



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar

December 14	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Armory Room C
December 21	4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Umtanum Hall, Fairgrounds/Event Center
December 25	Christmas Day-Office Closed
January 1	New Year's Holiday-Office Closed
January 4	4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Umtanum Hall, Fairgrounds/Event Center
January 11	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Armory Room C
January 15	Know Your Government Meeting 2, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Armory Room B (lunch provided)
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-Office Closed
January 16	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
January 18	4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Umtanum Hall, Fairgrounds/Event Center
January 21	Know Your Government Meeting 3, 1:00 p.m., Armory Room B
January 28	Mealtime Manners, Armory Hall, Noon and 3 p.m.
January 30	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
February 1	Project Enrollment Deadline for Fair Participation in Horse, Livestock, Small Animal, and Family & Consumer Science Projects



Club Business

Enrollment Deadline-February 1

The enrollment deadline for Fair participation in Horse, Livestock, Small Animal, and Family & Consumer Science Projects is February 1.

4-H Enrollments/Re-Enrollments

4-H Enrollment and Re-enrollment will be done online again this year. The website is <https://v2.4honline.com>. Some important tips:

- Returning members and leaders already have a profile in the system-so once they are logged in they just update and verify their information. 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 Andrea at the Extension Office if you are unsure which e-mail address to use.
- **The \$25 per member Enrollment Fee is being covered by Kittitas County 4-H Council again this year. When enrolling, choose the check payment option to submit your enrollment-no fees will be collected.** When you submit the enrollment, you will receive an auto-generated e-mail from 4-H Online asking for payment-please disregard that message.
- 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.

Mealtime Manners

Mealtime Manners will be held on January 28. A session will be held for ages 5-11 from Noon-2:00 p.m. and a session for ages 12-19 will be held from 3-5:00 p.m. Both sessions will be in the Armory Hall.

This event familiarizes participants with dining etiquette including proper use of utensils and mealtime conversation. Parent volunteers are also needed to help serve and clean up. Cost is \$5.00 per person, to be paid at the door.

Reservations are required by January 19. Sign up at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RBw25LHtY1_qKYVLRl2FTbuBhY07YnuYCetQpmqT4d4/edit?ts=6570edf9.

4-H Council Meeting

Someone from each club needs to attend 4-H Council meetings. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month, except August and December. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 30 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

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.

2024 4-H Council Officers

Jon Blackmore-President
Toni Taylor-Vice President
Kylie Rinehart-Secretary
Marie Riegel-Treasurer



4-H Forms, Record Books and Policies Online

Kittitas County 4-H forms, Record Books and policies are available online at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.

Record Book Tips – December/January

- 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.
- Update Calendar and Project Diary (Level 1) or Project Journal (Level 2) with December/January dates (Know Your Government meetings, etc.)
- Permanent Record – If you have done a demonstration (Public Presentations page 6) or your club did a community service (Community Service page 10) through the holidays.

Completing the Year

Don't forget...the 4-H'er must do the following things to complete the year:

1. Do not miss more than three club meetings per year (Business meetings, not practice or work meetings).
2. Give at least one demonstration.
3. Participate in at least one showmanship in each project area (if none available, participate in a county contest or event).
4. Complete a project to a leader's satisfaction.
5. Complete a record book prior to fair.
6. 4-H members enrolled in a livestock project must judge at the Kittitas County Fair. 4-H members enrolled in a horse project must judge at one of the two county Horse judging contests.

Teen Opportunities

Know Your Government Conference

KYG is open to youth in grades 9-12. Upcoming meetings are:

January 15	10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Lunch provided)
January 21	1-4 p.m.
February 11	1-4 p.m.
February 17-19	KYG Conference in Olympia
February 25	1-3 p.m.

All meetings will be held in Armory Room B at the Kittitas Valley Event Center/Fairgrounds. The conference will be held February 17-19 in Olympia. Contact Rachel with questions, georgerachel1108@gmail.com.



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.

Dog Project Information

4-H Dog Project Practice Nights

4-H Dog practices begin at 5:30 p.m. in Umtanum Hall at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. Upcoming dates are:

December 21
January 4
January 18
February 1
February 15



All 4-H Dog Project members are encouraged to attend!

Cat Project Information

4-H Cat Project Meetings

4-H Cat Project Meetings have been scheduled. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. in Armory Room C at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. Upcoming dates are:

December 14
January 11
February 8
March 14

All 4-H Cat Project members are encouraged to attend!

Livestock Project Information

Livestock Committee Meetings

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Armory Room A.** Meeting dates have been set for 2024 - 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. with one exception *

February 20
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 18
August 6 * First Tuesday
September 17
October 15
November 19



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.

Livestock Dates for 2024

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

March 23	Beef/Dairy Pre-Show
June 8	Sheep Pre-Show
June 8	Goat Pre-Show
June 9	Swine Weigh-In & Clinic

Kittitas County Quality Assurance Checklist/ YOCA

Kittitas County 4-H is using a quality assurance checklist to encourage, promote and track skills and knowledge as they advance through the livestock program. This checklist is a multi-year document that will be kept in record books. It is available at the Extension Office, or extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/ under Animal Add Sheets. This is in place of the YOCA curriculum. The in-person YOCA training can also be used—contact the Extension Office for more information.

Animal Health Record

Members need to bring a copy of the Animal Health Record to be filled out and signed by the producer when purchasing their project animal(s). Animal Health Records are available at the Extension Office or at <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.

All species—steers, lambs, goats, and swine - are required to upload a copy of the health record signed by the original producer and information up-to-date when completing their Fair entries in ShoWorks in August.

Health records must be in record books when they are turned in for the completion check in July.



Horse Project Information

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. The Advancement Checklist goes after the Project Financial Records, behind the Commitment to Excellence and Horse Certificate(s). 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.

Commitment to Excellence Form

The Washington 4-H Animal Project Commitment to Excellence Form needs to be read and signed by the member, Parent and Project Leader and be included in the member’s Record Book. The form is available at the Extension Office or at extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/.



2024 HORSE 4-H DATES

March 9	4-H Horse Safety Day Bloom Pavilion —8:00 am – 4:00 pm
April 1	1 st Horse Judging – Bloom Pavilion – 6:00 pm
April 13	Bits & Buckles Schooling Show - Bloom Pavilion 8am – 7pm
April 27	4-H Spring Leader’s Show – Bloom Pavilion - 8am – 7pm
April 30	Horse Certificates Due by 5:00 p.m.
June 3, 17, 24	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena—7-9 pm
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 19-21	4-H Horse Pre-Show – Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena – 8am – 8pm
August 5	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7-9pm
August 4	State Fair Interest form due by 5:00 pm
August 13	Junior Horse Fair: Barn Open for Decorations
August 14	Junior Horse Fair: R.V. Parking Open
August 15-18	Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair – Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena
August 29-September 2	Kittitas County Fair
October 6	4-H Fall Leader’s Show – Bloom Pavilion – 8am – 8pm



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