

Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar

February 6	Mealtime Manners, 6:00 p.m., Armory Hall
Feb. 16-19	Know Your Government Conference, Olympia
February 19	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room B
February 26	Teen Committee Meeting, 5:45 p.m., Armory Room B
February 26	Record Book Training, 6:15 p.m., Naneum Room
February 26	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Naneum Room at the Fairgrounds
March 2	Dog Judging Contest & Dog Bowl Workshop, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Western Village VIP Room at the Fairgrounds
March 9	Beef Work Day, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Rodeo Contestant Parking Area
March 9	Horsemanship & Safety Training Day-Open to all Kittitas County 4-H Members- 8:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion & Manastash Room
March 19	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room B
March 23	Beef Weigh-In, Beef /Dairy Pre-Show, and Judging Contest, 7:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
March 26	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Naneum Room at the Fairgrounds
April 1	1st Horse Judging Contest, 6:30 p.m., Bloom Pavilion
April 14	Swine Clinic & Judging Contest, 1:00 p.m., Manastash Room at the Fairgrounds
April 30	YQCA Training Deadline
April 30	Horse Certificates due in Extension Office

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.



Club Business

Record Book Training

Record Book Training will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 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.

Record Book Tips – February

Update Calendar and Project Diary (Level 1) or Project Journal (Level 2) with February dates.
Financial Summary – Know Your Government members- there is no beginning value for KYG. Ending value will include conference registration and money spent while in Olympia (transferred from project journal).
Permanent Record – Record Know Your Government in Project and Exhibit Summary, page 2/3. Record KYG Conference in 4-H events attended, page 9.

4-H Forms and Policies Online

Kittitas County 4-H forms and policies are available on the Kittitas County Extension Website: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.

**2019 Fair Theme
“Rock the Flock”**



Teen Opportunities

Kittitas County Teen Committee

The Kittitas County Teen Committee invites 4-H teens in 7th through 12th grade to join the Teen Committee. Help plan county events, learn about leadership, and meet new people. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month before 4-H Council meetings. See you on February 26th! The meeting begins at 5:45 p.m. in Armory Room B at the Fairgrounds. For more information contact Rachel at rachelgeorge11@hotmail.com.

Friends of the Fair Scholarships

Friends of the Fair are offering three \$1,500 scholarships to 2019 Kittitas County High School Graduates. Applications available at the Fair Office, or online at <http://www.kittitascountyfair.com/friends/Scholarship-Application.pdf>. Applications are due April 15. If you have questions call Heather at 929-4087.

Kittitas County 4-H Scholarships

Kittitas County 4-H Council is sponsoring four scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each:

4-H Endowment Trust Fund Scholarship-Awarded to a graduating senior actively involved in leadership.

Jeanette K. Burghart 4-H Memorial Scholarship-Awarded to a graduating senior who has been actively engaged in 4-H Know Your Government (May have been current year, and/or earlier years.)

Barbara Schnebly Shaw Scholarship-Awarded to a graduating senior or a college student, that has not received a Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship, who excelled in demonstrations and/or club leadership.

Barbara Schnebly Shaw Scholarship-Awarded to a college student who has previously received a Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship and who excelled in demonstrations and/or club leadership.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have a cumulative high school/college GPA of 2.0 or better or equivalent
- Be a member, or past member, of Kittitas County 4-H. Submit letter of application with application form.
- Submit a 2-page (maximum) essay on your 4-H experiences and how they have affected you, include adequate details of what 4-H has done to prepare you for the future.
- Submit two letters of recommendation-from someone other than family members.
- Submit a resume that includes your 4-H involvement.
- Submit current transcripts.
- Submit previous year, or last one available, 4-H record book including up-to-date permanent record.
- Submit most recent KYG 4-H Project Record.
- Applications are due to the Extension Office by April 15, 2019.
- Applications and criteria are available at the Extension Office, or at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/youth-info/>.

Washington State 4-H Scholarships

There are several Washington State 4-H Scholarships available. For information and application forms, visit <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>. Applications are due March 15.

Swauk Teanaway Grange Scholarship

The Swauk Teanaway Grange will award \$1000 in scholarship money to high school senior(s). Applications are available at the Extension Office or at <http://www.swaukteanawaygrange.com>. Applications are due March 15. Contact Sally Gililand at (206) 854-2936 or e-mail sallygililand@gmail.com for more information.



Robotics Information

Robotics Project News

The first Robotics 4-H Meeting for ages 5 through 13 will be on Friday, February 22. E-mail kittcorobotics4h@gmail.com for registration and meeting information.



Foods & Clothing Information

Sewing & Stitchery Expo

The Sewing & Stitchery Expo will be held March 1-4 in Puyallup. The Extension Office has a supply of brochures, or visit <http://www.sewexpo.com>.



Food Preservation Project Leaders 'Preserve the Taste of Summer'

Preserve the Taste of Summer is a series of eight online lessons for 4-H project leaders leading Food Preservation curriculum and activities, as well as the in-home consumer.

4-H volunteers leading Food Preservation projects and activities need to complete this training series to enroll in the Food Preservation Project. To take the course, visit <http://preservesummer.cahnrs.wsu.edu>. You need a computer manufactured in the last five years and a stable internet connection. The cost of the series is \$25.00. Once you have completed the "Preserve the Taste of Summer" online lessons print the certificate of completion, and bring a copy into the Extension Office. This needs to be done before you lead food preservation curriculum and activities.

Bread Baking Contest

The 4-H Bread Baking Contest is tentatively scheduled for mid-April. Details and registration information will be in the March FOCUS.



Dog Project Information

Dog Project Dates

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| February 22 | Dog Project Book Meeting, 4:00 p.m.,
307 S Pearl Street in Ellensburg |
| March 2 | Dog Judging Contest and Dog Bowl
Workshop, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,
Western Village VIP Room, Fairgrounds |

For more information, please contact Carol Hill at (509) 607-1278.





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 should be done at the beginning of the project year in October. In the record book this form will go behind the Permanent Record and before the 4-H Story. This form is available at the Extension office or online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas> under 4-H Forms & Policies.

Washington 4-H Cavy Advancement Program

The “Washington 4-H Cavy Advancement Program” checklist is a required part of the Record Book for Kittitas County 4-H Cavy project members. The checklist goes behind the Permanent Record. 4-H Cavy members will use the same Advancement Checklist from year to year. It needs to be taken out of last year’s record book and put with this year’s record book. It is available online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas> under 4-H Forms & Policies.



Livestock Project Information

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Armory, Room B. Meeting dates have been set for 2019 on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.:

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

Attendance at Pre Fair Activities

The **Beef – Dairy Pre-Show/Clinic, Swine Clinic, Sheep Pre-Show, Goat Pre-Show and Llama/Alpaca Pre-Show** are **required** activities for 4-H and FFA members to attend to be able to show and sell their Livestock at the Kittitas County Fair. If there is an emergency or problem with attending these events a **letter must** be written to the **4-H Livestock Committee PRIOR** to the event. ***The letter needs to address the reason for not attending pre-shows or clinic, who will weigh and show the animal in a feeder class (if applicable), a plan to make up for this missed activity and be written by the 4-H or FFA member requesting the excuse.*** This means if a 4-H/FFA member has a problem with attending the **Beef - Dairy Pre-Show**, then a letter must be submitted to the Extension Office, addressed to the Livestock Committee in time for the Livestock Committee meeting on **February 19 or March 19**. If a 4-H/FFA member has a problem attending the **Swine Clinic**, then a letter needs to be submitted to the Livestock Committee by the Livestock Committee meeting on **February 19 or March 19**. If a 4-H/FFA member has a problem attending the **Sheep Pre-Show, Goat Clinic or Llama/Alpaca Pre-Show**, then a letter needs to be submitted to the Livestock Committee by the Livestock Committee meeting on **May 21**.

Spring Weigh-In Market Health Record Requirement

The Kittitas County Junior Livestock Sale Committee and 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee have adopted a policy requiring a **COPY** of the **updated Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Animal Health Record (single form)** be **turned in at spring weigh-in and/or pre-show for each species**. 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. This form is available from your 4-H leaders, FFA advisors, or the WSU Kittitas County Extension web site at <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas>.

If there are any questions please contact Branden Pettit or the Kittitas County Extension Office.

Beef Work Day-March 9

There will be a Beef Work Day held on Saturday, March 9 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Rodeo Contestant Parking on Radio Hill in Ellensburg (across from the KXLE Radio Station). Bring your steer and equipment. They will be working on Fitting and Showing and judging. There will also be a practice show ring set up.

We look forward to seeing any beef members that would like to participate. Contact Erin Tostenson at 929-0440 for more information.

Beef Weigh-In and Pre-Show

Beef project members should begin to plan for the **Beef Weigh-In and Pre-Show to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 in Bloom Pavilion beginning at 7:00 a.m.** Those members who plan to exhibit market steers at the Kittitas County Fair must have their animal(s) weighed at this time. This is a **required** event. Youth are also reminded that they are **required to turn in a COPY of the PRODUCER SIGNED Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Animal Health for each steer that they weigh.**

After the steers are weighed in/tagged there will be a **Beef Judging Contest** open to all livestock members to participate in.

Members are required to show one steer in the clinic.

Any beef project member who has an emergency or problem attending the Beef Pre-Show needs to write a letter wishing to be excused from this obligation to: Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, to be submitted at the Livestock Committee meeting on February 19 or March 19. The letter needs to address the reason for not attending, who will weigh the steer, who will show the steer, a plan to make up for this missed activity and be written by the 4-H or FFA member requesting the excuse.

Swine Clinic

The Swine Clinic & Judging Contest for 4-H/FFA members planning to exhibit Swine at the Kittitas County Fair is scheduled for Sunday, April 14 in Teanaway Hall at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds beginning at 1:00 p.m. This is a **required** event for swine project members. Any swine project member who has an emergency or problem attending the Swine Clinic needs to write a letter wishing to be excused from this obligation to: Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, to be submitted at the Livestock Committee meeting on February 19 or March 19. The letter needs to address the reason for not attending, a plan to make up for this missed activity and be written by the 4-H or FFA member requesting the excuse.



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 HUDSONT@wsu.edu. The training needs to be completed every year by April 30. You must sign up online and pay the \$3 fee PRIOR to attending.

Sheep and Goat Livestock Judging School

WSU and the University of Idaho are planning a joint Sheep and Goat Livestock Judges School in Pullman on May 16-17. More information in the March FOCUS.

Youth Animal Production Web Site

Visit the Youth Animal Production Web site at <http://extension.wsu.edu/animalag/youth-producers/> or come into the Extension Office to request copies of this information.

Horse Project Information

Horsemanship & Safety Training Day

Horsemanship & Safety Training Day will be Saturday, March 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Manastash Room and Bloom Pavilion. Anyone in 4-H is welcome to attend the event. The emphasis for the training days will be on horse health care, safety, and show preparation. This is a very worthwhile event that will help 4-H horse members be successful with their horse project. The committee organizers request that at least one parent be present with their 4-H member attending.

Horse Judging Contest Information

There will be two judging contests held. Youth enrolled in the Horse Project are required to participate in one county horse judging event to be eligible to compete at the Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair and complete the 4-H year. For intermediate and senior members to be eligible to judge on the Kittitas County 4-H State Horse Judging team, they must judge in two county judging events completing oral reasons.

The first 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held on **Monday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Bloom Pavilion.** Classes TBD; Oral Reasons

The second 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, July 13, time TBD in Bloom Pavilion during Horse Training Days.** Classes TBD; Oral Reasons.

WSU 6th Annual Horse Course

WSU College of Veterinary Medicine is hosting their 6th Annual Horse Course on March 2 in Pullman. Courses include: Overweight Horse Management, Dentistry Demonstration, Physical Exam, Parasitology and more. Tickets are \$40 per individual or \$35 in groups of 10 or more. Tickets or more information are available at: <https://wsuhorsecourse.weebly.com/> or contact Analiese Wenger (analiese.wenger@wsu.edu).

4-H Horse Project Rules

Rules that are followed for 4-H Horse members are in the "4-H Horse Contest Guide" PNW574. 4-H Horse members should pick up this manual to keep current on the rules that are followed in Horse 4-H. The "4-H Horse Contest Guide" was revised in October 2015. It may be printed at <http://pubs.wsu.edu> or purchased at the Extension Office.

90 Day Possession Rule Statement Clarification

The goal of 4-H is to ensure that youth have opportunities within the four Essential Elements of the 4-H Youth Development Program [belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity]. Projects are used as tools to promote positive youth development. The purpose of 4-H events is for 4-H members to demonstrate what they have accomplished with their projects during the year. The goals of the 4-H program are only met if the accomplishments demonstrated are the result of the 4-H member's own work. Therefore, project animals (owned, leased, or shared) must be under the care and management of the 4-H member at least 90 days before the animal may be shown at the official county exhibit activity. In Washington, only the 4-H member(s) can personally train their animal 90 days prior to the county-designated event and state fair.

4-H Horse Contest Guide: PNW574, page 4-5

This single statement has been the topic of more questions, discussions and debates than any other "rule" in the contest guide. This handout is intended to help clarify what this statement means. Of primary importance is to understand the intent of this rule. To do that, we must first understand the purpose of the 4-H program in general.

4-H is a youth development program. Its purpose is "to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive members of society." 4-H uses a variety of projects as tools to do all this. Horse is only one such project.

By using a project of interest to the member, our goal is to develop each individual to his/her maximum potential. The purpose of fairs is for 4-H members to demonstrate what they have accomplished with their projects during the year.

We can meet the goals of the 4-H program only if the accomplishments are the result of the 4-H members' own work. The project must be the 4-H member's project. Members in a 4-H sewing club would not exhibit a garment that someone else had sewn. Members in a photography club would not exhibit a photo that someone else had taken. Likewise, in a horse club, members should not show a horse that someone else has done all the work on. If a professional trainer does all the work with the horse, then it is really their project and not the 4-H's.

This brings us to the intent of the 90-day rule. The rule states that the 4-H member must have "personally trained" the horse for 90 days before fair. The intent is that for at least 90 days before showing a project animal, the horse truly is the 4-H member's project and he/she is doing the work with it.

Much of the confusion over this rule arises from the question of whether or not anyone else can ride the horse during those 90 days. The rule does not state that no one else may be on the horse. It simply says that the 4-H

member must "personally train" the horse. Again, the intent is that a professional trainer (whether a family member or not) should not be riding the horse during this time. 4-H members may still take lessons and receive help, but a trainer should not get on the horse and ride it. Similarly, during those 90 days, no one but the 4-H member should be exhibiting the project horse, as showing assumes a certain amount of training is being done.

Beyond these guidelines, counties have flexibility in determining what they will and will not allow. Some counties have chosen to enforce a rule that no one but the member may ride a 4-H project horse during those 90 days. Other counties allow family members (as long as they are not professional trainers) to use the horse occasionally for such things as a trail ride, working cattle on a ranch, or riding in a parade. Many counties have much more lenient policies with junior members (especially where safety is a concern) than with intermediate or senior members attempting to qualify for state fair. The important thing is that each county have established guidelines, including a process to review individual variance requests and consequences of infractions. Exact county rules may vary as long as they maintain the intent and integrity of the state's 90 day rule.

Additional questions should be directed first to the county extension agent and then, if necessary, to the state 4-H office.

Horse Certificates are Due April 30

A Horse Certificate needs to be filed for each horse being carried as a 4-H Horse Project with the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., April 30 to be eligible to exhibit the animal in the Junior Division of the Kittitas County Fair.

The certificate needs to be signed every year. For a horse that will be used for the first time the leader or member may pick up a 4-H Horse Certificate C0233 form at the Extension Office or print at: www.kittitas.wsu.edu (under 4-H Forms & Policies). This needs to be filled out and brought back to the Extension Office to be signed. The member will keep the original and put it in their record book. If this same horse is used in following years the original needs to come in each year to be signed at the Extension Office. If a horse is leased then a Kittitas County Lease form must be used. A copy of the lease is to be filed with the horse certificate.

Horse Certificates need to be completely filled out with all the proper signatures. Incomplete certificates will not be accepted or signed by the Extension Office.



4-H Horse Project Animal

Each member is expected to have access to one or more horses which may be owned, shared, or leased.

A shared project animal is defined as only immediate family members or two non-family members sharing the same horse including care and training responsibilities. Members and parents must recognize that adjustments may need to be made to adapt to show conditions or schedules, such as when two members are in the same class or are competing for championships. Two members sharing a project may not compete in the same class or lot at an event.

A lease agreement is permissible if the member provides primary care for the horse.

The horse shown in a 4-H exhibit activity must be the member's project horse. To participate at state fair, an exhibitor must use the same horse that was exhibited at the county fair. Stallions older than 12 months are NOT allowed in 4-H contests or events.

Valentine's Day Fun Facts

- ◆ About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year
- ◆ About 3% of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets
- ◆ In Victorian times it was considered bad luck to sign a Valentine's Day card
- ◆ Only the U.S., Canada, Mexico, France, Australia and the U.K. celebrate Valentine's Day
- ◆ Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are the biggest holidays for giving flowers
- ◆ Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine's Day candy box in the late 1800's
- ◆ Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year
- ◆ The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day

www.stvalentinesday.org

*Happy
Valentine's Day!*

2019 HORSE 4-H DATES

March 9	4-H Horse Training & Safety Day Bloom Pavilion & Manastash Room 8:00 am – 3:00 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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