



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar

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| April 1 | 1st Horse Judging Contest, 6:00 p.m., Bloom Pavilion |
| April 4 | 4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Hunt Arena |
| April 11 | 4-H Cat Project Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Armory A |
| April 13 | Bits & Buckles Schooling Show - Bloom Pavilion, 8am – 7pm |
| April 16 | Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A |
| April 18 | Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Hunt Arena |
| April 27 | Kittitas County 4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show, Bloom Pavilion |
| April 30 | 4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory A |
| April 30 | Horse Certificates Due in Extension Office |
| April 30 | 4-H Honor Cord Applications Due |
| May 2 | 4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Hunt Arena |
| May 4 | Wings & Beaks Poultry Workshop, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 pm, Western Town at the Event Center |
| May 9 | 4-H Cat Project Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Armory A |
| May 16 | 4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Hunt Arena |
| May 17-19 | State 4-H Shooting Sports, Eatonville |
| May 21 | Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A |
| May 28 | 4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A |
| June 1 | Poultry & Rabbit Clinic, 8:30 a.m., Umtanum Hall |



Club Business

County Demonstrations

The County Demonstration Contest will be held on the following dates in Armory Room A:

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| June 20 | 4-6 p.m.—Senior Age Division |
| June 24 | 4-8 p.m.—All Age Divisions |
| June 25 | 12-4 p.m.- All Age Divisions |

Please sign up by June 10th by calling/texting Susan Bryant at 509-859-3861. Leave your phone number, name, age, project and title of your demonstration.

For those choosing to do a PowerPoint presentation: You are responsible for bringing and knowing how to use a laptop a part of preparing for and doing a PowerPoint.

For help on making your presentation, check out “Getting to the Point: How to do a 4-H Public Presentation” (EM4787E) at <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/getting-to-the-point-how-to-do-a-4h-public-presentation>.

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, April 30 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings for the remainder of the year are May 28, June 25, July 30, September 24, October 29, and November 26. Please join us!

Record Book Tips – April

- Accommodations are made for 4-Hers with learning/physical disabilities. A note requesting accommodation must be included with the member’s book.
- Update Calendar and Project Diary (Level 1) or Project Journal (Level 2) with April dates. List any project/training meetings as well as club meetings in the project journal section.
- Permanent record – Leadership activities should be entered in the Leadership section page 12/13.
- Horse Certificates are due by April 30 and should go after Project Related Materials (Level 1) or Project Financial Summary (Level 2) with the Commitment to Excellence.
- Project Financial Summary-Leadership members-beginning value might be any leadership training materials or books you already have. Ending value will include money spent on leadership activities, registration for conferences, rally and money spent while on these trips (transferred from your project journal.)

4-H Forms, Record Books, 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.

Teen Opportunities

4-H Honor Cords-Applications due April 30

Graduating 4-H seniors can request 4-H Honor Cords for graduation. The cords show your 4-H accomplishments on your special day. Cords will be paid for by 4-H Council and a photo session sponsored by Root 'N' Tillie Media is also included. The photo shoot is scheduled for Monday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Olmstead State Park.

To apply, please complete the 4-H Honor Cords Application and return it to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. April 30. You must be a graduating high school senior and have been in 4-H for at least 2 years (any 2 years) to apply.

The application is at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/> under Nomination/Application Forms.

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.

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 5:30-7:00 pm. Upcoming dates are: April 4 & 18; May 2, 16, June 6; July 18, & 25; August 1.

4-H Dog Pre-Show

The 4-H Dog Pre-Show is scheduled for June 20 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Hunt Memorial Arena and Umtanum Hall at the Fairgrounds/Event Center.

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:

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 Project

Wings and Beaks Hands On Poultry Workshop

Join us on Saturday, May 4 for Wings and Beaks-a hands on learning workshop! Throughout the day your child will learn more about poultry and how to prepare for fair. Lunch is provided! The day will be segmented by three age groups: 5-6 year olds, 7-9 year olds and 10+. At least one parent/guardian/chaperone is asked to stay with their children. Registration closes April 30. To register or for more information, visit: <https://aramark.swoogo.com/trailblazers>.

Poultry and Rabbit Clinic

The Poultry and Rabbit Clinic 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 Clinic

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 the event, a plan to make up for the missed activity, and be written by the member requesting the excuse.

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

Livestock Project Information

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, April 16th 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 *

May 21
June 18
August 6 * First Tuesday
September 17
October 15
November 19

Every club with livestock projects should to have a representative at all the Livestock Committee meetings.

Beef & Dairy Pre-Show Thank You!

Sincere thanks to the Beef & Dairy superintendents, leaders, FFA Advisors, Fair Board Members, parents and youth that helped with the Beef & Dairy Pre-Show, weigh-in, and judging contest. Without volunteers like you we would not be able to conduct a quality program for youth to develop skills to help make them successful. What a great team. **THANKS EVERYONE!!!**

Beef Judging Contest Results

Members earning the top 10 scores in the Beef Judging Contest at the recent Beef & Dairy Pre-Show are as follows:

| Junior | | |
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| 1. Carl Jay Kelsey | 151 | |
| 2. Brooke Giustetti | 147 | |
| 3. Haylee Hanson | 146 | |
| 4. Emilyynn Ogan | 145 | |
| 5. Raelynn Markus | 142 | |
| 6. Blake Peak | 135 | 44 |
| 7. Brialynn Newby | 135 | 42 |
| 8. Briggs Thayer | 130 | |
| 9. Royce Stolen | 129 | |
| 10. Bennett Calaway | 127 | |

| Intermediate | | |
|--------------------------|-----|----|
| 1. Kendall Markus | 178 | |
| 2. Makenna Vraves | 159 | 45 |
| 3. Derrick Feddema | 159 | 43 |
| 4. Hadlee Hanson | 151 | |
| 5. BriaLynn Basterrechea | 149 | |
| 6. Mylie Ramerman | 142 | |
| 7. Reid Moreland | 140 | |
| 8. Sawyer Tostenson | 135 | |
| 9. Baylee Harwood | 129 | |
| 10. Maggie Fekkes | 126 | |

| Senior | | |
|--------------------|-----|----|
| 1. Olivia Mitchell | 175 | |
| 2. Kase Montgomery | 171 | |
| 3. Cassidy Bremner | 169 | |
| 4. Kacee Schott | 167 | |
| 5. Taylor Kelsey | 163 | |
| 6. Brenna Wilson | 161 | |
| 7. Jack Case | 160 | |
| 8. Keely Thayer | 157 | |
| 9. Sam Tostenson | 155 | 41 |
| 10. Hailey Vraves | 155 | 35 |

*NOTE: Ties were decided by the oral reasons score.

Complete results can be found at:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/livestock-judging/>.

2024 Livestock Dates

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

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| 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 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 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 the missed activity and be written by the member requesting the excuse.

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.

Tentative schedule is:

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| 6:00-9:00 a.m. | Weigh-In |
| 9:30 a.m. | Swine Judging Contest |
| 10:30 a.m-Noon | Educational Stations |

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.

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

2024 HORSE 4-H DATES

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 Showmanship, English Equitation, English Pleasure (Oral Reasons on this class), and a horse parts worksheet.

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.

Bits and Buckles Schooling Show

The Bits and Buckles Open Schooling Show will be held Saturday, April 13 in the Bloom Pavilion. This is a good show to start the year, gain experience, learn something and have FUN. Entry forms are available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/projects/horse/>.

4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show

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

<https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/projects/horse/>.

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.**

Blank Horse Certificates are available at: <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 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.

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| 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 RV 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 |

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



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