

Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar

April 22- May 11	Online Livestock Judging Contest-Beef & Swine
May 19	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
May 26	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
May 30	YQCA Deadline
June 1	Deadline to express interest in the National Equine Presentation Contest
June 1-12	Online Livestock Judging Contest-Sheep & Goat
June 16	4-H Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
June 30	Deadline to have Market Livestock Animals tagged

County Demonstrations-Register by June 10

The following dates are currently scheduled for county demonstrations:

June 24 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

June 25 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

There is a strong possibility that the contest will be held via Zoom video-conferencing or be postponed. Details will be announced-stay tuned.

To register for the county contest, contact Susan Bryant at (509) 859-3861 no later than **June 10th**. Please give the following information: name, phone number, age group (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior), project you are giving the demonstration on, and demonstration title. Each member is allowed to do **ONE** County Contest Demonstration per year.

For help on making your presentation, you can get a copy of "Getting to the Point: How to do a 4-H Public Presentation" (EM4787E) at <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/getting-to-the-point-how-to-do-a-4h-public-presentation>.

Record Book Tips – May

- Get creative with your record book while at home. Helping organize an online meeting or activity still counts as leadership. Work on setting new goals since you may have more time to work on them while at home.
- Accommodations are made for 4-Hers with learning/physical disabilities. A note requesting accommodation must be included with the member's book when it is turned in for the Up-to-Date check in July.
- Update Calendar and Project Diary (Level 1) or Project Journal (Level 2) with May dates. List any project/training meetings as well as club meetings in the project journal section.
- Permanent Record – list activities you did in school, church, sports or community events other than 4-H in School and Community Responsibilities page 14.
- 4-H Story may be started by introducing yourself and writing about your project, 4-H club experiences or involvement in your community and school.



WSU Kittitas County 4-H Youth Development Vision Statement:

The WSU Kittitas County 4-H program is a community recognized and supported quality youth development program that helps youth of the county acquire practical hands-on experiences and life skills enabling them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of a diverse and changing society.



Club Business

As of April 20th, all in person Kittitas County 4-H events now through June 19th are postponed or canceled (following school closure guidance) AND until Governor Inslee declares it is safe to meet in groups of ten (10) or more (if the group size is 10 or more). We will continue to update everyone via email - social media and our website.

In the event of continued event cancellations, we remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting creative and fun alternatives for our youth to keep learning, growing and working in their projects!

4-H Forms and Policies Online

Kittitas County 4-H forms and policies are available at kittitas.wsu.edu. Hard copies are also available in the Extension Office.



Opportunities

Friend of 4-H Nominations

One person and one business will be honored each year with the "Friend of 4-H Award". Nominations are due July 1. Pick up a fact sheet and nomination form at the Extension Office, or online at: kittitas.wsu.edu under 4-H Forms & Policies.

Outstanding Leader Nominations

4-H Council sponsors an Outstanding Leader Award for currently enrolled 4-H leaders demonstrating meritorious service and exemplary leadership, who have been involved in Leader's Council. Nominations are due by July 1. A plaque will be awarded during National 4-H Week. The Extension Office has a fact sheet and nomination forms, or check online at: kittitas.wsu.edu under 4-H Forms & Policies.



Teen Opportunities

4-H Teen Association Conference-Now Virtual!

The 2020 University of Idaho State Teen Association Conference scheduled for June 22-25 is being reformatted into a virtual conference, to take place over the same dates. Stay tuned! The good news is the event will now be open to more WA 4-H Teens!

Kittitas County 4-H Scholarships

Kittitas County 4-H Council is sponsoring four scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each:

4-H Endowment Trust Fund Scholarship-Awarded to a graduating senior actively involved in leadership.

Jeanette K. Burghart 4-H Memorial Scholarship-Awarded to a graduating senior who has been actively engaged in 4-H Know Your Government (May have been current year, and/or earlier years.)

Barbara Schnebly Shaw Scholarship-Awarded to a graduating senior or a college student, that has not received a Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship, who excelled in demonstrations and/or club leadership.

Barbara Schnebly Shaw Scholarship-Awarded to a college student who has previously received a Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship and who excelled in demonstrations and/or club leadership.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have a cumulative high school/college GPA of 2.0 or better or equivalent
- Be a member, or past member, of Kittitas County 4-H.
- Submit letter of application with application form.
- Submit a 2-page (maximum) essay on your 4-H experiences and how they have affected you, include adequate details of what 4-H has done to prepare you for the future.
- Submit two letters of recommendation-from someone other than family members.
- Submit a resume that includes your 4-H involvement.
- Submit current transcripts.
- Submit previous year, or last one available, 4-H record book including up-to-date permanent record.
- Submit most recent KYG 4-H record book including up-to-date permanent record.

Applications are available at extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/youth-info/.

The deadline has been extended to May 30. Applications should be e-mailed to amorse@wsu.edu. If you must mail your application, or if you are unable to meet this deadline, please let our office know.

Regarding the required record book portion, we are evaluating how to proceed. Please check extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/youth-info/. We will have more information on the record book requirement posted soon.

State Ambassador Opportunity

We are looking for senior 4-Hers who are prepared for a greater leadership opportunity! The 4-H State Ambassador Program is looking to add a few more leaders to our team!

What does the State Ambassador Program do?

- Currently the program is focusing on creating a team of youth in our state to help make more positive leadership activities happen across our state
- Being a supportive resource for your nearby counties with making fun social and service learning activities happen
- Help nearby counties advance and grow current 4-H leadership opportunities
- What do YOU want to see in the program? We have our ideas, but we also want to hear yours and adjust as we go. This is an exciting time to join the State Ambassador Program because we are recreating what the program looks like, and working with youth from around the state to make a program that our 4-Hers want to be a part of.

What is expected from a State Ambassador?

- Someone who is independently driven, hard working, and dedicated
 - Someone who enjoys working on projects and overcoming challenges
 - Someone who brings their original ideas and is excited to work with a range of people with different ideas
 - Someone who communicates consistently
 - Actively contribute for 1 year attending quarterly meetings, regular online communication with team members, and making independent progress on projects
- Are you ready to take on this type of leadership responsibility? If so, email us at wa4hsa@gmail.com to find out more!

Sincerely,
Washington State 4-H SA Advisers,
Jon Gabelein
Lisa Ubachs
Scott Sagerser
4-H Staff
Kim Belanger

Shooting Sports Information

Shooting Sports Results

We will have results from the March qualifying competitions in the next FOCUS.

Dog Project Information

Dog Project Dates

July 8 Dog Pre-Show, 5:30 p.m., Fairgrounds
August 24 Dog Fair, Fairgrounds Dog Arena

Small Animal Information

Rabbit/Cavy Pre-Show & Poultry Pre-Show

The June Pre-Show and Clinic has been canceled. An online event is being planned for July. Stay tuned for more details.

Livestock Project Information

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. You can download and create a free account here: www.zoom.us. An email with the agenda and Zoom meeting instructions will be sent out a week prior to the meeting.

Sheep, Goat, and Swine Tagging

Plans are being finalized for getting Sheep, Goat, and Swine ear tagged. One plan in in place it will be announced. Animals need to be tagged by June 30.

Carcass Incentive Raffle Tickets

Carcass Incentive Raffle tickets for Sheep, Goat, and Swine members will be distributed to Market Livestock club leaders at the end of May. They will be due back to the Extension Office by July 27 (Record Book deadline).



Livestock Judging Contests

This is a reminder that the online judging contest is active right now. The contest will close on May 11th at 11:59pm. This contest is to replace the contests that were to be held at Beef Weigh-In and Swine Clinic.

Who needs to complete this contest?

If you were supposed to participate in Beef Weigh-In or Swine Clinic, then you need to complete this online contest. That means if you currently are enrolled in a Beef or Swine project you need to complete this contest to be eligible to exhibit/sell at the Kittitas County Fair. Individual scores and placings will be used for qualifying for the county judging team. A Sheep/Goat Contest will be held June 1st -12th. Sheep/Goat Contest info will be sent later.

Need Help? We understand that these are different times for all, and difficult times for many. Not everyone may be able to participate for a variety of reasons. We are here to help--please reach out to your leader or the 4-H office if you aren't able to participate in the online judging contest. In previous years, youth members had to be formally excused for missing Beef Weigh-In or Swine Clinic. This year, the excuse process is less formal as we understand that every youth and family is dealing with different challenges. Once again, if you suspect you won't be able to participate by May 11th at 11:59pm please reach out to your leader or the 4-H office for assistance.

Contest Instructions:

The contest is hosted on Livestockjudging.com-- you will need to make an account to access the contest. Please make sure to make your username your first and last name so our office can identify you and your score. An email is required to make an account, if you do not have access to an email, please let me know and I can create an account for you - no email required.

If you are new to livestockjudging.com - take a look at this video with steps on creating an account and contest navigation.

Instructional Video:

<https://youtu.be/CnrtrRYqeKk>

Safe YouTube is a link with 0 ads and is kid friendly. Link to Safe YouTube link:
<https://safeYouTube.net/w/THt8>

Link to Contest:

<https://www.livestockjudging.com/contest/details.aspx?id=56>

Contest Code: dv4o

Please remember this contest is to be completed only by you, as with an in-person contest there is no sharing answers or helping others, please be honest.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please let me know.

Brittany Briggs, 4-H Program Manager
509-388-2588



Horse Project Information

2020 HORSE 4-H DATES

Horse Judging Contest Information

The 1st Horse Judging Contest scheduled for April 6 and the Kittitas County 4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show scheduled for May 2 have been postponed. The 2nd Horse Judging Contest is still on the schedule for Saturday, July 18, in Bloom Pavilion during Horse Training Days.

Keep an eye out for updates, we will communicate by e-mail and our website.

Washington State 4-H National Equine Presentation Contest

The Washington State 4-H Equine Public Presentations competition is comprised of three contests: Public Speaking contest, Individual Presentation contest, and Team Presentation contest. Contestants may participate in only one contest per year at State 4-H Fair in Puyallup. Any 4-H Horse Member interested in competing in the Kittitas County Contest should call the Extension Office by June 1.

Check out <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/stem/horse/horse-project-resources/> to learn more about the National Equine Public Presentation opportunities.

July 18-19	4-H Horse Fair Training Day & 2 nd Horse Judging, Bloom Pavilion 8am-8pm
July 13, 20, 27	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7-9pm
July 24-26	4-H Horse Pre-Show – Bloom Pavilion – 8am – 8pm
August 7	State Fair Interest form due by 5:00 pm
August 18	Junior Horse Fair: Barn Open for Decorations
August 19	Junior Horse Fair: R.V. Parking Open
August 20-23	Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair – Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena
September 3-7	Kittitas County Fair
October 3	Bits & Buckles 4-H Gaming Schooling Show 8am-8pm



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