



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



CALENDAR

October 4	4-H Open House, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Teanaway Hall
October 8	Carcass Awards Ceremony, 4:00 p.m., Armory Hall
October 8	4-H Awards & Recognition Dinner, 5:00 p.m., Armory Hall
October 15	Last day to submit club field trip reimbursement for the 2022-2023 year
October 15	Last day to submit request for State Fair transportation reimbursement
October 17	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
October 24	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
October 31	Thank You's due to Livestock Sale Buyers
November 4	4-H Horse Leader's Tack & More Sale, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (early shopping for 4- H members 9-10 a.m.), Armory Hall
November 10	Veterans Day Holiday-Extension Office Closed
November 21	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday-Extension Office Closed
November 28	Teen Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Armory Room B
November 28	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
December 1	Club Yearly Financial Summary Reports, Peer Audit Report, and Property Inventory Due in the Extension Office



CLUB BUSINESS

Carcass Awards & 4-H Awards & Recognition Night-October 8!

The Carcass Awards will be held Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 p.m. in Armory Hall at the Fairgrounds. WSU's Blake Foraker will give an educational program and present the awards.

The 4-H Awards & Recognition Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. following the Carcass Awards. All are welcome to attend. Baked potatoes, toppings, chili, salad, and beverages will be available for a suggested donation of \$4 per person.

Each club is encouraged to donate one or two desserts to be auctioned off. Proceeds from the auction will fund expenses for members to attend State & National 4-H competitions.

4-H Open House/Recruitment Night

4-H Open House/Recruitment Night will be held on Wednesday, October 4 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Teanaway Hall at the Event Center/Fairgrounds.

4-H Council Meeting

Someone from each club needs to attend each 4-H Council meeting. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month, except August and December. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 24 (Fourth Tuesday due to Halloween being the last Tuesday this year) in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

4-H Council Officers for 2023

Nominations for Council Officers will be made at the October 24 meeting. Voting will take place at the November 28 meeting.

4-H Council Budget Timeline

Itemized proposals for the Kittitas County 4-H Council budget are due in the Extension Office by November 1. The budget committee will be working to bring the total package at the November 28 Council meeting.

Premium Checks and Livestock Sale Checks

Premium checks will be mailed by the Fair Office at the end of October. Livestock Sale checks will be sent out in batches as funds come in. All members may not receive checks at the same time.

4-H Forms and Policies Online

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

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.



4-H Enrollments/Re-Enrollments

It is time for members to enroll for the new 4-H year! The website is <https://v2.4honline.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 per member State 4-H Enrollment Fee will be covered by Kittitas County 4-H Council. When enrolling, choose the check payment option to submit your enrollment. You will receive an automated email asking you to bring payment into the office—disregard that message. No fees will be collected from members.
- There is a computer available in the Extension Office for those who wish to use it to enroll.
- Please contact Andrea at amorse@wsu.edu or 962-7507 if you experience any trouble.

Record Book Tips – October

- Accommodations are made for 4-Hers with learning/physical disabilities. A note requesting accommodation must be included with the member's book when it is turned in for the Up-to-Date check in July.
- Put record book together according to the instructions on the inside front page.
- Fill out the front page of record book.
- Start Calendar by putting October dates in.
- Project plans (Level 1) or Project Record (Level 2) should be filled out by member and parent. Leadership members should identify with their leader specific leadership projects they would like to do.
- List any project/training meetings as well as club meetings in the project journal section.
- Financial Summary (Level 2) Beginning Value should be filled in.
- Quality Assurance Sheets for Horse and Livestock should transfer from old record book into new record book with the permanent record.
- Animal Projects—read and sign Commitment to Excellence. This goes after Project related materials (Level 1) or Project Financial Summary (Level 2). Members, parents and leaders must read and sign the Commitment to Excellence every year.
- Permanent Record—transfer permanent record from old book into new book. Put current year's projects in the Project and Exhibit Summary page 2 and 3.
- Clothing Skills Checklist Booklet should be transferred with the permanent record.

4-H Promotional Items

Your club may want to order stickers, T-shirts, and other 4-H logo items for the year from National 4-H Supply. Visit their website at <http://www.4-hmall.org>. Check it out now for the new year and for Fair.

Field Trip \$\$

Your club is eligible to receive partial reimbursement from 4-H Council for club field trips. Plan and take a field trip and then complete a request for funds prior to October 15. Forms are available in the Extension Office or on the website at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.

State Fair Travel Reimbursement

Forms for State Fair travel reimbursements are available at the Extension Office or on the website at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.

These forms are due in the Extension Office by October 15 in order to receive reimbursements for your travel expenses. Preference will be given to those requests where several 4-Hers traveled together—no more than \$20 per car load per year.

Reminder to Fair Awards Winners

If you received a special award, do not forget to send a thank you to the sponsor. Market Sale participants need to send a picture and a thank you to the buyer by October 31, 2023.

Club Financial Reporting Due December 1

The standard state requirement of submitting an Annual Financial Summary, Peer-Audit Report, and Property Inventory applies to all clubs. Clubs that handled more than \$1000 and/or received more than \$500 in donations in the last 4-H year are required to turn in their Treasurer's Binder and Secretary's Book. Any club, regardless of funds handled is still subject to audit and if selected will be asked to provide the previous year's Treasurer's Binder and Secretary's Book. This information is due in the Extension Office by **December 1, 2023**.

TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

Know Your Government Conference

KYG is open to high school aged youth (traditionally grades 9-12)! The theme for the conference this year is "Decision 2024: It's Your Choice". Meeting dates have not been set, but will be announced next month. The conference will be held in February 17-19 in Olympia. Contact Rachel with questions, georgerachel1108@gmail.com.

4-H Teen Committee

Youth 6th grade and up are invited to join us on the last Tuesday of each month prior to the Council meeting (no meeting in December or August). This year's first meeting will be November 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Armory Room B. Contact Rachel with questions, georgerachel1108@gmail.com



SHOOTING SPORTS INFORMATION

Shooting Sports News

4-H Shooting Sports members must enroll by December 1 to qualify for State since the County Qualifiers are held in March.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION

Market Sale Pictures

Members, parents and leaders are reminded that each exhibitor is to personally deliver one of the two pictures taken to the purchaser of his/her animal by October 31, 2023 to be eligible to participate in the 2024 Kittitas County Fair Market Sale. Leaders will be notified as soon as the photos are ready for pickup.

If it is an out of town buyer, you should contact them by phone to make arrangements to meet, or get their address and send a picture and thank you. Buyer and add-on information was e-mailed to club leaders. All add-ons that are included with your check also need a THANK-YOU sent to them upon receiving your check.

Leaders: You may help your members learn how much support buyers give 4-H and FFA youth by completing this exercise at a 4-H meeting. Multiply the weight of the animal by the floor price, and then multiply the weight of the animal by the price they received from the buyer. Deduct the floor price amount from the Sale price amount. The difference is how much extra the members are getting from the buyer of their animal. They should be very surprised and appreciative of the support. It is as if the buyer handed them a check for several hundred dollars and the buyers deserve a **BIG THANK YOU!**

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 17 in Armory Room A.** Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The remaining 2023 meeting will be November 21.

Every club with livestock projects needs to have a representative at the Livestock Committee meetings. This way all clubs may stay current on the events and issues that involve the livestock project.

Trophy Thanks

While you are thanking buyers, it is also a good time for trophy winners to send a "Thank You" to the trophy sponsor. It is important to show appreciation to sponsors for their continued support. Sponsor names are in the Fair Premium Book, or call the Fair Office for sponsors and addresses.



HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

Tack & More Sale-November 4

Kittitas County 4-H Horse Leaders will be holding a tack sale Saturday, November 4 in the Armory Hall at the Fairgrounds. The sale will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Early shopping for 4-H members will be from 9:00-10:00 a.m.. Vendor set up is 7:00-9:00 a.m. (\$40 per table).

Horse Dates for 2024

Dates for 2024 events will be confirmed at this month's Horse Panel meeting, and will be published in the November FOCUS.



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4-H Youth Development Program 

Washington State University Extension helps people develop leadership skills and use research-based knowledge to improve their economic status and quality of life.

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