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- *Volunteer Education Classes*
<https://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/4h/volunteers/continuing-education-for-4-h-volunteers/spring-4-h-continuing-volunteer-education/>
- *Beekeeping Essay Contest*
<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2021/02/2021-4-H-Beekeeping-Essay-Competition-Call-for-Entries.pdf>
- *Goat Scholarship*
<https://americangoatfederation.org/youth-scholarship-program/>
- *Volunteer Sterlings Background screening*
<https://app.sterlingvolunteers.com/en>
- *4-H Teen Equity Workshop, Mar 5-7*
wa4hteenequity.weebly.com
- *4-H Online Enrollment Link*
<https://v2.4honline.com/>
- *4-H Online Enrollment: Creating Family Profile*
 Youtube
<https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/2020/10/4honline-enrollment/>

- *4HOnline Enrollment Guide*
https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2083/2020/10/NFW-Family_Enrollment_-2.0_09.21.2020.pdf
- *Yakima County 4-H From Home*
<https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-hfromhome/>
- *Yakima County 4-H website:*
<http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/>
- *Yakima County Facebook Page:*
<http://www.facebook.com/YakimaCounty4H>
- *State 4-H Website:* <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>
- *WSU Extension Publications,*
<https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/>
- *Volunteer Reporting Hours*
<https://volunteers.cahnrs.wsu.edu/logon.aspx>
- *Diversity & Inclusion Resources*
<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/volunteer-training/diversity-and-inclusion-resources/>

4-H IN-PERSON ACTIVITY UPDATES, MARCH 2021

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Please note: A club or group cannot host in-person activities without *prior approval* from the 4-H office.

Interested in applying to host a 4-H activity in-person? Please follow the guidelines on the attached document. Please contact Jenny if you have more questions at jennifer.loyd@co.yakima.wa.us.

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4-H FOCUS DESIGN INPUT REQUEST

Our 4-H Focus Newsletter Editor is always looking for fresh ideas to make it more useful for our readers.

- ★ **In This Issue...** Articles will be listed in order they appear in the Focus and dates if applicable will be listed. This will give you a quick reference of what is in the newsletter.
- ★ **Quick Links.** Some articles have web links associated with them for registering or downloading the full article. They will be listed here for quick access.
- ★ **Sections.** We have divided articles into divisions that may relate to specific groups; ie Club, Leader, State, Teens, etc.
- ★ **Calendar.** Upcoming events, dates, times and contact information will be listed here. These dates can be transferred into your Record Book Calendar of Events (if they pertain to your County, Club, or Project).

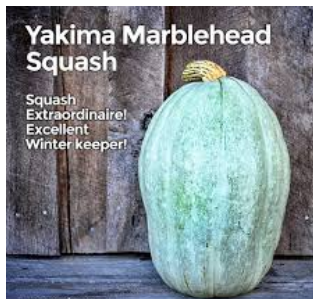
If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send them to yakima.4h@wsu.edu. We want to hear from you and make our Focus a valuable tool for 4-H!

SUPER SATURDAY '21

Super Saturday '21 is navigating from a one or two day event to become part of the ongoing Experience 4-H sessions. The Super Saturday classes will be hosted throughout the next couple months. Keep checking the **Explore 4-H** page to stay up to date with future offerings!

extension.wsu.edu/4h/events/

<https://www.facebook.com/Explore4HWSUExtension>



HEIRLOOM YAKIMA MARBLEHEAD SQUASH SEEDS AVAILABLE DINO EGG OR BIG SQUASH?

Do you want to Grow a Yakima Heirloom? Yakima County Master Gardeners are sharing seeds of the Yakima Marblehead Squash with Yakima County 4-H Families to

grow in your garden in 2021.

Small kids visiting the Master Gardener Heirloom garden ask if these are Dinosaur Eggs!

The Blue Green Fruit turns golden in storage. These squash weigh 10-18 pounds when mature. Because these seeds cannot be purchased in a retail shop, the Master Gardeners suggest you collect & save seeds after growing the squash.

Would you like to grow Master Gardener Heirloom Yakima Marblehead Squash, please contact Jenny, Jennifer.loyd@co.yakima.wa.us. These seeds are limited, so they will be available until the supply that was donated to 4-H has been depleted.

Remember **4-H GROWS HERE!**

4-H FROM HOME WEBSITE

Keep checking our 4-H From Home website. Lots of fun things and web games for club activities, learning tools and virtual club meeting information. New information and events are always being added. <https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-hfromhome/>

VOLUNTEER & LEADER NEWS

SPRING 4-H CONTINUING VOLUNTEER EDUCATION CLASSES!



Snohomish County 4-H will facilitate a series of Spring Continuing Volunteer Education Classes on Saturday, **March 20**. These classes are open to all Extension programs statewide. Classes to be offered are:

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Group Basics

12:00 p.m. Group Agreements (Please join at 11:45 if you are not familiar with Zoom annotation tools).

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Peer Consultation

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Conflict Management

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Delegation

For further information, including class descriptions, and to sign up for classes, click [this link!](#)

PROJECT NEWS

GUINEA PIGS NEED REHOMING

My ten year old daughter has two female Guinea pigs she would like to donate to a 4-H participant looking to do a cavy project. They are both fairly socialized and have been handled, but she hasn't had much time in the last 8 months for them due to horse related activities. They would come with a bale of Timothy hay and a large rabbit habitat they live in. They are both approx two years old and healthy.

Would anyone be interested in these sweet girls? Contact juliebesellicsw@gmail.com.

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YOUTH LIVESTOCK FIELD DAYS**March 20, 9am-12pm PST - Beef****March 27, 9am-12pm PST - Swine****April 3, 9am-12pm PST - Sheep****April 10, 9am-12pm PST - Goat**

Youth in 4-H, FFA or open class exhibitions are invited to join us for an exciting virtual youth market livestock field day series!

The University of Idaho Extension, Nez Perce county in partnership with the Washington State University Whitman and Asotin counties have hosted a popular and informative youth market livestock field day in the Lewis-Clark Valley for many years. 2021 they will be delivered virtually using Zoom, making it possible for us to invite more participants than ever to join in the fun and learning! The registration link is <https://bit.ly/2021livestockfielddayregistration>.

If you have any questions please contact one of us at:

- UI Extension, Benewah County: 208-245-2422 | Gail Silkwood, gsilkwood@uidaho.edu
- UI Extension, Nez Perce County: 208-790-3096 | Judy Floch, jfloch@uidaho.edu
- WSU Extension, Asotin County: 509-243-2009 | Mark Heitstuman, heitstuman@wsu.edu
- WSU Extension, Whitman County: 509-397-6290 | Janet Schmidt, schmidtj@wsu.edu

CLUB NEWS**SHARE YOUR EVENTS WITH US**

We would love to see what everyone is doing! If you would like to send us some pictures and a small write up for us to share to the Facebook page that would be great! It is always fun to see what everyone is doing these days. Just send an email to Jenny Jennifer.Loyd@co.yakima.wa.us to get it on Facebook and posted in our 4-H Focus Newsletter!

SAGEBRUSH RIDERS 4-H CLUB (SBR) FEBRUARY REPORT

Madison Morgan reporting for February 2021. SBR agreed that the new members in the group who had questions about 4-H had a decision on if they would like a mentor, which is someone who has been in 4-H/SBR club, and could help with any question or concerns about 4-H. We have been making sure the mentors keep in touch with the new members to answer questions, currently that is over the phone or Zoom.

Everyone has been getting their kick off kits to start off the new year, which has been really fun and appreciated.

Finally, at the end of the month we will have our monthly club meeting through Zoom.

Sincerely, Madison Morgan, SBR reporter

TEEN NEWS**WE WANT YOU!**

Join the Washington State 4-H Ambassadors!

Make the future of 4-H in Washington State brighter!

Connect and interact with teens to make the future of 4-H better than the day before!

- ★ Eligibility: Teens grades 9-12
- ★ Positions: 4 per district, 2 new each year
- ★ Term: 1-2 year term

The Washington State 4-H Ambassadors promote and portray 4-H in a positive manner through cooperation and communication, with leadership and planning, as a bridge between state and local 4-H events and learning.

Apply today! Visit the state 4-H website: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/teen-leadership-opportunities/state-opportunities/>.

Email: wa4hsa@gmail.com

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Washington State 4-H is pleased to offer a number of different scholarships. Currently enrolled Washington State 4-H members are eligible to apply. Applicants must have accumulated at least two years of 4-H affiliation. Previous Washington State 4-H scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be a senior attending an accredited two or four-year college or university in the fall. Questions contact Contact Britta Nitcy, 509-335-6479, nitcy@wsu.edu

Washington 4-H Scholarships require all five pieces of the Washington State 4-H Scholarship Application. Each applicant will be considered for all Washington State 4-H Scholarships. The application **must be submitted by March 15 no later than 9:59 PM**. One large change this year is that 4-H Scholarship applicants must be enrolled and approved in 4-H Online to be eligible. Contact Bonnie or Jenny if you are enrolled, but not approved.

These scholarships may be used at any accredited two or four-year college or university.

- **Woody and Joan Bernard 4-H Scholarship**– To be considered for this \$1,000 scholarship you must plan to attend a four-year accredited educational institution or two-year vocational institution.
- **Lewis County 4-H Leaders Scholarships** – to be considered for one of the three scholarships (Two @ \$1,000, One @ \$500) you must plan to

attend a two or four- year college. Applicants can be from any county in Washington State.

- **O.M. Plummer Memorial Scholarship** – to be considered for the approximately \$500 scholarship you must be attending a two or four-year college.
- **Thomas R. Quann Scholarship** – to be considered for this \$1,000 scholarship you must be a current 4-H member and plan to attend a two or four-year college.
- **Washington State 4-H Foundation Trustees Scholarship** – to be considered for this \$1,000 scholarship you must be a high school senior and attend a two or four-year college.
- **WSU CAHNS 4-H Scholarship** – to be considered for one of the two \$3,000 scholarships available you must have been a 4-H Club member for at least two years, leader among your peers, and plan to attend the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University your freshman year.
- **J. Orville/Helen Young Memorial Scholarship** – to be considered for this \$500 scholarship you must be a current 4-H member and plan to attend a two or four-year college.

To apply visit the Scholarship Opportunity webpage

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>.

The Washington State 4-H Dairy Endowment also offers two \$500 scholarships. The Washington State Dairy Endowment Scholarship requires a separate application from those above and is due April 1st. The Dairy Endowment offers scholarships to present or former 4-H Dairy Project members – one for a high school senior and one for a current college student. For information and to apply go to: <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/dairy-endowment-fund/>



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE FOR 4-H GOAT PROJECT YOUTH!

Scholarships are available through the American Goat Federation's Youth Scholarship Program.

Application deadline is **May 1**.

- ★ \$1,000 Scholarships are available for ages 17-21 (Tier 1)
- ★ \$500 Scholarships are available for ages 12-16 (Tier 2)

These scholarships are funded under a cooperative agreement with USDA/APHIS/VS, to encourage education and development of youth

involved in the goat industry and who hold a current membership, or whose parents or guardians are members in The American Goat Federation or any of its member organizations.

For more details, including program information and requirements for the scholarship application, can be found at

<https://americangoatfederation.org/youth-scholarship-program/>

STATE NEWS

2022 YOUTH IN ACTION AWARDS

Applications for the 2022 4-H Youth in Action Awards are open! Four dynamic youth leaders will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship. Open to youth age 15-19. Apply beginning **January 6 through March 29, 2021**. The four youth leaders will represent STEM, Healthy Living, Agriculture and Civic Engagement. <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/290190.pdf> Please pass this information along to anyone working with our youth!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME LATER!!!

Keep checking the 4-H Focus Newsletter and Yakima County 4-H Facebook page!

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H EQUINE CONTESTS SAVE THE DATES!

May 1, 2021

STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL CONTEST

June 5, 2021

STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST



Both contests will be virtual. Minimal registration fee. Questions: kim.baker@wsu.edu | 425-357-6007

Registration details will be uploaded to the WA State 4-H website: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/events/category/animal-science/horse/>

WSU Extension programs, employment, and volunteer service are available to all without discrimination (WSU Extension Policy #15). Concerns regarding potential discrimination may be reported through your local WSU Extension office or directly to the WSU Compliance and Civil Rights (CCR) Office: bsb@wsu.edu | 509-333-8288.

ALL OTHER NEWS

4-H HORSE SHOW CLOTHES

Are you in the need of some more horse show clothing items? Linda Johnson, (509) 952-9209, is dispersing some of her show clothes. Ladies Medium to Large and some youth items. Please contact her directly.

This is being sent out for information, Yakima County 4H does not endorse any firms, products, services, or sellers

2021 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE UPDATE

Shaping the Future is the theme and **April 10-14**, are the dates. It will be a Virtual Format. The link to the information letter is [here](#). Cost: \$325 for youth participants. Adult chaperones are free but need to register to attend. Maximum 350 Participants. Registration Timeline:

- **January 26:** Registration opens (online only, no paper forms) o Active link will be available on the National 4-H Conference Website
- **February 23:** Late registration begins \$50 upcharge per delegate
- **March 2, 5:00 pm EST:** All registrations close

CALL FOR ENTRIES – 2021 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY COMPETITION!

The 2021 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition is open to active 4-H Club members only. Each state may submit only ONE entry.

- Deadline for national submission: **April 1**
- National winners will be announced: **June 15**

For further information, eligibility, rules and requirements, find the Call for Entries letter [here](#).



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OF HONEY BEES, INC.**

**CHALLENGE CHECK-IN
STATE OF INNOVATION CHALLENGE UPDATE**

It's only weeks until the March 4 deadline for project submissions, so if you haven't already started, now is a great time to get going on your projects:

- Visit our ["Get Started"](#) page to find everything you need to get going with the Challenge
- Download our [instructional guides](#), your one stop shop to implement the cases with youth

What happens to project submissions?

All students who submit a Challenge solution — whether it's a Nano project, a Micro project, or a Macro project will be recognized for their contribution. **The most innovative projects will be awarded special recognition at our award ceremony in March** — for those innovation awards we are looking for projects that meet most of the [submission guidelines](#).

I don't have a lot of time for special projects, can my students still participate?

Yes. A Challenge solution doesn't have to be a major project, it can take as little as one hour or one class period to create an idea to submit.

- **If you have limited time, have your students submit a ["Nano" solution, using Flipgrid](#)** — No Flipgrid? Vimeo, Youtube or even email work

- Got more time or looking for a more challenging project for your students? They can submit a ["Micro" or "Macro" solution](#).
- The Challenge is scalable based on the needs and capacity of adults and students — so choose what works best for you — the **State of Innovation Challenge** team can't wait to see the responses!

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Read the press release from the Office of the Governor — "State of Innovation Challenge invites Washington youth to design solutions to the state's big issues."

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/state-innovation-challenge-invites-washington-youth-design-solutions-states-big-issues>

FUN QUIZ ABOUT FOCUS

Do you read the 4-H Focus Newsletter? Do you like Scavenger hunts? The first 2 people who respond to Yakima.4h@wsu.edu with the correct answers to the questions below wins a prize!

1. What is the new hyperlink to the new 4HOnline Enrollment Program version 2?
2. What date is the 4-H Beekeeping Essay due?
3. What is the name of the squash seeds Master Gardeners is offering?
4. The Picture of Uncle Sam pointing goes with what article?
5. When is the date for the 4-H Hippology Contest?
6. Who gave the report for Sagebrush Riders 4-H Club?
7. When is the Sheep Livestock Field Day?
8. "Shaping the Future" is the Theme of what event?
9. Bonus Point: What is your favorite topic in the **4-H From Home** Website?

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"WSU Yakima County Extension empowers our families, communities, and local partners through a network of educators and volunteers to provide research-based outreach and creative solutions to enhance agricultural productivity, environmental stewardship, and quality of life."

Alison White
Regional Specialist, 4-H Youth Development

Jennifer Loyd
Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development

4-H CALENDAR – DATES TO REMEMBER

****Fair board meeting dates are not listed below, please contact the fair boards to find out how meetings are taking place. Due to COVID-19 concerns, these meetings should be occurring in an alternate format, no face-to-face meetings or gatherings.

MARCH 2021

1	Deadline Extended Virtual Dairy Calf Youth Sale, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Follow COVID gathering restrictions https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/dairy-endowment-fund/program-activities/springtime-youth	
4	Deadline, State of Innovation Challenge, Click link for more information, "Get Started" "Get Started"	
5-7	4-H Virtual Teen Retreat "Authors of Change": Teen Equity & Inclusion Task, Force wa4hteenequity.weebly.com	
6	1:00 pm, Virtual Small Animal Series Zoom - Topic: Poultry Basics. pre-register at https://wsu.zoom.us/j/648123456789	
15	Deadline 4-H Scholarships, https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/ .	
20	Depending on COVID restrictions, Equi-Far schooling show, more info to come later	Kim Lansing 539-0257
20	9:00 AM-12:00 PM PST, Beef. Youth Livestock Virtual Field Day. Registration https://bit.ly/2021livestockfielddayregistration - See March Focus article for more contact information	
20	10:00 AM, Spring 4-H Continuing Volunteer Education Classes, https://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/4h/volunteers/continuing-education-for-4-h-volunteers/spring-4-h-continuing-volunteer-education/	
20	Virtual Dairy Calf Youth Sale, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Follow COVID gathering restrictions https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/dairy-endowment-fund/program-activities/springtime-youth	
24-28	4-H Teen Equity & Inclusion Task Force wa4hteenequity.weebly.com	
20	Fun Quiz About Focus answers due. See page 5 of focus for questions, Yakima.4h@wsu.edu , Bonnie 574-1576	
27	9:00 AM-12:00 PM PST, Swine. Youth Livestock Virtual Field Day. Registration https://bit.ly/2021livestockfielddayregistration - See March Focus article for more contact information	
Jan 6 - Mar 29	Deadline, 2022 Youth In Action Awards, http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/290190.pdf	

APRIL 2021

1	Essay Deadline, 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition, https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2021/02/2021-4-H-Beekeeping-Essay-Competition-Call-for-Entries_.pdf	
3	9:00 AM-12:00 PM PST, Sheep. Youth Livestock Virtual Field Day. Registration https://bit.ly/2021livestockfielddayregistration - See March Focus article for more contact information	
10	9:00 AM-12:00 PM PST, Swine. Youth Livestock Virtual Field Day. Registration https://bit.ly/2021livestockfielddayregistration - See March Focus article for more contact information	
10-14	National 4-H Virtual Conference. Registration January 26 to February 23 https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2021/01/4-H-Conference-Info-to-states-1-15-2021.pdf	
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MAY 2021

1	Application Deadline, 4-H Goat Scholarship, https://americangoatfederation.org/youth-scholarship-program/	
1	4-H Horse Bowl Contest, more information to come later	
	Central Washington Junior Livestock Show Cancelled, https://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com	

JUNE 2021

5	4-H Hippology Contest, more information to come later	
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What does this mean for Yakima 4-H?

- Virtual or at-home learning is still our first choice for all activities that can be conducted virtually, independently or at-a-distance.
- A club or group may seek approval to offer an in-person participation option for activities that cannot reasonably take place virtually or through at-home learning.
- Please note: A club or group cannot host in-person activities without *prior approval* from the 4-H office.

Interested in applying to host a 4-H activity in-person? Here are a few important points to keep in mind:

1. You may apply for approval to run a single activity in-person or series of activities in-person. Just email or call Jennifer Loyd at Jennifer.loyd@co.yakima.wa.us or 509-574-1574 (9 AM - 4:30 PM) to get started.
2. Approving an in-person activity takes time and creative planning! Please notify the 4-H office at least four weeks prior to the activity. We'll work together to develop a safety and participation plan, which then has to be approved by the County Director, Washington State 4-H, and WSU.
3. An in-person activity must meet several conditions in order to be approved. The most notable (as of March 1st, 2021) include:
 - a. The activity cannot reasonably be completed virtually or through at-home learning.
 - b. The nature of the activity allows for all safety procedures to be followed (e.g., physical distancing, masks, proper sanitation).
 - c. The activity doesn't mix participants in groups larger than five.
 - d. There are at least two certified volunteers (or a combination of certified volunteers and staff) present.
 - e. All key personnel/participants have completed safety training.
 - f. The plan includes a virtual or at-home option to ensure the opportunity to participate isn't limited by safety or health concerns.

Examples of recently held in-person activities include:

1. A community service event where youth in small (five or less), physically distanced groups helped ready the yard of a family dealing with tragedy for the holidays (at-home option: youth could create or donate holiday décor). Approximately ten youth participated within the two staggered groups.
2. An equine clinic where youth in small (five or less), physically distanced groups rode their horses at an open-air arena to receive feedback and support from a clinician (virtual option: youth could submit a riding video and receive clinician feedback). Approximately 20 youth participated within four staggered groups.

Would you like to work with us to create an in-person plan for future activities? Or would you like support in running virtual meetings or at-home activities? We have lots of ideas and resources to share! Please reach out!

We recognize that there is still much uncertainty to navigate as we begin to plan for in-person activities this spring and as public health measures changes so will our policies. We are thankful for your dedication to 4-H and the perseverance you have modeled for our youth. We love seeing the ways our 4-H community is staying connected virtually and through porch pick-ups — you are so creative!

RESOURCES:

- [4-H In-Person Flowchart](#): a simplified breakdown of the approval process
- [4-H Club Zoom Tips, Sample Agenda & Activities](#)
- [4-H At-Home Learning Links](#)
- [Yakima 4-H From Home Links & Ideas](#)

OFFICE & STAFF ACCESS

Since March 16th, the WSU Extension Office has been closed to the public, and personnel are teleworking. We are available via phone, email, or by scheduled video-conference.

If you have questions about the status of an upcoming event, please contact Jennifer Loyd at Jennifer.loyd@co.yakima.wa.us or 509-574-1574 (9:00 AM - 4:30 PM).

If you have questions about our response to COVID-19 please contact Alison White, 4-H Regional Specialist (alison.white@wsu.edu or 509-707-8066 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM), or Jennifer Loyd at Jennifer.loyd@co.yakima.wa.us or 509-574-1574 (9:00 AM - 4:30 PM).

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Yakima County 4-H