

Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar

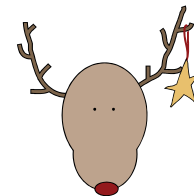


Club Business

December 16	Know Your Government Meeting, 1:00 p.m., EHS Room E153
December 24-25	Christmas Holiday-Office Closed
January 1	New Year's Day-Office Closed
January 6	Know Your Government Meeting, 1:00 p.m., EHS Room E153
January 13	Know Your Government Meeting, 1:00 p.m., EHS Room E153
January 15	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00p.m., Armory Room B
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-Office Closed
January 27	Know Your Government Meeting, 1:00 p.m., EHS Room E153
January 29	Teen Committee Meeting, 5:45 p.m., Master Gardener Room
January 29	Record Book Training, 6:15 p.m., Naneum Room
January 29	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Naneum Room
February 1	Project Enrollment Deadline for Fair Participation in Horse, Livestock, Small Animal, and Family & Consumer Science Projects
February 16-19	Know Your Government Conference, Olympia
February 18	President's Day-Office Closed
February 19	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00p.m., Armory Room B

2019 4-H Council Officers

Bret Hollar-President
Barb Pettit-Vice President
Erin Tostenson-Secretary
Marie Riegel-Treasurer



4-H Enrollments/Re-Enrollments

4-H Enrollment and Re-enrollment will be done online again this year. Help sheets are available at the Extension Office. The website is <https://wa.4honline.com>. Some important tips:

- Re-enrolling members and leaders already have a profile in the system-so once they are logged in they just update and verify their information.
- Re-enrolling members and leaders must use the same e-mail address to sign into the system as last year-it can be changed by the Extension Office if you no longer have access to that e-mail. **DO NOT** create a new account if you were enrolled last year. Contact the Extension Office if you are unsure which e-mail address to use.
- The \$25 Enrollment Fee can be paid by check or cash in the Extension Office. Checks should be made payable to WSU. The fee can also be paid online by credit/debit card when re-enrolling.
- There is a computer available in the Extension Office for those who do not have internet access.
- Please contact Andrea at amorse@wsu.edu or 962-7507 if you experience any trouble.

Record Book Tips – December/January

Update Calendar and Project Diary (Level 1) or Project Journal (Level 2) with December/January dates (Know Your Government meetings, etc.)

Project Journal – Know Your Government members - record time spent at meetings, doing KYG homework, registering/paying for KYG, conference attendance.

Project Highlights – Know Your Government members-give thought to this page! One liners are not acceptable. Problems could include issues at meetings, with assignments, roles played at conference.

Permanent Record – If you have done a demonstration (Public Presentations page 6) or your club did a community service (Community Service pg. 10), these should be in your permanent record.

List any project/training meetings as well as club meetings in the project journal section of your record book.

WSU Kittitas County 4-H Youth Development Vision Statement:

The WSU Kittitas County 4-H program is a community recognized and supported quality youth development program that helps youth of the county acquire practical hands-on experiences and life skills enabling them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of a diverse and changing society.

Record Book Training

Record Book Training will be held on Tuesday, January 29, at 6:15 p.m. (before the 4-H Council Meeting) in the Naneum Room. Leaders, parents, and members are all welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the Extension Office at 962-7507 or amorose@wsu.edu if you plan on attending.



Teen Opportunities

Holiday Card Community Service

Holiday card making is back! Tuesday, December 11, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with pizza arriving by 6:00 p.m. in Randall Hall, Room 200, on CWU Campus (park in Nicholson parking lot across the street; free after 4:30, so you should be okay). Cards will be made to distribute to local nursing homes, and delivered on December 21.



Tips for Awards/Scholarships

- If you plan to enter your record book for Medal of Honor in September, be sure to give a demonstration in each project area you plan to enter.
 - If you plan to compete for scholarships, be sure to enroll in Leadership and have a Leadership section in your record book.
 - If you plan to compete for scholarships and have not been to KYG, be sure to enroll in KYG and have a KYG section in your record book.



Leader Opportunities

Verified Volunteer Screening

As you may remember, Washington State University 4-H Youth Development Program announced the initiation of a national criminal background screening process last year. In addition to those who are newly applying as a volunteer, we are beginning to conduct the same screens on our returning volunteers. Beginning this year, we will rescreen volunteers whose last name begins with A – K in even numbered years (2018, 2020, etc.) and L-Z in odd numbered years (2019, 2021, etc.). WSU 4-H has selected Verified Volunteers™ as the vendor to conduct our background screens. This is an online service and sends the results of your screening to both you and the county 4-H office. Your consent to conduct the screen is collected during the online process. You will be receiving an “Open Invitation” from the Extension office to complete your background screening. Please complete this screen as soon as possible; failure to complete the screen may result in your enrollment being suspended. Your enrollment status will not be fully approved without a completed screen. Please feel free to contact the Extension Office with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation as we learn these new systems together!

Small Animal Information

Small Animal Dates for 2019

The dates for small stock events have been secured at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. They are as follows:

- May 4 4-H Poultry Pre-Show
- May 11 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Pre-Show



Commitment to Excellence Form

The Washington 4-H Animal Project Commitment to Excellence Form is required to be read and signed by Exhibitor, Parent and Project Leader and included in the Record Book. This form needs to be read and signed at the beginning of the new project year in October. In the record book this form will go behind the Permanent Record and before the 4-H Story. The Commitment to Excellence Form has changed slightly with the addition of 6 signature lines. The Commitment form is available at the Kittitas County Extension office or on the Kittitas County Extension web site under the 4-H program: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas>.

Washington 4-H Cavy Advancement Program

The “Washington 4-H Cavy Advancement Program” checklist is a required as part of the Record Book for the Kittitas County 4-H Cavy project members. This checklist will be turned in with the record book for its up-to-date check in July. The Cavy Advancement Program will be placed behind the Permanent Record. 4-H Cavy members will use the same Advancement Checklist from year to year. This needs to be taken out of last year’s record book and put with this year’s record book. This program checklist is available online at the Kittitas County Extension website <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas>.

Livestock Project Information

4-H Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be **January 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Armory Room B.**

Meeting dates have been set for 2019 - 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, February 19, 2019
- Tuesday, March 19, 2019
- Tuesday, May 21, 2019
- Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – Old Fair Office
- Tuesday, August 20, 2019
- Tuesday, September 17, 2019
- Tuesday, October 15, 2019
- Tuesday, November 19, 2019



Livestock Dates for 2019

The dates for livestock events have been secured at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. They are as follows:

March 23	Beef Pre-Show
April 14	Swine Clinic
June 15	Sheep Pre-Show
June 15	Goat Clinic
June 15	Llama/Alpaca Pre-Show
June 16	Swine Weigh-In

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Youth Quality Care of Animals

Youth Quality Care of Animals training will be required of all youth in the beef, goat, sheep, and swine projects for the 2019 4-H program year.

To schedule a YQCA training for your club contact Becky Carollo, Kittitas FFA Advisor rebecca_carollo@ksd403.org or Tip Hudson at the Extension Office, 962-7507 or e-mail hudson@wsu.edu. The training needs to be completed every year by April 30th. The limit for sign ups is 40 kids. You must sign up online and pay the \$3 fee PRIOR to attending.

Sale Committee Health Record Policy

All 4-H/FFA members are required to submit a copy of a Producer/Breeder Affidavit / Market Health Record for each market animal weighing in at the Spring Beef Pre-Show, Sheep and Goat Pre-Show/Clinic, and Swine Weigh-in. Steers, lambs, goats, and swine – need to hand in a **COPY** of the health record signed by original producer/breeder and information up-to-date at the Beef weigh-in for steers in March, Sheep and Goat weigh-in for lambs and goats in June, and the Swine weigh-in for hogs in June”.

By federal law meat processors must identify the origin of animals entering the food supply; state law requires animal disease traceability made possible through the transfer of health records from one owner to the next. Without this record turned in you will not be able to sell your animal at the Kittitas County Junior Livestock Sale.

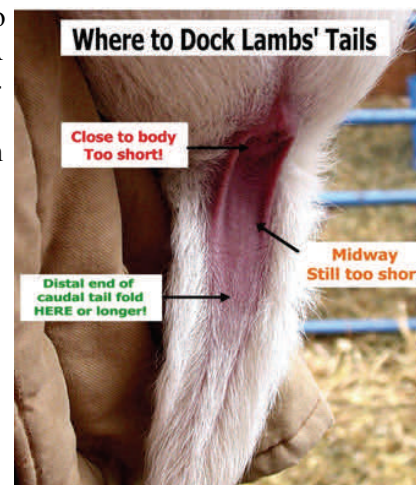
The Health Record may be found online at the WSU Extension Kittitas County website: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas>.

Lamb Tail Docking Policy

Market lambs must be docked wethers or ewes. All Market Lambs should exhibit appropriate tail docking. Appropriate tail docking practice is to remove the tail at the distal termination of the caudal fold. Docking should be performed within two weeks of birth for optimum animal health and the tail must be healed at the time of the Sheep Pre-Show. Any lambs that show signs of prolapse or tails surgically removed will be disqualified as determined by Veterinarian at Kittitas County Fair.

Docking is done to aid in animal health. A long tail tends to accumulate soft feces and attract parasites. When properly docked, the caudal folds (beneath the tail) direct fecal material away from the body to maintain hygiene. In this way, the tail prevents fly strike on the sensitive tissues of the hind-quarters (can result in fatality) and provides physical protection of the anal and vulvar area. A tail that is too long results in fecal accumulation, a tail too short significantly increases the risk of dangerous rectal prolapse since nerves and muscle attachments can be severed.

Exhibitors should ask breeders if they appropriately dock their market lambs. In any case, market lambs tails will not be measured at either the Sheep Pre-Show or at the Kittitas County Fair.



Horse Project Information



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4-H Horse Member Advancement Checklist

The “4-H Horse Member Advancement Checklist: EM2790” checklist is a required part of the Record Book for Kittitas County 4-H Horse project members. This checklist will be turned in with the record book for its up-to-date check in July. The Advancement Checklist will be placed behind the Permanent Record with the Quality Assurance Check Sheets. 4-H Horse members will use the same Advancement Checklist from year to year. This needs to be taken out of last year’s record book and put with this year’s record book.

4-H Horse Club Arena Rental at Event Center

4-H Horse Club riding rental at the Kittitas Valley Event Center are reminded that only enrolled club members should be riding during the 4-H Club rental if it has been rented through the Facilities License Agreement between the Kittitas County 4-H Council and the Kittitas Valley Event Center. If anyone other than an enrolled 4-H member is riding it is a violation of the contract. 4-H Clubs that rent the arena need to comply with the contract between 4-H Council and the Event Center which states: “Included in this contract may be other 4-H/FFA Kittitas County Fair related Pre-Shows, Judging Clinics, and Training Days of animals and still life projects not listed. These must meet qualifications in advance through Extension office and Fair Administration and available space. To qualify, groups must be actively enrolled as a club recognized by statewide WSU/Extension, and the

activities that they wish to pursue must lead to accreditation towards, or contribute to the performance level that leads to eventual judging or evaluation at the annual County Fair. Clubs in violation of this policy will not have the privilege to rent the arenas under the Facilities License Agreement between the Kittitas County 4-H Council and the Kittitas Valley Event Center.

Misuse of the contract could lead to all 4-H activities on the contract to be suspended. If 4-H Clubs do not want to adhere to the contract they may rent the arenas at the Kittitas Valley Event Center at the normal rental rate.

Yakima County Sagebrush Riders Horse Shows

The Sagebrush Riders 4-H club, in Yakima County will be hosting a couple of horse shows (offering both performance and gaming classes) in 2019. We welcome Kittitas County participants. They will be June 1 & August 3. Location, judge, etc., will be shared upon confirmation. For more information contact Netta Haller at 509-952-5419.

2019 HORSE 4-H DATES

March 9	4-H Horse Training & Safety Day Bloom Pavilion & Manastash Room 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
April 1	1 st Horse Judging – Bloom Pavilion – 6:30 pm
April 13	Bits & Buckles Schooling Show - Bloom Pavilion 8am – 7pm
April 27	4-H Spring Horse Show – Bloom Pavilion – 8am – 7pm
April 30	Horse Certificates Due by 5:00 p.m.
June 17, 24	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7 -9pm
June	Kittitas County Demonstration Contest Deadline – <u>last published Contest Date in June</u>
July 13-14	4-H Horse Fair Training Day & 2 nd Horse Judging, Bloom Pavilion 8am- 8pm
July 15, 22, 29	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7 -9pm
July 26-28	4-H Horse Pre-Show – Bloom Pavilion – 8am – 8pm
August 9	State Fair Interest form due by 5:00 pm
August 13	Junior Horse Fair: Barn Open for Dec- orations
August 14	Junior Horse Fair: R.V. Parking Open
August 15-18	Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair – Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena
8/29 – 9/2	Kittitas County Fair
September 29	4-H Horse Recruitment Show – Bloom Pavilion – 8am – 8pm
October 5	Bits & Buckles 4-H Gaming Schooling Show 8am-8pm



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