



Clover Report



Pierce County 4-H

October, 2022

Congratulations to all of our 4-H member who represented Pierce County 4-H at the State Fair in September and an extra congratulations for those who earned Grand and Reserve Champion.

INFO FAIR

Pierce County 4-H will hold 3 Information Fair recruiting days this year. All Info Fairs will be held 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The first will be at Frontier Park, Rabbit Barn, on September 30. The second and third will be held at the 4-H Office. The second will be held on October 7th and the third on November 18th. All clubs are encouraged to have a representative at one, two or all three Info Fairs. This is a great opportunity to show your club off to families interested in joining 4-H.

ENROLLMENT



4HOnline will open on October 1st for enrolling for the 2023/2024 4-H program year. All new and returning members and leaders must enroll. Members cannot be approved until there is a certified leader approved for their club. This year we will offer the first of a series of limited-edition patches that will feature the program year's Pierce County Fair Theme. Only the first 500 approved members and leaders will receive the patches.

FALL LEADERS MEETING / AWARD DINNER

The Pierce County 4-H Leaders Council will be hosting a dinner for all 4-H leaders and families on October 5th at the WSU Puyallup campus, 2606 West Pioneer. The dinner will include the presentation of leader pins for first year and milestone years. The dinner will be followed by the Fall Leaders Meeting. The topics of the Leaders Meeting will include the new Club Kits that will be given to all clubs and a presentation on 4-H policies highlights. RSVP to [Shelley Friend](#) by October 2nd.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 1st – 4HOnline Reopens.
- 2nd – Dog Leaders Mtg
- 5th – Fall Leaders Meeting/ Dinner
- 7th – Info Fair, Office
- 10th – Fair Board Mtg
- 12th – Horse Board Mtg
- 18th – Horse Leaders Mtg
- 19th – Council Meeting
- 25-29th – Haunted Headlights
- 26th – Program Zoom Mtg

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 4th – Fair Board Retreat
- 6^h – Dog Leaders Mtg
- 10th – Veterans Day Observed
- 16th – Council Mtg
- 18th – Information Fair
- 23rd – Thanksgiving
- 24th – Thanksgiving Holiday
- 30th – Thanksgiving Holiday

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SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION TRAINING



Washington State 4-h is offering a Shooting Sports Leader Certification training on November 3rd -5th in Benton City. The training on the 3rd can be done via zoom but the 4th and 5th must be in person. Training on the 5th is optional if you would like to take a second discipline. The fee for the training is \$90 for one discipline and \$30 for an additional discipline. For leaders in unincorporated or serving unincorporated Pierce County, the fees for the training would be covered by a grant from District 3 County Commissioner Amy Cruver.

TEEN RALLY— Save the Date

Save the date for the 2024 Pierce County Teen Rally which will be held on December 9th with an optional overnight to December 10th. The Teen Rally will be held at WSU Puyallup.

ANIMAL CERTIFICATION

After your enrollment is submitted, it is the perfect time to go back into 4HOnline to add or update your animals for the new program year. All animals entered in 4HOnline in the past **MUST** be resubmitted each year. You can add any animal you think you might use for fair this year.



HAUNTED HEADLIGHTS

Help support the Pierce County Parks by attending this year's Haunted Headlights at Frontier Park. This can be a fun evening out for your family. Haunted Headlights will be held October 25-29, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, at Frontier Park. The event is drive through, so you don't even need to get out of your vehicle. If you would like to get involved with haunted Headlights, you can volunteer with the Pierce County Fair Board as they will have an area they will set up and run. To volunteer, contact Shelly Bennett at fairmanager@piercecounityfair.com. Tickets go on sale on October 1st at the event website: <https://www.piercecounitywa.gov/6998/Haunted-Headlights>. Tickets will not be sold at the event.



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YEAR END PAPERWORK

Leaders, please return your year-end paperwork to the office by December 1st.

You should have received four financial forms, a club charter, a graduate survey and a proposal for Super Saturday workshops. Even if you do not have a bank account as a club, we need the forms back with your signature for year-end reporting purposes. Email shelley.friend@wsu.edu if you need the form emailed to you. Clubs not complying by January 1st will no longer be in good standing. Clubs being audited this year must turn in their audit packets to the 4-H Office by December 31st.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH JAPAN

Looking for some fun and excitement next summer? The States' 4-H International Exchange Program is beginning the new Outbound recruitment season for the summer of 2024 and we have partnered with 7 amazing countries who are ready to share their homes and culture with youth for 4 or 8 weeks. Apply today for exciting travel opportunities.

We will also have many youth traveling to the U.S. next summer from Japan and Korea who need host families! They are anxiously awaiting their travels and look forward to meeting your American family. More information can be found at <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/global-4-h/international-exchanges>





Know Your Government

DECISION 2024: IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

February 17 -19, 2024 • Olympia, WA

What is KYG and Why Do We Have It?

Know Your Government (KYG) is a civic education program with a four-year rotating topic: The Legislative System, The Judicial System, Elections and Party Platforms, and Politics and the Media. It is important to remember though, that KYG is much more than learning about how the Legislative process works. In fact, one could argue that it is little about that.

KYG and 4-H are about learning the life skills our delegates will need to be responsible citizens and productive adults.

The conference is an opportunity for delegates to practice the skills they have learned, apply their knowledge to unknown situations and reflect on how they did.

Statewide Conference

Purpose: To bring high school students from across the state to share ideas, concerns, and potential solutions to problems; to learn about Washington State government and how to become a positive contributing citizen; and to strengthen the connection between youth and our political and social networks through education, experience, application, and inspiration. A value of 4-H KYG is that it provides the opportunity for our delegates to explore new ideas and perspectives in a safe environment. We encourage delegates with different views to work together, not to change each other's minds, but to learn from each other. Encouraging discussion when people disagree and providing an opportunity to explore the issue in a non-threatening way demonstrates to the delegates that they can disagree on an issue but still work together. Ideally, these discussions will help delegates explore why they carry a certain belief and assist them in putting their own beliefs into practice. Remember, one of the intentional life skills we are focusing on this year is communication.

2024 Conference for teens 14-18 years old

This year, participants will explore political parties and the nomination process. During pre-conference orientation, participants will learn about different political parties, the nomination process, the development of resolutions that support planks that make up a party platform, and how to use parliamentary procedure when conducting a meeting. At the conference in February, delegates will nominate a KYG party candidate and finalize a KYG party platform to share with legislators at the Legislative Dinner on the final evening of the conference.

From pre-conference county meetings and conference participation, delegates will learn all or some of the following:

- Discover the purpose of political parties
- Identify parties that exist and what differentiates them
- Discuss what influences parties
- Learn and practice parliamentary procedure
- Learn about different voting systems and practice instant run-off voting and the electoral college
- Learn how to get a candidate elected through building support among peers
- Develop a platform by identifying issues of importance to youth and create resolutions to support those platform planks
- Strengthen focused life skills: Collaboration, Positive Civil Discourse/Conflict Resolution, Positive Citizenship