



## Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



### Calendar

February 8	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Armory Room C
February 8	Scholarship Information Night, 6:00 p.m., Armory Room A
February 11	Know Your Government Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Armory Room B
February 15	4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Umtanum Hall
February 17-19	Know Your Government Conference, Olympia
February 19	Presidents Day-Office Closed
February 20	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
February 27	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
March 7	4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Umtanum Hall
March 9	4-H Horse Training & Safety Day, 8:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
March 14	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Armory Room C
March 15	State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
March 19	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
March 23	Beef & Dairy Pre-Show, Weigh-In, and Judging Contest, 7:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
March 23	Archery Qualifier, 7:30 a.m., Umtanum Hall
March 26	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
April 1	Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship Applications due
April 1	1st Horse Judging Contest, 6:00 p.m., Bloom Pavilion



### Club Business

#### 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/>.

#### Record Book Tips – February

- 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 February dates.
- Project Highlights – Know Your Government members-problems could include issues at meetings, with assignments, roles played at conference.
- Financial Summary – Know Your Government members-there is no beginning value for KYG. Ending value will include conference registration (transferred from your 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 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, February 27 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!



### Teen Opportunities

#### Scholarship Information Night-February 8

Kittitas County 4-H is hosting a scholarship information night on Thursday, February 8th at 6pm in Armory Room A at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. Current high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend and learn more. Youth do not need to be currently in 4-H to apply, only have participated at some point (and be able to find their last record book).

Please RSVP with this link: <http://tinyurl.com/KC4HScholarship24>. Contact Rachel with any questions, [georgerachell108@gmail.com](mailto:georgerachell108@gmail.com).

#### 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, 2024.

## **Kittitas County 4-H Scholarships**

Kittitas County 4-H Council is sponsoring six scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each:

- **4-H Endowment Trust Fund Scholarship**-Awarded to a graduating senior who is actively involved in the 4-H leadership project.
- **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 and/or earlier years.)
- **Barbara Schnebly Shaw A Scholarship**-Awarded to a graduating senior who excelled in demonstrations and/or club leadership.
- **Barbara Schnebly Shaw B Scholarship**-Awarded to a post-secondary student who excelled in demonstrations and/or club leadership.
- **Kittitas County 4-H Leaders Council A Scholarship**-Awarded to a graduating senior who has been actively involved in Kittitas County 4-H at the club and community level.
- **Kittitas County 4-H Leaders Council B Scholarship**-Awarded to a graduating senior who has been actively involved in Kittitas County 4-H at the club and community level.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current or former Kittitas County 4-H member.
  - Have a cumulative high school/college GPA of 2.0 or better.
  - Intend to pursue post-secondary education through trade school, 2-year college, or 4-year college.
  - Submit a cover letter introducing oneself. Give a brief history of your 4-H experience.
  - Submit the Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship General Application form.
  - Submit a resume that includes your 4-H involvement.
  - Submit two letters of recommendation focusing on your 4-H involvement, leadership qualities, and community service involvement. Should not be from any family members or leader(s) who helped with the application process.
  - Submit current transcripts-can be unofficial.
  - Submit an essay on your 4-H experiences and how they have affected you. Essay should be: Times New Roman, size 12 font, double spaced, and no more than 750 words. Include adequate details of what 4-H has done to prepare you for the future addressing the following:
    - Growth in values of 4-H: Head, Heart, Hands, Health
    - Challenges overcome
    - Community service in and out of 4-H
    - Leadership involvement in 4-H
    - Demonstrations
- Submit most recent complete 4-H Record Book. Will be reviewed for:
- Completeness
  - Appearance/Presentation
  - Quality of details
  - Submit most recent KYG 4-H Project Record if applicable.

Only one application package needs to be submitted to be considered for all scholarships. An interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee will be scheduled within two weeks after the application closes.

Applications will be reviewed and selections made by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Scholarships will be forwarded to the school of recipient's choice upon proof of enrollment. Funds must be spent within 18 months of announcement.

No more than one scholarship award may be given to an applicant. Applications are due April 1, and are available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/youth-info/> or at the Extension Office.

## **Friends of the Fair Scholarships**

Friends of the Fair are offering scholarships to 2024 Kittitas County High School Graduates. Applications available online at [www.kittitasvalleyeventcenter.com/p/about/friends-of-the-fair-foundation](http://www.kittitasvalleyeventcenter.com/p/about/friends-of-the-fair-foundation). Applications are due April 15. If you have questions call Becky at (509) 929-0950.

## **Swauk Teanaway Grange Scholarship**

The Swauk Teanaway Grange has scholarships available to high school senior(s). Applications can be found at <http://www.swaukteanawaygrange.com>.



## **Leader Opportunities**

### **4-H Volunteer Orientation Sessions Scheduled**

Upcoming sessions of in-person Volunteer Orientation for new volunteers have been scheduled:

Part A: Welcome to 4-H! Policy & Program Basics  
Thursday, 2/22 from 6-8 p.m. OR  
Friday, 2/23 from 3-5 p.m.

Part B: Shared Leadership & Youth Engagement  
Monday, 3/4 from 6-8 p.m. OR  
Friday 3.29 from 3-5 p.m.

Sign up is at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAEAD29A4F5C52-47299798-4hvolunteer>



## **Foods & Clothing Information**

### **Sewing & Stitchery Expo**

The Sewing & Stitchery Expo will be held February 29-March 3 in Puyallup. For more information visit <http://www.sewexpo.com>.



**2024 Fair Theme**  
**“Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights”**

## Dog Project Information

### 4-H Dog Project Practice Nights

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

February 1  
February 15  
March 7

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

### 4-H Dog Pre-Show

The 4-H Dog Pre-Show is scheduled for June 20 in Hunt Memorial Arena and Umtanum Hall at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. More details will be published when available.

## 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:

February 8  
March 14

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

### 4-H Cat Pre-Show

The 4-H Cat Pre-Show is scheduled for June 18 in the Western Town VIP Room at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. More details will be published when available.

## Livestock Project Information

### Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Armory Room A.** Meeting dates have been set for 2024 - 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. with one exception \*

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 all the Livestock Committee meetings. This way all clubs may stay current on the events and issues that involve the livestock project.

### Beef Weigh-In, Pre-Show, and Judging Contest

Beef project members should begin to plan for the **Beef Weigh-In, Pre-Show, and Judging Contest to be held on Saturday, March 23 in Bloom Pavilion at the Fairgrounds.**

#### Show Schedule:

**7:00 AM - 9:00 AM** WEIGH AND TAG STEERS

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM** BEEF JUDGING CONTEST - Feeder Steers, Heifers, Beef Parts, Oral Reasons

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** SPRING MARKET CLASSES - Dairy, Heifers, Mini-Beef, Market Steers

**\*\*SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW MARKET CLASSES.**

ORDER WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

DAIRY, NOVICE, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR

\*\*This is a required event. If you want to show at the Kittitas County Fair, you will need to participate in the Beef Judging Contest and the Showmanship Classes.

\*\*Generators are encouraged. Half of Bloom Pavilion will be open to stall grooming chutes.

\*\*All stalls must be cleaned out prior to leaving the show for the day, with shavings being removed and placed outside in the bedding pit. The bedding pit is located at the south end of the barns, and east of the wash rack. Please check with Superintendents or 4-H Leaders/Grange Leaders/FFA Instructors to be excused from the fairgrounds for the day.

\*\*Exhibitors who have a conflict with the March 23rd date are required to write a letter to the Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926 asking to be excused from the Beef Pre-Show by March 19th. The letter needs to be written by the member requesting the excuse, address the reason for not attending, and who will weigh the animal. The Livestock Committee will review these requests. Members must have another exhibitor weigh their steer in their absence.

### 2024 Livestock Dates

The dates for livestock events have been set at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds:

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



### Attendance at Pre Fair Activities

The **Beef Pre-Show, Swine Weigh-In/Clinic, Sheep Pre-Show, and Goat Pre-Show** are **required** activities for 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 **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 the missed activity and be written by the member requesting the excuse.*

### 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 [extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/](https://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 registering for Fair, and must turn in a hard copy at Fair Vet Check.**

### Kittitas County Quality Assurance Checklist/ YQCA

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 <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/> under Animal Add Sheets. This is in place of the YQCA curriculum. The in-person YQCA training can also be used-contact the Extension Office for more information.



## Horse Project Information

### Horsemanship & Safety Training Day

Horsemanship & Safety Training Day will be Saturday, March 11 in Bloom Pavilion. The schedule is being finalized and will be in the March FOCUS. 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.



### Horse Certificates Due April 30

A Horse Certificate needs to be filed for each horse being carried as a 4-H Horse Project. Certificates must be turned in to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on April 30 to be eligible to exhibit the animal in the 4-H 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) at the Extension Office or print at: [extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/](https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/). This needs to be filled out and brought back to the Extension Office to be signed. The member keeps the original and puts it in their record book, and the Extension Office makes a file copy. 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 filed with the horse certificate.

### Horse Judging Contest Information

There will be two judging contests held. 4-H Horse Project members 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 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 6:00 p.m. in Bloom Pavilion.** Classes TBD; Oral Reasons.

The second 4-H Horse Judging Contest is scheduled for **Saturday, July 13, at 8:00 a.m. in Bloom Pavilion during Horse Training Days.** Classes TBD; Oral Reasons.

### 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.

This single statement has been the topic of more questions, discussions and debates than any other "rule" in the contest guide. 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-Hers.

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.



## 2024 HORSE 4-H DATES

March 9	4-H Horse Safety Day, Bloom Pavilion—8:00 am – 4:00 pm
April 1	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 4	State Fair Interest form due by 5:00 pm
August 5	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7-9pm
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
November 2	Tack Sale



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