

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for January 23, 2019**

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

January 25 Registration Due for 4-H Archery Leader Training

February 4 Grays Harbor County 4-H Horse Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6:30 pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/249936505542086/>

February 6 RSVP Due for Explore 4-H Maple Syrup Workshop

February 9 Explore 4-H Workshop - Making Local Maple Syrup – register by February 6

February 9 4-H Archery Leader Training – register by January 25

February 11 GH 4-H Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6 pm

February 18 WSU Extension office CLOSED in Observance of Presidents' Day

February 20 GHC Fair Board - Fair Volunteer Meeting, Mike Murphy Pavilion at GHC Fair, 6:30 pm

March 4 Grays Harbor County 4-H Mandatory Horse Council Meeting, WSU Extension office, 6:30 pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/249936505542086/>

March 27 – April 7 Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we jump into 2019 with a calendar filled with exciting 4-H events we hope that you will add attendance at the 4-H council meetings to your plans. The meetings are the best way to share your ideas, get up to the minute information on upcoming events, deadlines, and help shape the direction of YOUR 4-H program. The meetings are held on Mondays alternating months at 6:00 in the WSU Extension office. If you aren't able to attend in person, join us with phone or video conferencing at <https://zoom.us/j/728438983>. We hope that you will make this your new resolution and would love to see you on Monday, February 11! All 4-H volunteers, youth members, and families are welcome.

4-H ARCHERY LEADER TRAINING

Grays Harbor 4-H Shooting Sports is hosting a 4-H Archery Leader Training which will begin with a full range day on Saturday, February the 9th followed by a session for classroom STEM instruction on a separate day.

Registration fee is \$35 per person. Please make checks payable to:
"GH 4-H Shooting Sports" and mail by February 1st to
WSU Extension, Grays Harbor
PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541

Complete the online registration process by January 25th at:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ceQrtfH3tEeoeQx5m7U9tT_iniyRDpNOt1I6z3-W-aVUNII4STJUQjJQUIBMOUdLTUhQOTYwWjdWRS4u

GRAYS HARBOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION - UPDATED RULES

Now available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/>

WASHINGTON SWINE INFORMATION DAY – Register by Jan. 25th for the February 1, 2019 event

The Washington Swine Information Day will be held on February 1, 2019 from 9:00 AM until 4:45 PM at the Pillar Rock Grill (Moses Lake Golf & Country Club) in Moses Lake, Washington. Swine producers of all sizes; 4-H/FFA youth producers; agency representatives; agriculture educators; and fair/show representatives are invited to participate. The event has been organized and sponsored by Washington Pork Producers, National Pork Board Checkoff, and Washington State University Extension.

Washington Swine Information Day features an array of presentations that have been organized to meet the diverse and unique needs of Pacific Northwest Swine Producers. This year's featured speaker will be Dr. Chris Hostetler the Director of Animal Sciences at the National Pork Board.

Registration for the day's event is \$25 per person and includes seminar, handouts, lunch and break refreshments. An all-day youth registration, \$20, is also available to 4-H and FFA members. Individuals may also attend just the afternoon session for \$10. There is a \$15 per person late charge for registrations postmarked after January 26, 2019. Please pre-register so we can ensure adequate accommodations and meals.

A complete seminar agenda and registration brochure is available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/animalag/event/washington-swine-information-day/> or by contacting Sarah M. Smith, WSU Extension Regional Specialist at smithsm@wsu.edu or (509)754-2011, Ext 4363. To register with a credit card, go to www.BrownPaperTickets.com and enter event number 4026905 (<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4026905>). Additional funding for this event was made available by Pork Checkoff funding.

EXPLORE NEW PROJECTS – FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

A new 4-H community outreach series is underway. This is your chance to learn how to tap local Maple trees for syrup, learn about robots & science this spring, and explore cake decorating & table setting this summer. The Explore 4-H series is free and open to 4-H members as well as families who are interested in learning more about 4-H.

Preregistration is required. Please call Tracie at (360)482-2934 or email tracie.hanson@wsu.edu to register. Sessions are subject to cancellation due to low registration. The series is designed to give families a glimpse into different project areas as well as what 4-H has to offer youth and how youth and adults can get involved. Join us for one or all of these free activities. More information at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/event/explore-4-h/> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/327588501166893/>

February 9 Making Local Maple Syrup – register by February 6

Want to learn how to tap local Maple trees for syrup in 4-H and how these 4-H projects and activities can lead to youth learning valuable life skills? Please join us for a free Explore 4-H session on Saturday, February 9 at 10am near Lakebay, WA. This event is open to all youth ages 5 – 18, please tell your friends and neighbors!

April 27 LEGO Robotics and Science Bugs – **register by April 24**
June 15 Cake Decorating and Kitchen Activities – **register by June 12**

COUNCIL UPDATES YEAR PIN CRITERIA IN AWARD GUIDELINE

The GH 4-H Council Committee on Recognition & Awards has updated the criteria for club members to earn a year pin using the information below:

- > Complete the project/projects in which the member is enrolled.
- > Attend at least 50% of their club's general and project meetings after enrollment.
- > Give a public presentation (at the club or county level).
- > Exhibit at a fair or other designated activity.

Using the same system as previous years, club leaders submit the completed Year Pin Request Form by the second Monday of October so that members can be recognized at the Celebrate Our Kids event in November. The Award Guideline and Year Pin Request Form are available at

<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

QUARTERLY REPORT

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County serves the residents of Washington State by creating and delivering targeted research-based knowledge and education. It's a mission the organization and its dedicated specialists have refined over the past century. Part of that process is communicating results. These reports provide accounts of how our programs empower participants to better their lives. We hope these reports inspire you to join at least one of our programs or events, share your story, and provide feedback. Your involvement will help us improve our responsiveness and reach more individuals. View or download our current Quarterly Report at

<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/community-impact/>

SOCCER BALLS FOR BURUNDI 4-H SISTER SCHOOLS

This year a WSU 4-H team will be visiting the six Burundi sister schools. One of the favorite pastimes for kids in Burundi is soccer! Please help us raise funds to support the 4-H program in Burundi as well as purchase 4-H soccer balls for each school. All 4-H clubs, councils, and groups are invited to participate! Prizes will be awarded to the groups that raise the most money by March 15th.

Mail donations (checks payable to 4-H Teen Leaders of Tomorrow) to:

c/o Kevin Wright

WSU Extension King County

1000 Oaksdale Ave SW, Suite 140

Renton, WA 98057

WATCH WSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WITH 4-H PROMO CODE

Mark your calendars for 4-H day with WSU Women's Basketball! March 3, at 12:00pm, the WSU Women's Basketball team will be featuring 4-H, including games for 4-H kids at half-time.

If you'd like to purchase tickets, use promo code "4HDay" and tickets will be only \$3.00! It's never been a better time to watch WSU Women's Basketball.

Purchase tickets here: [https://ev9.venue.net/cgi-](https://ev9.venue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList?groupCode=WB&linkID=washst&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=&template=chocolate)

[bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList?groupCode=WB&linkID=washst&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=&template=chocolate](https://ev9.venue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList?groupCode=WB&linkID=washst&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=&template=chocolate)

EQUINE PRE FAIR

The Grays Harbor 4-H Equine Pre Fair event is set for June 29 & 30 at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. More information will be available soon.

4-H CAMPS 2019 – SAVE THE DATES

Mason County 4-H Horse Camp will take place June 22-27 at Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp.

Grays Harbor County 4-H Summer Camp will take place July 14-19 at Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp.

Online registration will open spring 2019.

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 hour's 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 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 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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Disclaimer: By posting the above "free to a good home" information, WSU Grays Harbor County Extension 4-H does not endorse or give approval for any of these free animals to be used as 4-H project animals. Contact the animal owners at your own risk.

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

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