



Whatcom County 4-H News

FALL 2023

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*October 1st
begins the new
2023-2024
4-H year.*

**Enrollment is
OPEN!**

[V2.4HOnline](#)

Please check your Email Address in 4HOnline

Please check your family and member email addresses, all 4-H correspondence from the Extension Office will be sent to those addresses. Also check that 4-H Online emails are not going to your SPAM folder.

Links for help guides:

Membership Fees for 2023-2024:

County Programming Fee: \$5.00

Credit Cards Accepted? YES

Total Invoiced Amount: \$30.00

Checks Accepted? YES

\$10 Late Fee will apply to enrollments completed Feb 1 or later. Please contact extension directly to ask for a late fee waiver if needed.

Checks Payable To: Whatcom County 4-H Council

Financial Assistance available through the Whatcom County 4-H Council

Children enrolled for health insurance through Amerigroup are eligible for a \$25 coupon code that can be used for enrollments. Contact Extension office for details.

Enrollment fee is the same cost whether paid by cash or check.

Provide Check Payments To:
WSU Whatcom County Extension
600 Dupont St Ste A
Bellingham, WA 98225

This year Leaders and volunteers must be enrolled by Dec 1 or before beginning any 4-H involvement for 2023-2024

Upcoming Calendar

OCTOBER

- 10/1 **4-H Online opens for Enrollment**
- 10/2 **Whatcom 4-H Council, Business Meeting 7pm** Laurel Church, 162 W. Laurel Rd Bellingham
- 10/7 **Herman Miller Park Work Day**
- 10/7 **Ticket to Leadership 10-1pm**
162 W Laurel Rd Bellingham
- 10/10 **4-H Launchpad Community Event**
6:30-8pm Ferndale Library
Explore More—Space!
- 10/22 **New Year 4-H Kickoff Horse Club Fun Show 9-2**
Herman Miller Park
- 10/24 **Volunteer Training: The Safe Club** *REQUIRED FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS That started last year or this year.
Zoom
- 10/26 **** Horse Leader's Meeting 7pm** Herman Miller Park
1385 E Hemmi Rd Everson.

NOVEMBER

- 11/10 **** Achievement Night, Laurel Church 162 W Laurel Rd 6:30pm**
- 11/11 *** Veterans Day,** (Extension Office Closed on Nov 10th in observance)
- 11/12 **Volunteer Training: The Learning Club 2pm WSU**
Extension office 600 Dupont – REQUIRED for new volunteers
- 11/16 **Horse Leader's Meeting 7pm** Herman Miller Park 1385 E Hemmi Rd Everson.

- 11/17 **Countywide Community Service Project—Sewing Hats** to donate
6pm 162 W Laurel Rd Bellingham
- 11/17-19 **Teen Summit** Camp Casey—NW WA 4-H
- 11/23-24 **Thanksgiving Break (Extension Office Closed).**

DECEMBER

- 12/1 **Re-enrollment Deadline and Annual Financial Summaries Due!**
- 12/4 **Leader Appreciation Dinner 6pm**
162 W. Laurel Rd Bellingham
- 12/4 *** Whatcom 4-H Council Business Meeting 7pm** Laurel Church, 162 W Laurel Bellingham
- 12/25-26 **Christmas Break (Extension Office Closed).**

Dec ** Horse Leader's Meeting Location & Time TBD.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Jan **KYG - Know Your Government Opportunities for Teens!**
- Feb **Public Presentations**
Judges Training & Youth Workshops



**EMPOWER ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
TO FIND THEIR SPARK.**

Did you know that your kids can access over 190+ interactive activities on CLOVER online?

Visit: <https://4-h.org/clover/about/>

CLOVER creates impactful learning experiences in partnership with 100+ top-tier universities.



Whatcom County 4-H Achievement Night

November 10, 2022 6:30pm ** Dessert **

Achievement Night—Recognition of Excellence in the Whatcom County 4-H Program. This night is made possible by the families and volunteers that come together to celebrate our kids successes! This is an opportunity to say thank you to Whatcom County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers. 4-H members will receive project completion medals, public presentation rosettes and other awards. There will also be cool door prizes. Members can pick up record books.

HELP NEEDED!

We would love families/clubs to sign up for:

Set Up

Clean Up

Greeting

Taking the garbage away at the end of the night

A club to do the Candle Lighting Ceremony

A club to lead the pledges & carry the flags

A club that would like to provide a game or activity for a brief intermission



BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION.

2023-2024

LEADERS CIRCLE

OCT 29TH 3PM
ZOOM



RSVP FOR LINK

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL COUNTYWIDE 4-H
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT!



IT'S "SEW" COLD OUT!



LET'S MAKE HATS!



FRIDAY NOV 17TH 6PM

162 W LAUREL RD BELLINGHAM

PLEASE BRING 1.5 YARDS OF FLEECE. THIS IS A "KID & ADULT" PROJECT. NO SEWING EXPERIENCE NEEDED, BUT WE DO NEED ADULTS TO LEND A HAND. HATS WILL BE DONATED TO THE OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL TO SHARE WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. GLOVES CAN ALSO BE DONATED!



Q and A Sessions for the Washington 4-H Horse Program Continue – Now On First Wednesdays!

Have questions about the Washington 4-H horse program? **Our monthly Q and A for leaders, parents, members, and staff will now be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month via Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. beginning June 7th.**

Zooms are structured around the theme/parameters of horses and youth development. They are more than "what are the rules." There is also time set aside for input on future topics for subsequent Zooms. **The Zoom meeting ID is 452-082-9765 with no passcode.** You must have a zoom account to participate.

The meetings are facilitated by Kim Baker, State 4-H Equine Coordinator.

ONGOING SERVICE PROJECT FOR KIDS AND CLUBS!



DRAW FOR A CAUSE AND HELP SOME PAWS WHATCOM COUNTY 4-H SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



WHATCOM COUNTY 4-H IS PARTNERING WITH WHATCOM
HUMANE SOCIETY TO HELP SHELTER ANIMALS FIND
PERMANENT, RESPONSIBLE LOVING HOMES

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Visit the WHS Website: www.whatcomhumane.org/adopt/
- Find an animal that you would like to draw a picture of and read their story to learn more about them
- Draw a picture of that animal in setting outside of the shelter, for example playing in a park, or in a home with a family. Try and help shelter visitors imagine what it would be like to have this pet in their lives. The picture should help them connect with the animal.
- You can sign your first name only, and age on the picture
- The picture should be 8"x10" - you can use a regular 8.5"x11" piece of paper but leave a border for mounting
- You can draw in pencil, markers, caryons, or paint! Be creative!
- Contact the WSU Extension office to arrange dropping off your finished art! (360)778-5817 600 Dupont St Bellingham, WA



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Know Your Government! Decision 2024: It's Your Choice!



Know Your Government

Upcoming event:

Decision 2024: It's Your Choice!

February 17 -19, 2024 • Olympia, WA

WHATCOM COUNTY DELEGATES WANTED!



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. This year we will explore the topic of 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.

Pre-conference Meetings

Purpose: Teach the skills, provide the tools, and prepare for the project at the KYG Conference.

Participants will learn how to work as part of a team, with people they may or may not know, to get the pre-conference objectives completed. The pre-conference meetings are a way for delegates to hone these skills so when they get to the conference, they will be prepared to learn the new skills, practice and apply already learned skills, and work with more people they do not know in a mock trial setting. Perhaps even more important than this, they will have an experience that is similar (not necessarily identical) to those of other delegates. Similar experiences will provide a common foundation for all delegates, regardless of geographic, political or other differences.

Learning something new and working with other delegates with different perspectives can be uncomfortable. Pre-conference meetings are a way to help delegates feel comfortable about what will be happening at the conference so they feel safe to experience something new.

For more information: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/kyg/>



WE NEED YOU!



**TEENS NEEDED TO HELP SERVE DINNER ON DEC 4TH 6PM. SET UP AT 5PM.
EMAIL LYNDA.WILLIAMS@WSU.EDU FOR MORE INFO**



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The 2024 4-H Certification Series for Club Leaders, Project Leaders, and Parents



Hi Leaders! Learning the latest tips and tricks for working with youth is good for everyone. Certification requires completing the following indicated trainings but any of you are welcome. These trainings will repeat annually. Please get them all checked off within your first two years. You are welcome to attend any trainings that interest you. We have on-line and in person training opportunities this year.

The Leadership Circle *emails & zooms*
(monthly zooms, last Sunday)
starts October 29, 3 – 4 PM

for Club Leaders

Leadership is what we do. There are lots of theories and many different kinds of leaders, knowing the different ways people lead gives you an edge on helping young leaders develop to their full potential. Come share traditional and non-traditional approaches to leadership development.

The Safe Club (1.5 hrs) ZOOM

October 24, 6:30 – 8PM

for Club and Project Leaders

Experience is sometimes a hard teacher but in 4-H we completely believe in learning by doing! Creating a safe space for experience to be our guide means knowing the policies and protections provided by WSU for 4-H volunteers.

The Learning Club (1.5 hrs) *(in person)*

Whatcom, November 12, 2:00 – 3:30

for Club Leaders, Project Leaders, and Parents

In order to help young people master their experiences, we need to understand motivation and some of the developmental principles of growth. Learn the methods through which young people are empowered across the nation!

The Organized Club (1.5 hrs) ZOOM
March 26 6:30 – 8:00 PM

for Club Leaders and Project Leaders

Your success as a club leader will depend a lot on how you organize and communicate. In this workshop we cover calendars, record books and financial management.

Ready to Compete (2 hrs.) *(in person)*

April 5 at Whatcom Youth Fair, NWW Fairgrounds

for New Families & Project Leaders

Let's face it, "baptism by fire" isn't the best way to learn about the fair. This workshop is specifically designed for new families to learn some of the basic "lingo" around fair, how to prepare and what happens once you get there. We also dive into a discussion on positive sportsmanship.

The Successful Club (1 hr.) ZOOM

April 24 6:30 – 7:30

for Club Leaders, Project Leaders and Parents

Everyone likes to be recognized for a job well done. As a service leadership program, the tasks rests on us to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth, and to grow a culture of community celebration. Let's co-create!

The Welcoming Club (1.5 hrs.) *(in person)*

May 22 Whatcom

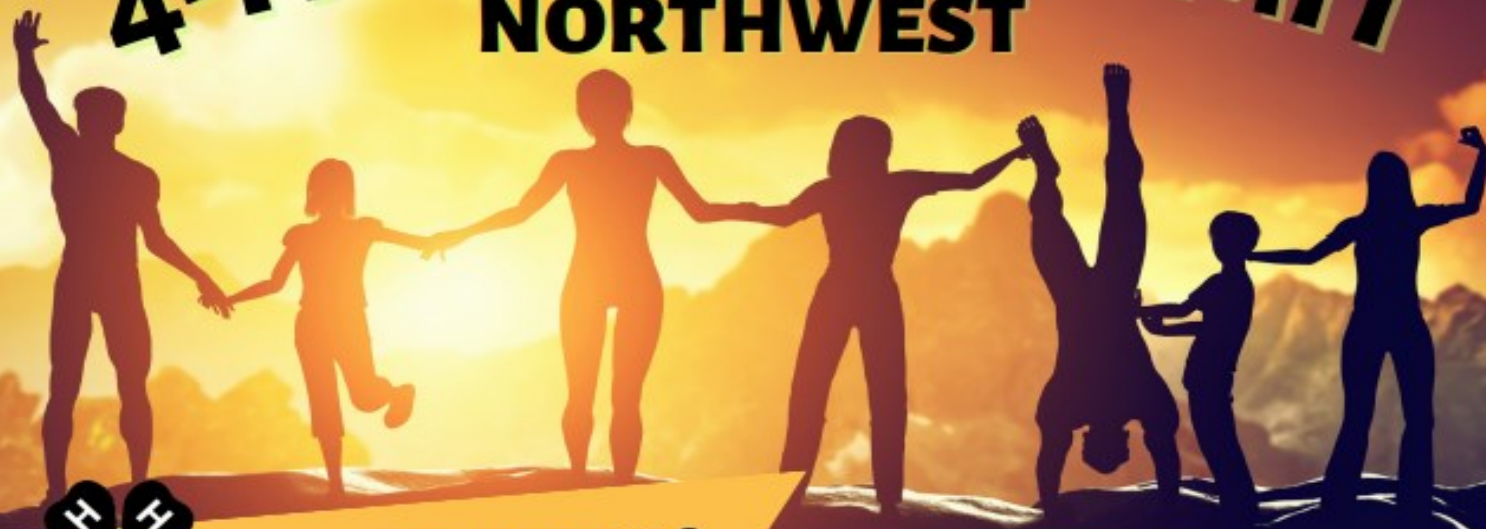
for Club Leaders

How do 4-H Clubs grow? What makes people stick with 4-H or leave? Our culture is over one hundred years old! Those first few moments a new family steps into our world are critical. Come learn about supporting 4-H through welcoming activities and the online enrollment system.

If it is listed as Club Leader and/or Project Leader, it is a required workshop for certification. Each workshop required for leader certification will be offered at least once a year. Leaders have 2 years to complete all required workshops to remain certified. If you are enrolled as a leader, you may attend any workshop you like. The Learning Club, The Successful Club and Ready to Compete are open to parents as well as leaders.



4-H YOUTH SUMMIT NORTHWEST



NOV. 17-19, 2023
WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA

**REGISTER
NOW!**

Open to Senior and Intermediate 4-H Members, the 4-H Youth Summit brings together 4-H members from across the western part of WA State for an opportunity to develop leadership skills, enjoy positive social adventures, and meet new friends. The Summit experience includes workshops, games, s'mores, lots of good food, and a service project! \$100 per person. Registration closes Nov. 10.

Need more information?

Email us at teenleadershipic@gmail.com



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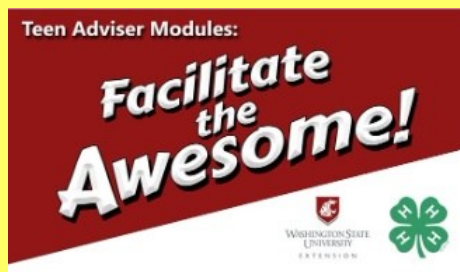


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Share your club news and photos with Whatcom 4-H!

Is your club doing a fundraiser or a community service project? Maybe someone has earned a special achievement? What about those 4-H'ers that went to State Fair? We'd love to share your activities and photos! All news is welcome and if you have a 4-H'er that went to state, send a photo and some details! All photos need names of anyone in the pictures so we can verify photo release permission. We can blur or cover faces of background individuals if needed. Newsletters will be quarterly, so submit your news by Dec 1st to be included in the next newsletter!



Looking for ways to make a more meaningful impact in your volunteer work with teens?

Facilitate the Awesome can help! Inquire at the Whatcom County Extension Office to learn more.

Facilitate the Awesome is a series of workshops intended to build important skills in adults who are helping teens achieve their highest potential.

The workshops will cover:

- The What and Why of Positive Youth Development
- Adolescent Development: *Implications of Current Research*
- Empowering Teens: *Motivating Teens with Positive Youth Development Models*
- Key Elements of Teen Programming: *How to Support Strengths-based Teamwork*
- Encouraging Safe & Inclusive Behaviors in Teens: *Decision-Making & Risk Management*

Training includes experiential activities for different learning styles and models for virtual engagement.