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CLUB, VOLUNTEER & PROGRAM NEWS

Club News Wanted!

Interested in seeing stories of your club events in the newsletter or social media pages? Ask your 4-H Club reporters to send in your club news to Yakima.4H@wsu.edu by the **20th of each month**, to be featured on social media page or 4-H focus newsletter.

4-H Youth Volunteers at the Yakima County Cattlemen's Association - Western Party

A big "THANK YOU" to the kids who donated their time at the Yakima County Cattlemen's dinner. We were very grateful for all your hard work at the Western Party & hope you all had a great time!

2024 4-H Fashion Revue

Clothing members are working hard on their projects in preparation for the Annual Fashion Revue - The big event in the 4-H Clothing Project! The Annual Fashion Revue & Talent Show is scheduled to be held on **April 18th at 6:30 pm** in the Fruitvale Grange. The Fashion Revue Judging will take place on **April 15th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm** in the Extension Office - Large Conference Room. Although this years theme has yet to be determined. Official packets will be sent to the Clothing Project Leaders by the end of this month, so be sure to watch for mail! If you are interested in Fashion and not a sewer then the Creative Consumer division is for you! Outfits must fit an occasion, such as, Prom, Sports, Beach,, etc. Visit our [website](#) for additional information & forms.

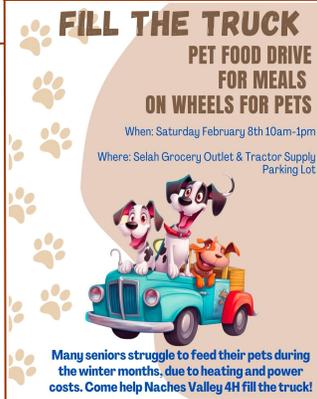
Educational & Promotional Posters - Due April 30th

Attention all 4-H Members!! Promotional Posters are due to the Extension Office by **April 30th!** This is a county wide 4-H contest. 4-H posters come in 2 categories: educational or promotional. Educational posters provide an opportunity for members to share information about 4-H and a wide range of projects. Unlimited pictures or words. Promotional posters are an opportunity for members to promote the 4-H program in a fun and positive way. One main idea, with minimum words of up to 6 words. The posters need to be 11x22" (half of a full size poster board). Check out these posters created from previous 4-H year's! Find resources on our [website](#) can help members create great 4-H posters! (<https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/poster-resources/>)



Naches Valley 4-H Club News

Naches Valley 4-H Club held their annual Record Book Workshop and Roller Skating night on **January 31st**. Our club president Kenadie Snyder had a great presentation on all we needed to know about starting and maintaining our record books. After the workshop we all went roller skating at Skateland. - Wyatt Blanchard, Club Reporter



Pet Food Drive For Meals On Wheels For Pets

While grocery shopping this weekend consider helping Naches Valley 4-H Club to "fill the truck" of pet food. All pet food donated will go to seniors pets within the Meals on Wheels Program. Naches Valley 4-H Club will have a truck parked between both Grocery Outlet & Tractor

Supply store and help the out front taking donations on **Saturday, February 8th from 10:00am - 1:00 pm.**

Green Valley 4-H Club News

Green Valley 4-H tries to make other feel joy. On **December 16th**, they went caroling at Prestige Adult Nursing Home. They hope it brought joy to the many people they sang for. They also had their yearly Christmas project. This year, Green Valley 4-H had decided to donate decorations for Astria Health Healing Garden. Some of the decorations given were bird baths, bird feeders, and bird houses. That way, the patients can enjoy a beautiful garden. Green Valley 4-H finds pleasure in helping others in their community feel loved.





Calling Future Film Makers!

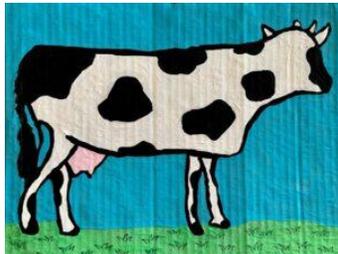
We have some great opportunities for youth interested in the creation of anime, short, or feature films. We will be hosting another Teen Film Camp on Whidbey Island from **July 15-19th**, where participants get immersed in writing, filming, and editing their own films.

Our mentors are experienced filmmakers that will be available to answer any questions and guide participants through the creative process. The films made at camp will be shown on the big screen on the last day of camp as a part of the Youth Film Festival on **July 19th**. See below for more information! Teen Film Camp is an amazing opportunity for seniors in 4-H to get hands-on experience with creating a short film. Participants will get to learn about a variety of aspects of filmmaking from experienced filmmakers! Senior 4-H Members are invited to apply, but space is limited to 8 teens. Applications are being accepted until **April 14th**, and those who are selected will be notified by **April 30th**. Camp Dates are **July 15-19, 2025** in Coupeville, Washington. For more information check out the [Teen Film Camp website](https://extension.wsu.edu/island/youth/events-and-activities/teen-film-camp/) (<https://extension.wsu.edu/island/youth/events-and-activities/teen-film-camp/>) or email R-A Mazzola at r.mazzola@wsu.edu. If you are a filmmaker under the age of 18 and have created an anime, short, or feature film, we invite you to submit your completed project for possible showing at the 2025 Youth Film Festival. Selected filmmakers will be contacted by June 30th if their film has been chosen for the festival. The big event will be held from **3:00 pm - 5:00 pm on July 19, 2025**, at the Clyde Theater in Langley, Washington. For more information check out the [Youth Film Festival website](https://extension.wsu.edu/island/youth/events-and-activities/youth-film-festival/) (<https://extension.wsu.edu/island/youth/events-and-activities/youth-film-festival/>), or email R-A Mazzola at r.mazzola@wsu.edu. [Film Camp Flyer](#) & [Film Festival Flyer](#)

Seeking 4-H Teen Conference Youth Facilitators

We are recruiting 4-H teens (and staff if you're interested in helping) to meet via Zoom from January to June for planning the 2025 Washington State 4-H Teen Conference. The same group will also serve as conference facilitators during the conference. This is a fantastic leadership skill building opportunity for teens. They need to be in 8th grade - 12th grade currently to be part of the committee. Teen Conference will be held **June 23-26th, 2025** on the WSU Pullman campus. This group typically meets twice a month. More details on conference coming in early February. Please direct interested youth to this Qualtrics form: https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eLmiv5op1lC7Yy2. They do not need to have served on the committee or attended the conference before (although it is helpful for planning) to join us! Questions about this opportunity? Contact Kelly at kelly.a.stewart@wsu.edu

Pilot Testers Needed for Cardboard Animal Project Curriculum



WSU 4-H staff and faculty are currently piloting this new Leaders' Guide to help youth complete a Cardboard Animals Project. The guide helps youth build cardboard scale models of an animal including both exterior and interior aspects of the animal. This creative project allows youth to participate in 4-H with animals that are common to 4-H, uncommon to 4-H, exotic, extinct, mythical, or imaginary opening the door to a wider variety of 4-H animal projects. We have created scorecards as well, so youth can take their animal to the fair and still be judged on type as well as fit and show. If you would like to help pilot this project, please email Melanie Greer at melanie.greer@wsu.edu.

4-H International Exchange Seeking Volunteer Host Families Summer Inbound Program July 25th - August 17th, 2025

Host a youth from Japan for three and a half weeks this summer! The focus is on becoming part of the family, not being a tourist. Families must speak English and have a youth of the same age and gender in the home. Visiting delegates are from Japan and range from age of 12-17. Open your heart and home, expand your mind and vision. To start an application: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>. Screening process involves application, background check, home visit and references. For more information reach out to Carolyn Russo carolyn.russo@wsu.edu



SEEKING 15 HOST FAMILIES FOR 4-H INTERNATIONAL SUMMER INBOUND PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON

HOST A YOUTH FROM JAPAN FOR 3 1/2 WEEKS
THIS SUMMER! JULY 25-AUGUST 17, 2025
SCREENING PROCESS INVOLVES APPLICATION,
BACKGROUND CHECK, HOME VISIT AND REFERENCES.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT CAROLYN
CAROLYN.RUSSO@WSU.EDU



START YOUR HOST FAMILY APPLICATION:
[HTTPS://WWW.STATES4HEXCHANGE.ORG/APPLY/HOST/](https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/)

LINK: WSU ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

4-H International Exchange Seeking Volunteer Host Families Academic Year Long Hosting (AYP)

Expand your experience by hosting a student for the school year. Students from Japan or South Korea can be placed in homes with or without children. They will attend the local high school and live with the family for ten months. To start an application for an AYP student visit: SmarterSelect. Screening process involves application, background checks, local high school acceptance, home visit and references. For more information reach out to Carolyn Russo carolyn.russo@wsu.edu

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

It's almost time for the WSU/4-H Scholarship Applications! All 4-H applications are due no later than **March 15th**. Now is a great time to start preparing your documentation. You can review the application requirements and criteria at https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/?fbclid=IwY2xjawHs_VwBHbSLiAUDX3qdAC2ehz5on7CtWMfzdZoTiK3NW_vLPWb525_CeCq09pcuw

Yakima County Cattlemen's Association

The Yakima County Cattlemen's Association has an agricultural scholarship application available for seniors graduating from high school. The applications are due **April 15th**. Requirements to apply for this scholarship are listed below:

- Must be a senior graduating from high school
- Washington State Resident
- The student shall be pursuing continuing education in agriculture or the support of agriculture at an accredited school (college or trade school)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation received via email - one from a WCA member and one from a non-family member

Questions should be directed to GVanweerdhuizen@nvdsd.org or by calling (360)224-2720. Completed application should be emailed to Amandarae231@gmail.com



4-H Scholarship Application

2025 Dairy Scholarships - Now open for applications!

We are happy to announce that the Washington Dairy community scholarships are officially open for applications! Dairy Farmers of Washington is committed to empowering the next generation of dairy leaders and industry professionals to achieve their educational goals and strengthen the Washington dairy industry. The winning scholarship recipients will be leaders amidst their peers and committed to strengthening the Washington dairy community. The winning recipient for each scholarship will receive \$5,000. Two runners-up for each scholarship will each receive \$1,500. Scholarships available:

- [Washington Dairy Ambassador Scholarship](#)
- [Dairy Strong Scholarship](#)

To learn more about the scholarship criteria and application process, please visit their website. The deadline for submissions is **May 1st, 2025**, so make sure to submit your application before then.

2025 Youth Quality Care of Animals Scholarship Opportunity

We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday season, and the new year is off to a great start. The national YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) program offered in Washington has hit a milestone of over 103,000 users nationally in 2024, and during this past year, we hit over 500,000 certifications since the inception of the program in March 2017! The PDF linked below shows the national YQCA and Washington State Reports, showing how we ranked nationally. NEWS FLASH: The YQCA board of directors is excited to announce a scholarship program for older youth preparing for post-secondary education (2- or 4-year) or a certificate program. Youth who qualify need to be currently enrolled in YQCA for 2025 and have been certified in both the 2023 and 2024 years, meaning 3 continuous years of active certification within YQCA. The deadline to apply is **February 17th**, so if they do not have a current completed certification then they will need to do that before the due date. You can [apply here](#). There is one \$10,000, two \$5,000, and four \$2,500 scholarships up for grabs. We appreciate those who are participating in YQCA in the state of Washington. It has been and continues to be a program that educates youth on food safety, animal wellbeing, and character development. YQCA is positioning itself to continue to give back to youth who participate, and this is one example. Please share this opportunity! [YQCA Annual Report Flyer](#). For more information, please contact: Paul S. Kuber, Ph.D. - WSU Associate Professor, State 4-H Agri-Science Specialist and Northeast Region Livestock and Forage Specialist. Work: 509-477-2185 Cell: 614-302-1600 pskuber@wsu.edu

Washington State 4-H Advisory Board Reconstruction

The Washington State 4-H Advisory Board is a non-profit organization that is tax-exempt through the Group Exemption Number of Washington State University 4-H Youth Development Program. The board possesses a legacy of leading the effort to provide professional development activities and events for 4-H volunteers in Washington State. The board has recently transitioned to a purpose that supports the shared governance structure for the 4-H Club Program by serving as a liaison between the county program and the State 4-H Office and is in the process of reforming to include representation from across Washington State. We are actively seeking adults and youth who are interested in serving in this capacity. If you are interested in this opportunity, check out the position description linked below. If you are aware of any other volunteer(s) that you think might make a good candidate, feel free to pass along this notice or contact Jana Ferris, Extension Volunteer Development Specialist at ferrisj@wsu.edu or 509-335-7109. - [Advisory Board Member Position Description](#)

VOLUNTEER NEWS

How to Record an Impact on GivePulse

An impact in the GivePulse system refers to the time you spend working on behalf of Washington State 4-H Youth Development, or more simply your volunteer hours. [Watch this video on how to create an impact \(log your volunteer hours\) in GivePulse.](#)

1. Log in to GivePulse [here](#).
2. Click "Add Impact" (a green button in the top right side of your group screen).
3. Enter the date and times for your impact. This data is critical for us to report your hours to our stake-holders and partners.
4. Next; enter the number of hours for your impact (rounded to the nearest quarter of an hour: (Example: 1.0, 1.25, 1.5, 1.75 hours).
5. Enter the type of activity from the pull-down menu. Select the activity type that best fits your impact (a description of each is provided).
6. Rate your experience with the event and provide reflections/comments for the group to see.
7. Personal notes are available only to you, enter notes you might want to remember.
8. Attach any items you'd like (pictures, agendas, etc.)

Volunteers: YOUR TIME MATTERS TO US

Every hour you spend supporting 4-H is a donation. All certified 4-H volunteers are required to report hours; reporting protects and supports you and the local program! By reporting your hours you give Yakima County 4-H the numeric proof we need to show our funders and higher-officials that our programs are greatly valued and needed. In addition, reporting your hours makes you eligible for the Department of Labor and Industries medical aid program (this program allows an injured volunteer's medical expense to be paid by the Dept. of Labor and Industries), and allows you protection under the state of Washington tort claims law, RCW 4.92.060, for acts or omissions while performing, or in good faith purporting to perform, your official volunteer duties. What qualifies as volunteer hours? Anything and everything you do for 4-H! Teaching, planning, prepping, shopping, helping at fair and other events, paperwork, training, driving, calling, mentoring, presenting, emailing, even reading this counts! Email Katlyn at yakima.4h@wsu.edu or call (509)574-1600 if you need assistance.



FAIR NEWS

2025 CALENDAR CENTRAL WA JR LIVESTOCK SHOW

JANUARY 5, 2025	MANDATORY BEEF PRE TAG & WEIGH 1-3 PM TOPPENISH LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CONTACT BARB BAILEY 509.985.9048
JANUARY 16, 2025	SHOW MEETING - SHOW OFFICE 7PM
FEBRUARY 20, 2025	SHOW MEETING - SHOW OFFICE 7PM
MARCH 20, 2025	SHOW MEETING - SHOW OFFICE 7PM MANDATORY MEETING FOR LEADERS AND ADVISORS
MARCH 31, 2025	FINAL ENTRIES DUE PLEASE SEE WEBSITE/PREMIUM BOOK FOR INSTRUCTIONS
APRIL 17, 2025	SHOW MEETING - SHOW OFFICE 7PM
APRIL 19, 2025	CLEAN UP DAY - SHOW GROUNDS 9AM 4-H, FFA AND PARENT HELP NEEDED
APRIL 27 - APRIL 29, 2025	CENTRAL WASHINGTON JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
RECORD BOOKS DUE AT OFFICE WINDOW BETWEEN 11AM AND 3PM APRIL 27	PLEASE SEE PREMIUM BOOK FOR APPROPRIATE WEIGH IN TIMES APRIL 27. HEALTH RECORDS MUST BE TURNED IN AT WEIGH IN.
APRIL 30, 2025	CENTRAL WASHINGTON JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE DAY BEGINS AT 9AM
MAY 1, 2025	AFTER SHOW CLEAN UP DAY
MAY 15, 2025	POST SHOW MEETING - SHOW OFFICE 7PM
JUNE 2025- JANUARY 2026	NO SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Central Washington Junior Livestock Show -Toppenish

Attention Yakima 4-H Leaders! Do you have youth members who are intending on participating at the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show?

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN!

Leaders please register your clubs by **March 31, 2025**, using Quick Group online at <https://cwjls.fairwire.com/>!

NO INDIVIDUAL ENTRY. If you have any questions please Email the show at CWJLShow@yahoo.com. For information on their 2025 Premium Book, calendar, updates and more visit their website at

<https://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/>.

Animal Ownership Timelines

4-H members need to be completely enrolled through 4HOnline, enrollment fee paid, and member approved. Their animals must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for the following periods of time prior to the official county exhibit activity, including junior livestock shows:

Rabbits & Poultry - 45 days Cavies - 45 days

Dogs - 60 Days Cats - 60 Days

Goat - 60 Days Llama - 90 Days

Sheep and Swine (Breeding & Market) - 60 Days

(Swine see Rule 5C for CWJLS) 90 days

Equine - 90 days

(Make sure your horse certificate is on file 90 days before first show/event)

Dairy - 90 Days

Dairy Heifer Replacement - 60 Days

(Make sure your dairy certificate is on file 90 or 60 days before first event)

Market Beef - 120 days

Breeding Beef - 90 days

Updates from the Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo 2025

In preparation for the YVFR 2025 fair, the difficult decision has been made to make the following necessary changes to the fair boundaries effective immediately. The Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo will be open to any boy or girl registered in 4-H or FFA, that has a permanent address within Yakima County school districts that fall South of Union Gap to/and including parts of Benton County, including Prosser, Paterson, and Kiona Benton school districts, and those of the Eastern Klickitat County including the Bickleton school district effective for the 2025 year. Contact registryvfr@gmail.com on any questions you have.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Yakima 4-H Livestock Judging

Are you a 4-H member interested in representing Yakima County 4-H at the State Livestock judging contest? If you are interested in information on how to get involved, please email Marcie at marcie.oneal@live.com

Save the Date - Regional Youth Livestock Days - March 8th - Palouse Empire Fairgrounds

University of Idaho and Washington State University Youth Livestock Field Days provide research-based information to 4-H and FFA members regarding the production, showing and marketing of youth livestock projects that meet or exceed livestock industry standards and consumer expectations. This year, we're excited to introduce two new offerings: a Horse Field Day and an Advanced Animal Science Field Day! These additions come directly from feedback provided by previous participants through our end-of-program evaluations. The Advanced Animal Science Field Day will cover all livestock species and is tailored for youth with 3+ years of livestock experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the committee members listed below. We hope to see your youth at these field days!

Mark Heitstuman or Jeanene Kaufman | WSU Asotin County | 509-243-2009

Kelly Stewart or Janet Schmidt | WSU Whitman County | 509-397-6290

Registration is now open at bit.ly/clearwater_events. Cost to attend is \$10 per person, for all youth and adults. Lunch is provided. Space is limited, don't wait!

Event Dates and Registration Deadlines:

- Horse: **March 8th** - Registrations due **March 1st**
- Advanced Field Day: **March 15th** - Registrations due **March 8th**
- Swine: **March 22nd** - Registrations due **March 15th**

Springtime Youth Calf Sale

The Springtime Youth Calf Sale has made the difficult decision to discontinue the LIVE dairy heifer sale. The SYCS will continue to provide a \$500 grant to qualified 4-H/FFA members to help with the purchase of a registered dairy project heifer. In-person interviews will be held on **March 15th, 2025**.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a currently active 4-H or FFA Member (9 to 18 yrs of age) enrolled in dairy
- Be available to participate in interviews in person on **March 15th, 2025**.
- A registered (**June 2024 – December 31st, 2024**) dairy heifer must be purchased and transferred into the applicant's name.

Contest Rules:

Grant winners who are successful in purchasing a calf must agree to:

- Exhibit and show the animal in at least one 2025 show or fair
- Write a personal "Thank you" letter to the consignor of the calf
- Write a personal "Thank you" letter to the grant donor or donors

Grants:

Grants of \$500 are available to 4-H and FFA youth toward the purchase of dairy calves. For more information, please see the [SYCS Calf Grant Application](#)

Grant Applications are due **February 18, 2025**.

Please email grant applications to Liz Holtcamp at sycs4h@gmail.com.

Scholarships

The Springtime Youth Calf Sale provides two \$500 scholarships to applicants. To qualify you must have purchased a calf or helped at the Springtime Youth Calf Sale, must be or have been enrolled in 4-H or FFA, and for a senior in high school or currently attending college, must have not reached their 21st birthday before **January 1**. If interested, for more information see the [SYCS Scholarship Application Form](#).

Scholarship applications are due **March 1, 2025**.

Horse Owners Invited to Participate in EDCC Biosecurity Survey

With the support of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Equine Disease Communication Center ([Learn more about the EDCC](#)) is completing a study to determine the awareness and knowledge of biosecurity in the horse industry. We need your help to determine knowledge and use of biosecurity for your horse(s). The goal is to help protect our horses from infectious diseases.

To participate in the survey, please visit <https://equinediseasecc.org/news/article/Horse-Owners-Invited-to-Participate-in-an-EDCC-Biosecurity-Survey>

WSU EXTENSION | WA STATE 4-H
EQUINE SCIENCE & HORSEMANSHIP SERIES
 FUN VIRTUAL EQUINE LEARNING FOR EVERYONE!
 4th MONDAY
 OCT 2024 - MAR 2025
 6:30-7:30 PM
 ON ZOOM
 REGISTER VIA QR CODE
 OR BY EMAIL: KIM.BAKER@WSU.EDU
 4-H WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

WA State 4-H Equine Science and Horsemanship Series

February 24th @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 WSU Extension 4-H presents the Washington State 4-H Equine Science and Horsemanship Series, every **4th Monday at 6:30 pm through March 2025** on Zoom! These sessions are open for everyone to learn more about the equine program!

If this is something you may be interested in, be sure to register online at <https://bit.ly/WA4-HEquineScience> or by email to: kim.baker@wsu.edu.

Washington State 4-H Equine Contest Registrations

WA State 4-H Equine Contest Registration is open (in [4-H Online](#)) for the Washington State 4-H Equine Contests:

- State Equine Presentations Contest: **March 22, 2025** (Registration closes **March 1**)
- State Hippology Contest: **May 3, 2025** (Registration closes **April 1**)
- State Horse Bowl Contest: **May 4, 2025** (Registration closes **April 1**)

The Equine Presentation Contest continues to be hosted virtually via Zoom. The Hippology and Horse Bowl Contests will be held at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA.

Additional contest details will be shared with coaches and participants upon registration. In the meantime, here are the important highlights:

- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Contest registrations are hosted in [4-H Online](#), requiring each 4-H member participant to sign in to 4-H Online and register themselves for the contest(s) in which they have qualified.
- Each Coach must also log in to 4-H Online to register themselves and provide information about their team.
- The registration fee for all contests is \$20 per member. (Exception, there is no fee for the 5th member of a Horse Bowl Team.)
- Contestants may be selected by any procedure their county deems appropriate (e.g., a qualifying county event, application process, etc.).
- Coaches are responsible for working with their county to ensure compliance with all WSU 4-H Policies and Procedures, including WSU EP-14, for chaperone, travel, and overnight considerations that may be necessary to participate.
- All contest rules and study sources can be found on the [Washington State 4-H Horse webpage](#) under the Contest Resources, Dates, and Entry Information tab.

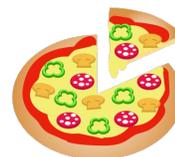
If you have any questions about contests or 4-H Online registration, please contact Kim Baker, WA State 4-H Equine Coordinator: kim.baker@wsu.edu or 425-520-3908.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Pizza for Producers

Farmers, agricultural workers, and all those involved are invited to attend a pizza party! This event will be held on **March 8th** at the Central Washington Agricultural Museum, located at 4508 Main Street, Union Gap, WA. 98903.

- 🍕 3:00 pm - Museum Tours
- 🍕 4:00 pm - COMET Training
- 🍕 5:30 pm - Pizza Pie Preparation & Set-up
- 🍕 6:00 pm - Pizza Party



Find more information at www.pizza4producers.com

PIZZA FOR PRODUCERS
 YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

- Museum Tours - 3:00 PM
- COMET Training - 4:00 PM
- Pizza Pie Preparation & Set-up - 5:30 PM
- Pizza Party - 6:00 PM

Farmers, agricultural workers, and all those involved are welcome at events.

MARCH 8TH, 2025
 at the Central Washington Agricultural Museum
 4508 Main St,
 Union Gap, WA 98903

www.pizza4producers.com

Inland PNW Pasture Calendar Forage Workshop March 19, 2025 - WSU IAREC, 24106 N Bunn Rd, Prosser, WA.

Washington State University Extension, Oregon State University Extension and University of Idaho Extension will host the first comprehensive workshop to introduce the recently published PNW Bulletin 708, The Inland PNW Pasture Calendar. All presenters are co-authors on the Calendar. We created a Calendar tool to assist ranchers, farmers, and consultants to be more sustainable in forage and feeding of livestock on Inland pastures. The Calendar is focused on pasture agronomy, pasture species and comparing similarities and differences of irrigated and dryland tame pastures with rangelands, pasture grazing and pasture economics. Registration is required. Cost: \$20 (includes lunch, refreshments and printed copy of Calendar publication). Reference the workshop agenda on the back page of the newsletter.

[REGISTER HERE](#) -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inland-pnw-pasture-calendar-forage-workshop-tickets-1217167112599?aff=oddtcreator>

If you need assistance with registering, please call 509-786-5609 or email prosserext@co.benton.wa.us

Yakima County Arboretum

Kids Nature Nights are Coming Back in 2025! Love Birds on 2-14-25 (Valentine's Day)

We're excited to announce the return of our Kids Nature Nights! Our first one will be on **Friday, February 14th, 2025** (Valentine's Day)! It's a night just for them—filled with adventure, creativity, science, and fun while parents get the evening off! Pre-registration required! Our amazing Nature Day Camp staff and volunteers will guide them through an unforgettable evening. Kids will enjoy a delicious dinner, snacks, and plenty of hands-on activities. Click the ticket link below for more information.

Cost:

\$45 for the first child

\$35 for each additional sibling

(Price includes dinner, snacks, and all supplies!)

Spots are limited, so register soon using the ticket link to secure a spot for your child in this exciting night of discovery and fun. We can't wait to see them there!

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/YakimaAreaArboretum?e4q=1fcd0a16-6cbf-434a-b990-6d0d24dedd50&e4p=b859def9-9694-4412-896b-3e9da39066a7&e4ts=1737565777&e4c=active&e4e=snlvcmpscui00001load&e4rt=Safetynet&e4h=52853ebf80a2cc46706e0f8ba5592628#/selectSessions/3602533/filter/session=65576833>



John Deere Junior Club

Find exciting information, games, craft templates, and much more about agriculture for our smallest John Deere fans! PLUS all registered members up to the age of 12 years will receive the Junior Club News at home and a festive gift at the end of the year to collect from your local dealership! You can register your child on the Junior Club section of the John Deere website, where there are also downloads, activities and lots of fun for all tractor fans. Register here:

<https://www.deere.co.uk/en-gb/our-company/explore-john-deere/junior-club>

Sewing & Stitchery Expo

The Sewing & Stitchery Expo will be held **February 27th - March 2nd** in Puyallup. For more information visit <http://www.sewexpo.com>.

Free Yakima Repair Event

Yakima County partners with Yakima Maker Space and other non-profits utilizing "repair volunteers" to provide this program in our community. Repair Café is an international grassroots organization dedicated to raising awareness that we can reduce harmful resource extraction, prevent resource overconsumption and ease the burden on landfills by repairing our broken household goods and keeping them in service. www.repaircafe.org. Our February & March information is below, we are having a special garden tool sharpening class in March.

FREE YAKIMA REPAIR EVENT
◆ 3rd Saturday/month
◆ Yakima Maker Space
16 S. 1st street, Yakima
◆ 10 am to 2 pm

FREE YAKIMA REPAIR EVENT
◆ Saturday, March 15th
◆ Yakima Maker Space
16 S. 1st Street, Yakima
◆ 10 am to 2 pm

MARCH SPECIAL FEATURE!
SPRING SHARPENING CLASS
This special class is Saturday, March 15th, 9-11 am. You need to pre-register at YakimaMakerSpace.org/events. Sign-up & get your tools ready for spring!

- ◆ Loppers & pruners
- ◆ Mower blades (removed from mower of course!)
- ◆ Sickles, axes, shovels, hoes, knives, etc.

4-H RESOURCES & IMPORTANT LINKS



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Quick Links

- 🌿 Yakima County 4-H From Home
<https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-hfromhome/>
- 🌿 Yakima County 4-H website:
<http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/>
- 🌿 Yakima County Facebook Page:
<http://www.facebook.com/YakimaCounty4H>
- 🌿 State 4-H Website:
<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>
- 🌿 Volunteer Reporting Hours - Give Pulse
<https://wsu.givepulse.com/group/453176>
- 🌿 Volunteer Sterlings Background screening
<https://app.sterlingvolunteers.com/en>
- 🌿 4-H Online Enrollment Link
<https://v2.4honline.com/>
- 🌿 4-H Online Enrollment: Creating Family Profile
Youtube <https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima>
- 🌿 4HOnline Enrollment Guide
<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/pdf>

“WSU Yakima County Extension empowers our families, communities, and local partners through a network of educators and volunteers to provide research-based outreach and creative solutions to enhance agricultural productivity, environmental stewardship, and quality of life.”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2025		
1	9:00am - 3:00 pm, 4-H Livestock Clinic - Spokane	Kate McCloskey kmccloskey@spokanecounty.org or 509-477-2165
7	9:00 am - 4:30 pm, Washington Swine Information Day - Pillar Rock Grill (Moses Lake Golf & Country Club)	Sarah M. Smith smithsm@wsu.edu or 509-754-2011, Ext 4363
8	10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Pet Food Drive For Meals On Wheels For Pets - Grocery Outlet in Selah	Kattie Blanchard kattieblanchard@hotmail.com
9	1:00 pm, Know Your Government Pre Conference Meeting - Ellensburg	Kathryn Dunn kidunn2022@gmail.com
12	6:00 - 8:00 pm, Part A: Yakima & Kittitas 4-H Volunteer Orientation - Ellensburg, WA.	Yakima.4h@wsu.edu or 509-574-1600
14	Kids Nature Nights are Coming Back in 2025! - Yakima County Arboretum	https://campscui.active.com/orgs/YakimaAreaArboretum
15	10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Free Yakima Repair Event - Yakima Maker Space, S 16th Street, Yakima, WA	www.repaircafe.org
15-17	Know Your Government Conference - Olympia, WA.	Kathryn Dunn kidunn2022@gmail.com
17	Deadline for Youth Quality Care of Animals Scholarship Applications	Paul S. Kuber pskuber@wsu.edu 509-477-2185
18	Deadline for SYCS Calf Grant Application	Liz Holtcamp at sycs4h@gmail.com
20	7:00 pm, Central Washington Junior Livestock Show Meeting - Show Office	https://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/
24	6:30 - 7:30 pm, WA State 4-H Equine Science and Horsemanship Series - Zoom	Kim Baker kim.baker@wsu.edu or 425-520-3908
26	6:00 - 8:00 pm, Part B: Yakima & Kittitas 4-H Volunteer Orientation - Ellensburg, WA.	Yakima.4h@wsu.edu or 509-574-1600
27-March 02	Sewing & Stitchery Expo	http://www.sewexpo.com .
March 2025		
1	Registration Closes for the 2025 State 4-H Equine Presentations Contest	Kim Baker kim.baker@wsu.edu or 425-520-3908
1	Registration Deadline for UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days (Horse)	https://bit.ly/clearwater_events

4-H RESOURCES & IMPORTANT LINKS

March 2025		
8	Registration Deadline for UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days (Advanced Field Day)	https://bit.ly/clearwater_events
8	UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days (Horse)	https://bit.ly/clearwater_events
8	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Pizza for Producers - Central Washington Agricultural Museum	www.pizza4producers.com
11	6:00 - 8:00 pm, Part A: Yakima & Kittitas 4-H Volunteer Orientation - Yakima, WA.	Yakima.4h@wsu.edu or 509-574-1600
12-16	Ignite by 4-H The Ultimate Teen Summit - Washington DC	Tickets Available at http://4-h.org/events/ignite-by-4-h
15	10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Free Yakima Repair Event - Yakima Maker Space, S 16th Street, Yakima, WA	www.repaircafe.org
15	Springtime Youth Calf Sale In-person Interviews	
15	Deadline for WSU 4-H Scholarship Applications	https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/
15	Registration Deadline for UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days (Swine)	https://bit.ly/clearwater_events
15	UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days (Advanced Field Day)	https://bit.ly/clearwater_events
18	6:00 - 8:00 pm, Part B: Yakima & Kittitas 4-H Volunteer Orientation - Yakima, WA.	Yakima.4h@wsu.edu or 509-574-1600
19	Inland PNW Pasture Calendar Forage Workshop - WSU IAREC, 24106 N Bunn Rd, Prosser, WA.	prosserext@co.benton.wa.us or 509-786-5609
20	Deadline for Club Reporters to Submit their Club News	Yakima.4h@wsu.edu or 509-574-1600
20	7:00 pm, Central Washington Junior Livestock Show Mandatory Meeting for Leaders and Advisors - Show Office	https://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/
22	UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days (Swine)	https://bit.ly/clearwater_events
22	2025 State 4-H Equine Presentations Contest	Kim Baker kim.baker@wsu.edu or 425-520-3908
24	6:30 - 7:30 pm, WA State 4-H Equine Science and Horsemanship Series - Zoom	Kim Baker kim.baker@wsu.edu or 425-520-3908
31	Final Entries Due for Central Washington Junior Livestock Show	https://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/
April 2025		
1	Registration Closes WA State 4-H Equine Hippology Contest	Kim Baker kim.baker@wsu.edu or 425-520-3908
1	Registration Closes WA State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest	Kim Baker kim.baker@wsu.edu or 425-520-3908
15	4:00 - 8:00 pm, Fashion Revue Judging - WSU Extension Office Large Conference Room	Yakima.4h@wsu.edu or 509-574-1600
15	Deadline for Yakima County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship Application	GVanweerdhuizen@nvdsd.org or 360-224-2720
17	7:00 pm, Central Washington Junior Livestock Show Meeting - Show Office	https://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/
18	6:30 pm, Annual Fashion Revue & Talent Show - Fruitvale Grange	Yakima.4h@wsu.edu or 509-574-1600
19	10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Free Yakima Repair Event - Yakima Maker Space, S 16th Street, Yakima, WA	www.repaircafe.org
19	9:00 am, Central Washington Junior Livestock Show Clean Up Day - Show Grounds	https://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/
20	Deadline for Club Reporters to Submit their Club News	Yakima.4h@wsu.edu or 509-574-1600
27-29	Central Washington Junior Livestock Show	https://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/
27	11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Central Washington Junior Livestock Show Record Books Due - Office Window	https://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/



INLAND PNW PASTURE CALENDAR FORAGE WORKSHOP

MARCH 19, 2025

WSU IAREC, 24106 N Bunn Rd, Prosser, WA

REGISTER AT: [INLANDPNWPASTURECALENDARWORKSHOP.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://inlandpnwpasturecalendarworkshop.eventbrite.com)

Washington State University Extension, Oregon State University Extension and University of Idaho Extension will host the first comprehensive workshop to introduce the recently published PNW Bulletin 708, The Inland PNW Pasture Calendar. All presenters are co-authors on the Calendar. We created a Calendar tool to assist ranchers, farmers, and consultants to be more sustainable in forage and feeding of livestock on Inland pastures. The Calendar is focused on pasture agronomy, pasture species and comparing similarities and differences of irrigated and dryland tame pastures with rangelands, pasture grazing and pasture economics. Registration is required.

Cost: \$20
(includes lunch, refreshments and printed copy of Calendar publication)

REGISTER HERE

If you need assistance with registering, please call 509-786-5609 or email prosserext@co.benton.wa.us



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AGENDA

8:00am—8:30am	Check In Receive free printed copy of the Inland Pacific Northwest Pasture Calendar during check-in. A pdf is available online https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/inland-pacific-northwest-pasture-calendar
8:30am—9:15am	Overview of Calendar Steve Fransen, Emeritus, Washington State University A collaboration among WSU, OSU, UI and USDA-NRCS we will introduce fundamentals of pasture plant growth, Major Land Resource Areas (MLRA), Growth Periods of on Inland pastures with maps combining MLRA and pasture Growth Periods.
9:15am—10:00am	Soil Fertility Steve Norberg, Washington State University It is essential to maintain macro and micronutrients in forage pasture species. Maintaining healthy soil will affect the pasture stands, crop growth, soil health, and grazer feed quality and quantity.
10:00am—10:15am	BREAK with drinks and goodies provided
10:15am—11:00am	Forage Species Mylan Bohle, Emeritus, Oregon State University Adapted perennial grasses, legumes and forbs vary by MLRA. One goal is to identify and understand the growth habits of these grassland species for sustainable pastures.
11:00am—11:45am	Rangeland and Pastures Tip Hudson, Washington State University Grassland species composition and management differ between irrigated / dryland tamegrass pastures and rangelands. He will compare and discuss the integration of these grasslands for the Inland region.
11:45am—12:30pm	LUNCH
12:30pm—1:15pm	Grazing Systems Glenn Shewmaker, Emeritus, University of Idaho Grazers naturally exert pressure and can change the pasture environment but solid knowledge and skills of management results in improvements in the soil, plants, animals and environment for long-term sustainability.
1:15pm—2:00pm	Matching Forage Resources with Nutrient Requirements Don Llewellyn, Washington State University You need to know what you have before you know what grazers need. Matching grazers requirements with pasture or available or non-traditional feedstuffs will be discussed.
2:00pm—2:15pm	BREAK with drinks and goodies provided
2:15pm—3:00pm	Pasture Economics Shannon Nelbergs, Washington State University Inland pastures should not only improve grassland soil health, pasture health but also economic health. This will focus on the multi-factored aspects of grazing livestock on profits and losses from the Inland region.
3:00pm—3:30pm	Q&A / Survey — Don Llewellyn & Steve Fransen, Emeritus, Washington State University

Anyone attending this program that requires auxiliary aids or services, please contact Don Llewellyn at 509-725-4171 or by email at don.llewellyn@wsu.edu two weeks prior to the event. Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.