benefit from the generosity of our 4-H'ers. Some are holiday specific, and some seek help year-round. Serving the community is an important part of 4-H and the Essential Elements.

Christmas Basket Program-: 509-427-3980
Senior Service – Meal Service or Help in Home: 509-427-3990
Rock Cove Senior Center: 509-427-7272

Skamania County Chamber of Commerce: 509-427-8911
Washington Gorge Action Programs (Food banks & Shelters): 509-493-2662
United Way of the Columbia Gorge: 541-386-6100

Additional Resources

Community Volunteering in Skamania County:

<https://web.skamania.org/Community-Organizations>

Community Volunteering in Camas:

<https://www.cityofcamas.us/index.php/work/volunteering>

Community Volunteering in Vancouver:

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/cmo/page/volunteer-programs>



DON'T FORGET TO ENROLL!
wa.4honline.com
Preferred Deadline: 12/10/19

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. 18th @ 9:30am for Basket Assembly
and
Friday, Dec. 20th @ 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 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

SPOT LIGHT ON CURRICULUM



Along with generosity, the holidays are known for great food! Check out this free Kitchen Science curriculum, available on the

Discover 4-H website:

<https://utah4h.org/discover/>



4-H GROWS HERE

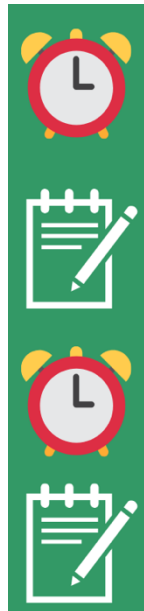
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4-H IS HAPPENING HERE!

I got to visit the Freedom Farmers club recently as they conducted their first business meeting of the year. It was great to watch the kids work through the nomination and election process for club officers. Congrats to their new officers, and thanks to Club Leader Jeanie Moran and all of the volunteers in their club who help these 4-H'ers become the best that they can be!

Youth-led decisions are a cornerstone of 4-H! The 4-H office is developing a training and resources on how to incorporate youth officers effectively in every 4-H club. Watch for more information about this in the spring!



**REMINDER:
ANNUAL
CLUB
PAPERWORK
IS DUE
DEC 1ST!**



NEW RESOURCE

Managing Club Finances

Does your club hold fundraisers or have a bank account? The state office has updated the policies and procedures for clubs that handle funds. For training videos, handouts, and required paperwork, visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-clubs/club-financial-information/>

This will also be the starting place for any clubs who want to open a bank account and get an EIN number from IRS information!



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2020 COSTA RICA EXCHANGE

Spend a SUMMER ABROAD and
 immerse yourself in another culture!



Are you curious about daily life, culture, and 4-H in other countries?

Live with a host family in Costa Rica and immerse yourself in a world that most tourists rarely get to see. You will share everyday life with friends and relatives in your host community and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

Dates: June 18—July 17, 2020
 Capacity: 20 delegates maximum, 5 delegates minimum
 Cost: \$1,775 + airfare estimate (\$800 - \$1,300) + \$50 travel agent fee
 (Airfare varies based on applicant's location)

