

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development  
News for November 5, 2019**

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**IMPORTANT DATES** More events and info on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>

**October 1 *New 4-H Year!*** Re-enroll at <https://wa.4honline.com>

**November 7** Celebrate Our Kids, Dinner/Recognition Event, 6 pm GHC Fairgrounds, Mike Murphy Pavilion  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/587369828671815/>

**November 11** WSU Extension Office CLOSED in Observance of Veterans Day

**November 18** 4-H Fair Committee Meeting, 6pm, WSU Extension office, Elma

**November 20** GHC Fair Volunteer Dinner Meeting, hosted by GHC Fair Board, 6 pm, Mike Murphy Pavilion  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2436236489805541/>

**November 21** GH 4-H Council Executive Board Meeting, 6 pm  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/414002992563834/>

**November 28 & 29** WSU Extension Office CLOSED in Observance of Thanksgiving Day

**December 2 *New 4-H Year Club Paperwork Due***  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/372391229974594/>

**December 2** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/208199736800315/>

**December 19** GH 4-H Council Meeting, & Cookie Exchange 6 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/414002992563834/>

**December 24 & 25** WSU Extension Office CLOSED in Observance of Christmas

**CELEBRATE OUR KIDS – Dinner and Recognition Event** – Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

The date is almost here! We are looking forward to having you join us at 6 pm on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. The Celebrate Our Kids dinner and recognition event is a fun and festive way to celebrate another wonderful year of Grays Harbor County 4-H programs as a community! Funds raised during the Celebrate Our Kids event support scholarships and other program expenses. We will also be presenting Year End awards – celebrating another great 4-H year filled with learning and personal growth!

We need your help to make this event a huge success:

1. Please extend a personal invitation to at least four of your friends – if they receive a personal invitation they are much more likely to attend. A flyer is now available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/587369828671815/> to share with your friends and neighbors
2. We need participation from all 4-H families – can you help with set-up or clean-up? Can your 4-H Club provide a prize basket or a baked item for dessert? Contact Committee Members, Cathy and Mary at [cathleencozad@gmail.com](mailto:cathleencozad@gmail.com) or [marylightfoot@aaawa.com](mailto:marylightfoot@aaawa.com) for other ways to get involved!

**TIME TO RE-ENROLL**

October marks the beginning of the new 4-H year. All youth members and adult volunteers must log into 4HOnline and update their profiles in order to re-enroll for the new 4-H year. Step-by-step instructions and a link to the 4HOnline enrollment site can be found on our website at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> There are two options for payment of the \$25 Washington State 4-H enrollment fee. You may pay with a card online during the enrollment process,

or select check and deliver a check payable to WSU to the Extension Office. Enrollments will remain pending until payment is received. Re-enrollment is due prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Tracie at 360-482-2934 or [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) if you need assistance or have any questions.

## **FINANCIAL PROCEDURES REMINDERS**

It is important that you develop a financial plan and system with your club, it is a great way for youth to learn how to set goals and priorities and develop financial management skills. Washington State 4-H Youth Development has created a one stop 4-H club financial resource page, <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-clubs/club-financial-information/>.

- Club leaders, volunteers and members who serve in leadership or treasurer capacities are required to complete the 4-H Club Financial Management Training Video and attestation form found at <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-clubs/club-financial-information/> prior to December 2, 2019. Please return the form to Tracie.
- If you raise funds you must have a bank account – no exceptions!
- Set financial goals – what club projects will need funds for this year?
- Develop a budget
- Identify your club's current financial status
- Create income
- Use a ledger to record every expense and deposit
- Checks must have 2 signatures – not members of the same family
- No mobile banking is allowed at this time

## **CLUB LEADER PACKETS DUE DECEMBER 2**

Club leaders - don't forget to return the forms from your Club Leader Packets to the Extension Office no later than December 2. We need:

- Club Chartering Documentation
- Annual Financial Summary – if you don't have a club bank account indicate that on the form and return. All clubs must submit this document.
- Audit Report
- Property Inventory List

Remember, starting in December the 4-H office will conduct an audit of 10% of our clubs. All documents were distributed at the Club Kickoff meetings. If you have any questions please let Tracie know, we are here to help and appreciate all that you do.

## **GET CREATIVE – Enter the State 4-H Fair Patch Design Contest**

Help the State 4-H Fair Board while expressing your own creativity by submitting a design for the official 2020 State 4-H Fair patch. The creator of the winning patch will receive a patch and cash award. Limit of two entries per 4-H member. Find the contest rules and official entry form at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/> or pick up a copy at the Extension Office.

## **CREATIVE KIDS 2020 CONTEST**

Need some inspiration planning activities for your club? Consider diving into the Creative Kids contest categories for 2020. Your projects will be eligible for entry in the Grays Harbor Fair and State 4-H Fair. The categories include "Happy Holidays" crafts, plant container recycling, baked cookies, "Winter Wonderland" poetry, "Winter Wonderland" photo, and 4-H promotional poster projects. See the Creative Kids brochure for official guidelines. This contest is open to all 4-H members regardless of project enrollment. Cash awards and rosette ribbons will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each age group of each class at State 4-H Fair. Find brochure at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/> or pick up a copy at the Extension Office.

## **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

If you participated in the Grays Harbor Fair, a 4-H meeting, camp, or helped a member with their project you must report these hours. Reporting of volunteer hours documents coverage for injuries they might sustain and it is also documentation for the liability coverage WSU provides to its volunteers. All WSU Extension Volunteers must log on to <https://volunteers.cahnrs.wsu.edu/logon.aspx> each month to report hours they worked for any WSU Extension program. Your user name will be your last name and first initial, such as "HansonT" and your initial password is password! (all lower case and include the exclamation point!) Once you log in you will have the option to change your password. For additional information visit the [Reporting Your Volunteer Hours](#) page on our website or contact Tracie 360-482-2934 or [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) if you need assistance.

*4-H teaches life skills that lead young people to become self-directing, positive, contributing members of our society. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact Tracie Hanson at PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541, (360)482-2934, [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) at least two weeks prior to the event. Our county is partnering with neighboring counties—the Constellation group of Mason, Pacific, Lewis, Thurston, etc., to send out e-newsletters. Some articles are from other counties, and include helpful information or invitations to participate in local, regional, or statewide events. Please read carefully.*

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*Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Grays Harbor County Extension.*

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