



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS

Calendar

March 3	Air Rifle Qualifier, 8:45 a.m., Umtanum Hall
March 3	Air Pistol qualifier, 1:00 p.m., Umtanum Hall
March 7	4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Umtanum Hall
March 9	Horsemanship & Safety Training Day-Open to all Kittitas County 4-H Members, 8:30 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
March 10	Shotgun Qualifier, 9:00 a.m., Pomona Range
March 14	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Armory Room A
March 15	State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
March 21	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
March 23	Beef Weigh-In, Beef & Dairy Pre-Show, 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
April 4	4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Umtanum Hall
April 11	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Armory Room A
April 13	Bits & Buckles Schooling Show - Bloom
April 16	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
April 18	4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Umtanum Hall
April 27	4-H Horse Leader's Spring Show, 8:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
April 30	4-H Horse Certificates due in Extension Office
April 30	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A

Club Business

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, March 26 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

4-H Forms and Policies Online

4-H forms and policies are available on our website: extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/.

- Record Books & Completion Checklists
- Medal of Honor Application & Judging Sheet
- Friend of 4-H Nomination Form
- Outstanding 4-H Leader Nomination Form
- Animal Commitment to Excellence
- Cavy Advancement Checklist
- Dog Project Record
- Horse Certificates & Lease Forms
- Horse Quality Assurance, 1st & 2nd year member
- Horse Member Advancement Checklist
- Kittitas County Quality Assurance Checklist
- Leadership Project Record
- Animal Health Records
- Practice Animal Parts – Beef, Swine, Lamb, Goat
- Practice Cost Sheets – Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat
- Ride the Wind Log
- Shared Animal Project Agreement
- Washington State 4-H Policy
- Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship Application/Criteria
- Kittitas County 4-H Policy
- Kittitas County 4-H Complaint Policy
- Kittitas County 4-H Council Constitution & By-Laws
- 4-H Dog Policy – Kittitas County
- 4-H Small Animal Policy – Kittitas County
- 4-H Horse Policy – Kittitas County
- 4-H Shooting Sports Policy – Kittitas County
- 4-H Horse Medal Patterns
- 4-H Photography Exhibit Card
- Bread Baking Record
- Food Preservation Record

More information and resources are also available on the State 4-H website at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>.



Teen Opportunities

Elementary Agriculture Appreciation Day

Senior 4-H members are needed to serve as group leaders at Elementary Agriculture Appreciation Day. The event will be held over two days: Tuesday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 10 at the Fairgrounds. If you can help one of these days, please contact Mark Crowley by April 1 at: 509-925-3352 ext. 5 or mark.crowley@kccd.net.

Scholarship Information Night-March 7

Kittitas County 4-H is hosting a scholarship information night on Thursday, March 7th 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, geogerachel1108@gmail.com.

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 member of Kittitas County 4-H.
- 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 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 each of 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.

Applications are due to the Extension Office by April 1. Applications and criteria are available at the Extension Office, or at <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/youth-info/>.

Friends of the Fair Scholarships

Friends of the Fair are offering three \$1,500 scholarships to 2024 Kittitas County High School Graduates. Applications available at the Fair Office or at <https://www.kittitasvalleyeventcenter.com/p/about/friends-of-the-fair-foundation>. Applications are due April 15. If you have questions call Heather at 929-4087.

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 1st.

Swauk Teanaway Grange Scholarship

The Swauk-Teanaway Grange will award \$1000 in scholarship money to high school senior(s). Applications are due March 1, and are available at <http://www.swaukteanawaygrange.com>.

WSU State 4-H Teen Conference-June 24-27

Youth in the 8th-12th grades (completed 8th grade by conference) are invited to come to the Pullman Campus of Washington State University June 24-27 for the Washington State 4-H Teen Conference. This year's theme is "Discover Your Universe".

Registration opens April 29 and closes May 31. For more information, visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/stc/> or e-mail Kelly Anne Stewart, Teen Conference Coordinator, at kelly.a.stewart@wsu.edu.

Dog Project Information

Dog Practice Dates

Dog practices are held in Umtanum Hall/Hunt Memorial Arena from 5:30-7 pm. Upcoming dates are: March 7; April 4 & 18; May 2, 16, June 6; July 18, & 25; August 1. Contact Gregg Schlanger with questions-gregg.schlanger@gmail.com.

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. Pre-Show begins at 5:00 p.m.

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 A at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. Upcoming dates are:

March 14
April 11
May 9
June 13
July 11
August 8

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 at 5:00 p.m. in the Western Town VIP Room at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. More details will be published when available.

Small Animal Information

Poultry Clinic and Rabbit Pre-Show

The Poultry Clinic and Rabbit Pre-Show will be held on Saturday, June 1 in Umtanum Hall. Schedule is as follows:

8:30 a.m. Poultry Clinic-Cloverbuds & Juniors
9:15 a.m. Poultry Clinic-Intermediates & Seniors
10:00 a.m. Rabbit Vet Check
10:15 a.m. Rabbit Pre-Show

Birds participating must have adult feathers (no chicks). Extra birds will be available to practice with for members that have birds too young to attend pre-show. Please remember to bring carpet squares.

This event is **required** for all Rabbit and Poultry members. Any Rabbit or Poultry project member who has an emergency or problem attending needs to write a letter requesting to be excused to: Small Animal Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926. The letter needs to address the reason for not attending Pre-Show, a plan to make up for the missed activity, and be written by the member requesting the excuse.

If you have questions regarding Pre-Show, contact Christy Smith at (509) 420-6832.

Livestock Project Information

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

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, March 19th 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 *

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.

Swine Weigh-In, Clinic, & Judging Contest

The Swine Weigh-In, Clinic & Judging Contest for members planning to exhibit Swine at the Kittitas County Fair will be held on Sunday, June 9th.

All members who wish to sell market hogs at the county Fair must have their hogs (limit of 2 per person) weighed and ear-tagged on Sunday, June 9 from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Hogs must have a USDA tag at weigh-in. Members are REQUIRED to attend the judging contest and the clinic. Pigs have the option of going home after being weighed and tagged.

The clinic will consist of 3 educational stations. One of the stations will be going over how to fill out Health records. This station is very important, please be sure to attend!

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 to: Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, by 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 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/.

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.

Cougar Invitational Meat Judging Contest

The Cougar Invitational Meat Judging Contest is open to all youth 18 years of age and younger. It will be held at the WSU Meat Laboratory in Pullman. Friday, March 29 will be an Open-House Workout and Mini Sessions. The contest is Saturday, March 30. Registration deadline is March 22. Register at <https://ansci.wsu.edu/meat-science-programs/> For more information, contact Dr. Blake Foraker, blake.foraker@wsu.edu, (509) 335-4112.

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.

Attendance at Pre Fair Activities

The **Beef Pre-Show, Swine 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.*

Youth Livestock Field Days-March 9, 16, & 23

Registration is open for the UI/WSU 2024 Youth Livestock Field Days. These are open to youth, parents, leaders, and advisors in 4-H or FFA. Morning sessions include: nutrition, health, training at home, and selection. Following lunch attendees will rotate through a variety of hands-on stations. Beef is March 9 at the Asotin County Fairgrounds. Sheep & Goat will be March 16 at the University of Idaho Livestock Pavilion. Swine will be March 23 at the Latah County Fairgrounds. Registration is required and will close the Friday before the Field Day or when capacity is met. Register at: bit.ly/clearwater_events.



Horse Project Information

Horsemanship & Safety Training Day

Horsemanship & Safety Training Day will be Saturday, March 9 at 8:30 a.m. in Bloom Pavilion at the Fairgrounds. 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.

Bits and Buckles Schooling Show

The Bits and Buckles Open Schooling Show will be held Saturday, April 13 in the Bloom Pavilion at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. This is a good show to start the year, gain experience, learn something and have FUN. For more information contact Bobbi Broderius at 929-2352.

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 senior, intermediate, and junior 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.** The classes are TBD, Oral Reasons, and a horse parts worksheet. Details about classes will be emailed out when the details have been finalized.

The second 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, July 13, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bloom Pavilion during Horse Training days.** Classes TBD; Oral Reasons.

4-H Horse Leaders Spring Open Show

The 4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show will be held Saturday, April 27 in Bloom Pavilion. Entry forms will be emailed once they are available.

4-H Horse Project Animal

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.

Horse Certificates Due April 30

A Horse Certificate for each horse being used as a 4-H Horse Project needs to be filed at 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 at the Extension Office or print at: extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/. This needs to be filled out and brought to the Extension Office to be signed. The member keeps the original and puts it in their record book. If the 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.

2024 HORSE 4-H DATES

March 9	4-H Horse Safety Day-Bloom Pavilion
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 2	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



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