4-H FOCUS





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Happy Fall Y'all!



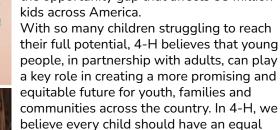


CLUB, VOLUNTEER & PROGRAM NEWS



Celebrate 2023 National 4 H Week October 1st through 7th!

Every year, National 4-H Week sees millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni come together to celebrate the many positive youth development opportunities offered by 4-H. The theme for this year's National 4-H Week, is a campaign that was created by National 4-H Council to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America



To learn more about how you can get involved, visit extension.wsu.edu/4h/

make a difference in the world.

opportunity to succeed. We believe every child should have the skills they need to





Share Your 4-H Story

Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club. Use and follow the hashtag #ILove4H, share your story, or read stories similar to yours. Send your post or story to yakima.4h@wsu.edu or post to our Facebook page. Check out Yakima County 4-H Facebook page for upcoming events or contests.

Volunteers: Your Time Matters To Us!

Every hour you spend supporting 4-H is a donation. All 4-H volunteers are required to report hours; reporting protects and supports you and the local program! We ask that you please submit your hours as soon as possible, as we are approving these the first week of October. If you need additional assistance, please reach out to Katlyn at vakima.4h@wsu.edu or call 509-574-1600. By reporting your hours you give Yakima County 4-H the numeric proof we need to show our funders and higher-officials that our programs are greatly valued and needed. In addition, reporting your hours makes you eligible for the Department of Labor and Industries medical aid program (this program allows an injured volunteer's medical expense to be paid by the Dept. of Labor and Industries), and allows you protection under the state of Washington tort claims law, RCW 4.92.060. What qualifies as volunteer hours? Anything and everything you do for 4-H! Teaching, planning, prepping, shopping, helping at fair and other events, paperwork, training, driving, calling, emailing, even reading this counts!

Check out some of the 4-H youth members amazing creations from our gourd decorating event!

If you didn't get to the Modern Living Building during the Central Washington State Fair, here is a quick sneak pack of one of the many awesome creations our 4-H kiddos showcased. Great job to all those kiddos hard work & Kattie for setting up such an elaborate display!



CLUB, VOLUNTEER & PROGRAM NEWS, CONTINUED...

National Leadership Award And "I Dare You" Scholarship

The American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Award is a unique opportunity for you to honor extraordinary young people for their character and leadership. The award recognizes youth ages 15-18 years old who strive to be their personal best and positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs and communities. Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of William H. Danforth's motivational book "I Dare You!", and are eligible to be nominated for the "I Dare You" Scholarship. Choose any four youth ages 15-18 that have completed their freshman year in high school and show outstanding qualities in servant leadership from your 4-H community. Nominations are due in the Extension office on **October 20**. Forms are available in the Extension office or can be downloaded from the <u>website</u>.

Certificates Of Appreciation

It's time to say "Thank you" to all the individuals and businesses who've helped, donated time, or sponsored your club and/or event. Please send your list to Katlyn at katlyn.shockey@co.yakima.wa.us, so they may be invited to the Leader Luncheon and receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of 4-H. Due in Extension office **October 20**.

Save The Date! Annual 4-H Celebration & Leaders Luncheon on November 4th

This celebration is free to our Yakima 4-H volunteers & families! The schedule for this event is listed below.

- The Leaders' Council meeting begins at 10:00 am.
- Honorary Leaders meet at 11:00 am.
- Luncheon begins at **Noon** in the Terrace Heights Grange All award applications are available on the 4-H website, <u>Leader</u>, <u>Member and Club Awards Applications</u> and due **October 20th**.

4-H Member Recognition Awards

Show your gratitude to a specific 4-H member or volunteer by nominating them for one of the following awards,

- **%** Outstanding First Year Club Award
- New Honorary Leader
- ****** Lew Evans Memorial Award
- 🔏 🛮 Inez Walter Award
- Toppenish Rotary Awards Agriculture & Home Ec
- **Certificate of Appreciation Nomination**

If you would like to nominate a deserving individual, you can find the <u>applications on our website</u>. Please be sure to submit your nomination by **October 20th**. The award winners will be honored at the annual 4-H celebrations & leaders luncheon mentioned above.

Washington State 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Please join us in honoring our volunteers! Our 2023/2022 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held **Saturday, October 28 at 12:30 p.m**. at The Armory in Ellensburg, WA. All state awardees (Alumni Award, Salute to Excellence Ten Year and Lifetime, Heather Rider Award, Volunteer Staff Award, [state] Friend of 4-H AND Hall of Fame) for years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 will be honored. Volunteers of the Year and Teen Leaders of the Year for 2022 and 2023 will be honored through narrated video during the program.

All state awardees will receive an invitation directly to reserve their space at the event and will RSVP as indicated on their invitations. Others may attend at a \$20/person cost; registration for non-awardees opens on **Friday, September 22** and can be found at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/722452523947. For further questions or concerns, please contact Jana Ferris at

ferrisi@wsu.edu or 360-548-3301.

Centerpieces Needed for the Volunteer Recognition Dinner Hosted on October 28th

The Washington State 4-H Volunteer Recognition dinner is in need of centerpieces! We are asking for clubs to volunteer to create a centerpiece that's theme is focused on a specific 4-H project. Choices of projects listed below:

ArtsSmall AnimalsFood/Nutrition

Stem
Horse
Livestock

Shooting Sports
Leadership
Plant Science

The color scheme for this event is green & white with accents of pumpkin and fall colors. The tables at this dinner will be round and measure at about 60" inches, possibly covered with a black table cloth.

We need clubs to create centerpieces that are visible to all without obstructing anyone's view of each other and made with a theme of a project. Featuring pictures of your club members partaking in the project are encouraged, but not necessary! If your club is interested in participating, please reach out to Bonnie at the Extension Office by calling 509-574-1576. We ask that upon signing up, you please list your 1st -2nd -3rd project choices that you would prefer making the centerpiece on. If you have any additional questions, feel free to call the office. We look forward to seeing your amazing creations!

TABLE SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE 2023 4-H WASHINGTON STATE **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON** ne Foundation of 4 Your sponsorship is a \$250.00 or (\$250), go to our direct investment that will help the 4-H nation link for Washington State Washington State Volunteer Recognition Excellence Fund at: http Luncheon celebrate the contributions or scan the QR code. of volunteers who promote the positive Under Other, type in development of youth in co \$250, and at proceed to checkout, under Sponsorship includes your logo and recognition on-screen and please type "Voluntee signage during the event

> If you would like to purchase tickets to attend the luncheon please visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/722452523947

TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

Know Your Government

On President's Day weekend members of the Know Your Government (KYG) 4-H Club will have the opportunity to gather in Olympia for the 2024 Know Your Government Teen Conference. This conference will have a focus on the election theme, called "It's Your Choice". Youth members at this event will be pick a candidate and campaign for other delegations to also vote for them. Making a really fun and engaging year for new 4-H youth members to join! If this is something your youth member may be interested in be sure to keep an eye out for updates!

More information regarding this event, can be found on the <u>KYG Webpage</u> or you can even <u>watch a short video</u> of what KYG is all about! For further questions or queries please reach out to Katie Dunn at <u>kjdunn2022@gmail.com</u>.

4-H ENROLLMENT NEWS

4-H Enrollment Year

Welcome to the new 2023-2024 4-H year! As of **October 1st** the online enrollment program should be back up in running for our new & returning families to complete enrollment at https://v2.4honline.com/.

4-H Youth Membership Fee

The youth membership fee is due at the time of enrollment and is done through the 4-H online system. The fee is \$25.00 per youth member. Volunteers do not need to pay the fee. You have the option to pay by credit card, send in a check. To request sponsorship for the membership fee, send an email with member(s) name to vakima.4h@wsu.edu.

Annual 4-H Club Packets

Club packets have officially been sent out in the mail, please keep a look out for those! We ask that club packets are filled out, completed, and sent back to the office **February 1, 2024** with the exception of the financial summary. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like any help in filling this paperwork out please call to Katlyn at the Extension office at 509-574-1600.

Annual Financial Summaries

Annual Financial Summary Report for **October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 are due December 1st.** If your club does not have a checking or savings account, please make a note to that fact on the form, <u>sign the form</u> and return it. Any forms that are not completed or signed will be returned. Instructions are in the <u>Leader's Guide to the Treasurer's Book (C1059E)</u>. If you have any questions, please contact Katlyn at the Extension office 509-574-1600.

4-H Club Bank Accounts and EINs

4-H Clubs are given non-profit status under the umbrella of the Washington State 4-H Program. 4-H clubs must be a chartered club in good standing, in order to have a bank account, to fundraise, or to accept funds or gifts and claim non-profit status for their club. To have a 4-H bank account, clubs are required to have an EIN with the IRS. New EIN applications must be completed by 4-H office staff. If your club needs an EIN, please contact Katlyn at the extension office by calling 509-574-1600. Clubs are NO longer allowed to have "shoebox accounts". Clubs are not required to have bank accounts or EINs, but learning about money is a truly valuable life skill.

FAIR NEWS





State 4-H Fair Results

Unfortunately the extension office is still waiting to receive the official results from the Washington State 4-H Fair in Puyallup. However, we were thrilled to hear of the highlights from our 4-H participants & their parents! Pictured here are some of the highlights we received. Congratulations to all our 4-H Youth members and families, we are so proud of all your hard work!



FAIR NEWS, CONTINUED...

EQUINE NEWS

"Thank You" for all your hard work at the Central Washington State Fair!

A tremendous 4-H Thank You to all the kids, volunteers and parents at Central Washington State Fair! We made quite an impression this year within our community by showing over 1400 school tour kids and 200 teachers and chaperones how "4-H Grows Here" in Yakima County.

Throughout the week you all demonstrated the amazing people & projects within 4-H by helping kids to make friendship bracelets, talking to them about your animals and projects, and showcasing the many creative arts on display; from baked goods, lego projects, posters, sewing projects and more.

It was a pleasure to hear from the many adults and kids who came to our 4-H booth who stopped to tell me "thank you" and shared their many stories of how 4-H has impacted their lives. It is truly an honor to be a part of such an amazing community!

Thank you again to Central Washington State Fair for making this all possible, and The Yakima Valley Dairy Women at The Milk Shed for giving us ice cream coupons! We hope to see you all again next year!

Yakima County 4-H Horse Council Meeting

This meeting will be hosted at the WSU Extension Office on Wednesday, October 11th at 5:30 pm. Weather will determine if it will be hosted inside or outside in the parking lot. We welcome you and your friends to attend this meeting, but please be sure to bring your own: chair, dinner & refreshments!

Topics of Discussion

- Vote on WSH Officers
- WSJHS/Grant County 5 year contract
- WSJHS possible upsizing of trailer
- Possibly set up of Dressage ring strategize simpler/better ways to utilize

Important Dates

Equi-Fair discussion/dates - April 27, 2024 WSJHS date - June 27-30, 2024

The Bits & Buckles 4-H Open Horse Show

This show is scheduled to be hosted on October 1st. Registration forms and directions are available here:

https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/.../2023-Bits-Buckles-Fall-Show-10...

Please call 509-962-7507 or email: kittitas.4h@wsu.edu with any questions you may have regarding this event.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Agri-copia

Get Ready! You'll want to be a part of the 8th Annual AGRI-COPIA celebrating the rich agricultural history of Central Washington on **October 14-15**, **2023**! This is an agricultural event that is family friendly, educational and free admission (donations suggested for wagon rides & pumpkin decorating - all proceeds benefit the Central WA Ag Museum).

Make & enjoy S'mores kits for kids **Saturday from 10-2**, courtesy of Erin Kline Aleman, Real Estate Services!



Exhibition of the horses in draft along with the Draft Horse Gentle Giants Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Old time Horse Driven Plowing Bee With participating members of the Washington Draft Horse and Mule Association Ag Museum demos & exhibits Vintage Tractor Games-Come drive a vintage tractor! A REAL Mini Excavator for the kids to operate "Draft Horse Q&A Pumpkin Decorating for Kids on Saturday!

Please note, Saturday's Schedule Differs from Sunday, please see the schedule for specific times & dates.



Spy Kids: Armageddon - Mission: #GAMECLOVER.

Get ready for an epic adventure that will keep you on the edge of your seat! We're excited to introduce an interactive experience like no other and unleash your inner spy >> Mission: #GAMECLOVER.

Are you up for the challenge? The world of espionage awaits!

The collaboration between 4-H and Netflix through Spy Kids: Armageddon and CLOVER by 4-H is a testament to the boundless possibilities that emerge when purpose-driven organizations and influential brands unite their resources.

#GAMECLOVER is just one example of the content on CLOVER that highlights the excitement and innovation that accompany fields such as engineering, technology, and space exploration. Our hope is that CLOVER inspires a generation of future scientists, engineers, and inventors. Here's a snapshot of what families can expect from the platform!



4-H RESOURCES & IMPORTANT LINKS

Quick Links

% Yakima County 4-H From Home

https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-hfromhome/

X 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/

% Volunteer Reporting Hours - Give Pulse

https://wsu.givepulse.com/group/453176

% Volunteer Sterlings Background screening

https://app.sterlingvolunteers.com/en

3 4-H Online Enrollment Link

https://v2.4honline.com/

% 4-H Online Enrollment: Creating Family Profile

Youtube https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima

38 4HOnline Enrollment Guide

https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites.pdf



"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."

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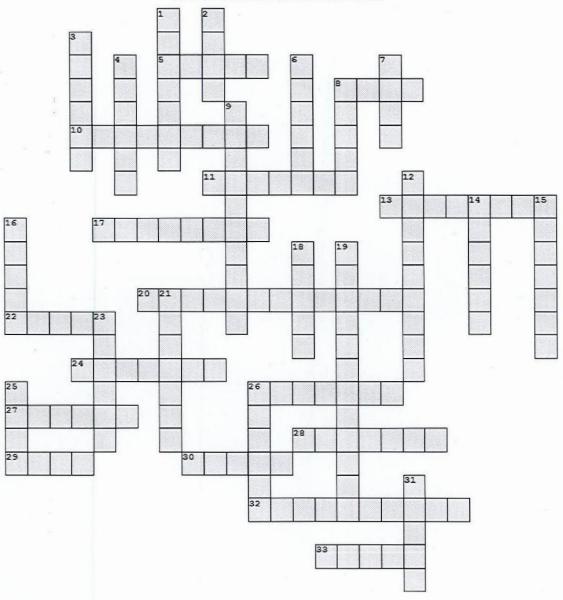
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2023						
1	4-H Year Begins 2023-2024					
1	Washington State 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon - Deadline for Volunteer of the Year	Jana <u>ferrisi@wsu.edu</u> or 425-595-2950				
1-4	National Dairy Conference, Madison Wisconsin	https://national4hdairyconference.org/registration/				
1-7	Washington State 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon - Information Disbursed for making Reservations	Jana <u>ferrisj@wsu.edu</u> or 425-595-2950				
7	7:00 pm, Central Washington Junior Livestock Show - Raffle Drawing	Call to purchase raffle tickets - Extension 509-574-1600 or Bonnie 509-760-8277				
18	Yakima Annual Leaders Luncheon, 4-H Member Recognition Awards - Applications Due!!	Katlyn or Jenny <u>vakima.4h@wsu.edu</u> 509-574-1600				
20	Yakima Annual Leaders Luncheon, Certificates of Appreciation - Lists Due!!	Bonnie <u>bonnie.abercrombie@co.yakima.wa.us</u> 509-574-1600				
20	4-H Record Book Medal of Honor & Completion Judging - Books Due to Extension Office	Katlyn or Jenny <u>vakima.4h@wsu.edu</u> 509-574-1600				
28	12:30 pm, Washington State 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Armory in Ellensburg, WA.	Jana <u>ferrisj@wsu.edu</u> or 425-595-2950				
November 2023						
4	10:00 am, Leader Luncheon Leader Council Meeting, Terrace Heights Grange	Jenny 509-574-1584, Jennifer.loyd@co.yakima.wa.us				
4	11:00 am, Leader Luncheon-Honorary Leader Council Meeting, Terrace Heights Grange	Jenny 509-574-1584, Jennifer.loyd@co.yakima.wa.us				
4	12:00 pm Leader Luncheon, Terrace Heights Grange	Jenny 509-574-1584, Jennifer.loyd@co.yakima.wa.us				

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW 4-H?

Answers Available in Extension Office





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- 5. In 4-H you "Learn by ____".
- 8. One of the four "H"s
- In 1914 Congress passed an act that established ____ and 4-H.
- Keeping ___ helps you keep track of what you are learning and helps you develop business sense.
- Saturday is an event held in January every year to educate families about 4-H.
- 17. "I pledge my head to clear
- 4-H members show and tell others how to do things in this activity.
- Pocket pets fall in the category of ____ animals.
- 24. Revue Show, an event where members display their Clothing & Textiles projects.
- 26. This is a project in Environmental Stewardship Class.
- 27. The four-leaf clover is the official 4-H _
- 28. Age division for members in grades K-2.
- 29. The ___ leaders are a wonderful help to adult leaders.
- 30. Primaries can show ___ goats.
- 32. 4-H Ambassadors learn skills in
- The 4-H colors are green and ____.

Down

- Livestock ____ is evaluation of an animal's characteristic in comparison to other animals in its species.
- 2. A community event where 4-H'ers enter projects and exhibits.
- 3. Youth in a 4-H club is called a
- 4. An educational display that members use to promote 4-H.
- Age division for members in grades 3-5.
- A guinea pig falls in this project category.
- The four "H"s = Head, Heart, ____, Health.
- The Know Your ___ project has a state-wide conference in Olympia where members apply what they have learned and meet their legislators.
- 12. "For my club, my ____, my country, and my world.
- Age division for members in grades 9-12.
- 15. 4-H is a fun for boys and girls 5 to 18 years old.
- 16. ___ have a planned program and meet regularly.
- 18. Another name for equine.
- 19. Age division for members in grades 6-8.
- 21. To display the members completed project.
- 23. An adult who works voluntarily with a group of 4-H members.
- 25. The 4-H motto is "Make the Better"
- 26. Pocket pets fall in the category of ____ Sciences.
- 31. An animal used for wool.