



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar



Club Business

April 6	4-H Horse Ride Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Bloom Pavilion
April 7	1st Horse Judging Contest, 6:00 p.m., Bloom Pavilion
April 10	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
April 10	Fair Superintendent School, 5:30 p.m., Teanaway Hall/Home Arts Building at the Fairgrounds
April 15	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
April 16	Small Animal Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Armory Room A
April 26	Western Heritage Day, 9 a.m-4p.m., Cascade Field & Stream
April 26	Bits & Buckles Schooling Show - Bloom Pavilion, 8am – 7pm
April 29	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory A
April 29	Mason Bee & Pollinator Workshop, 6:00 p.m., Naneum Room
April 30	Horse Certificates Due in Extension Office
April 30	4-H Honor Cord Applications Due
May 8	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
May 10	Kittitas County 4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show, Bloom Pavilion
May 16-18	State 4-H Shooting Sports, Eatonville
May 20	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
May 27	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A

Mason Bee & Pollinator Workshop

A Mason Bee & Pollinator Workshop will be held Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Naneum Room at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. To register, visit <https://forms.gle/ajLwo2HHxrL9uja96>.

4-H Council Meeting

Someone from each club needs to attend 4-H Council meetings. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month, except August and December. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 29 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings for the remainder of the year are May 27, June 24, July 29, September 23, October 28, and November 25. Please join us!

Record Book Tips – April

- Accommodations are made for 4-Hers with learning/physical disabilities. A note requesting accommodation must be included with the member's book.
- Update Calendar and Project Diary (Level 1) or Project Journal (Level 2) with April dates. List any project/training meetings as well as club meetings in the project journal section.
- Permanent record – Leadership activities should be entered in the Leadership section page 12/13.
- Horse Certificates are due by April 30 and should go after Project Related Materials (Level 1) or Project Financial Summary (Level 2) with the Commitment to Excellence.
- Project Financial Summary-Leadership members-beginning value might be any leadership training materials or books you already have. Ending value will include money spent on leadership activities, registration for conferences, rally and money spent while on these trips (transferred from your project journal.)

4-H Forms, Record Books, and Policies Online

Many Kittitas County 4-H forms and policies are available on the Kittitas County Extension website: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.



Teen Opportunities

WSU State 4-H Teen Conference

Youth in the 8th-12th grades (completed 8th grade by conference) are invited to come to WSU June 23-26 for the Washington State 4-H Teen Conference.

Registration opens April 29 and is limited to 150 youth. For more information, visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/stc/> or contact Kelly Anne Stewart at kelly.a.stewart@wsu.edu or (509) 397-6290.

2025 Fair Theme
“Ewe Ain’t Seen Nothin’ Yet ”

4-H Honor Cords-Applications due April 30

Attention graduating 4-H Seniors! Celebrate your achievements with a 4-H Honor Cord at graduation. These cords recognize your dedication and involvement in 4-H on your special day. Thanks to 4-H Council, the cords are provided at no cost, and recipients will also receive a complimentary photo session sponsored by Root 'N' Tillie Media.

To apply, complete the 4-H Honor Cords Application and return it to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. April 30. You must be a graduating high school senior and have been in 4-H for at least 2 years (any 2 years) to apply.

The application is at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/> under Nomination/Application Forms.

If you've already applied for a Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship, you have the option to request a cord within that application.

Dog Project Information

Dog Practice Dates

Dog practices are held in Umtanum Hall/Hunt Memorial Arena from 5:30-7:00 pm. Upcoming dates are: April 3; June 5; July 3; August 7.

4-H Dog Pre-Show

The 4-H Dog Pre-Show is scheduled for June 19 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Hunt Memorial Arena and Umtanum Hall at the Fairgrounds/Event Center.

Cat Project Information

4-H Cat Project Meetings

4-H Cat Project Meetings have been scheduled. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. Upcoming dates are:

April 10
May 8
July 10
August 14

All 4-H Cat Project members are encouraged to attend!

4-H Cat Pre-Show

The 4-H Cat Pre-Show is scheduled for June 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Western Town VIP Room at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. More details will be published when available.



Small Animal Project

Small Animal Committee Meeting

The Small Animal Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Armory Room A. All clubs that have Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, or Cat projects should have a representative at this meeting.

Poultry Clinic and Rabbit Pre-Show

The Poultry and Rabbit Clinic will be held on Saturday, July 19 in Umtanum Hall. The schedule is being finalized and will be in an upcoming issue of the FOCUS.

This event is **required** for all Rabbit members and highly encouraged for Poultry members. Any Rabbit or Poultry project member who has an emergency or problem attending needs to write a letter requesting to be excused to: Small Animal Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926 or e-mail to amy.alder@wsu.edu. The letter needs to address the reason for not attending the event, a plan to make up for the missed activity, and be written by the member requesting the excuse.

Livestock Project Information

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Armory Room A.** Meeting dates have been set for 2024 - 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. with one exception*

May 20
June 17
August 5 * First Tuesday
September 16
October 21
November 18

Every club with livestock projects should to have a representative at all the Livestock Committee meetings.

Beef & Dairy Pre-Show Thank You!

Sincere thanks to the Beef & Dairy superintendents, leaders, FFA Advisors, Fair Board Members, parents and youth that helped with the Beef & Dairy Pre-Show, weigh-in, and judging contest. Without volunteers like you we would not be able to conduct a quality program for youth to develop skills to help make them successful. What a great team. **THANKS EVERYONE!!!**

Steer Weigh-In Numbers

At the Beef & Dairy Pre-Show on March 22, 67 steers were ear tagged by 51 youth for the Kittitas County Fair in September. Five Breeding Heifer and four Dairy members also participated.

2025 Livestock Dates

The dates for livestock events have been set at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds:

June 7	Sheep Pre-Show
June 7	Goat Pre-Show
June 8	Swine Weigh-In & Clinic

Beef Judging Contest Results

Members earning the top 10 scores in the Beef Judging Contest at the recent Beef & Dairy Pre-Show are as follows:

Junior			
1. Braelynn Newby	163		
2. Eleanor Munson	159	24	40
3. Cora Haberman	159	24	49
4. Cayson Clerf	147		
5. Frank Smith	143		
6. Haylee Hanson	140	25	
7. Ty Peek	140	18	
8. Ryle Hunter	134		
9. Cal Peek	129		
10. Bennett Calaway	128		

Intermediate			
1. Emily Lynn Ogan	201		
2. Bri Lynn Basterrechea	192		
3. Josie Beard	181		
4. Brooke Giustetti	180		
5. Enya Smith	178		
6. Kendall Markus	177		
7. Henry German	168		
8. Sawyer Tostenson	164		
9. Alexander Schutte	160		
10. Baylee Harwood	156		

Senior			
1. Fiona Smith	198		
2. Esther Smith	196		
3. Keely Thayer	195		
4. Makenna Vraves	194		
5. Johanna Smith	186		
6. Derrick Feddema	185	28	
7. Hailey Vraves	185	24	
8. Jack Case	182	34	
9. Claire German	182	28	
10. Charlotte Nansel	181	30	36

*NOTE: Ties were decided by the oral reasons score.

Attendance at Pre Fair Activities

The **Beef Pre-Show, Swine Clinic, Sheep Pre-Show, and Goat Pre-Show** are **required** activities for members to attend to be able to show and sell their Livestock at the Kittitas County Fair. If there is an emergency or problem with attending these events a **letter must** be written to the 4-H Livestock Committee **PRIOR** to the event. The letter must be written by the member requesting the excuse and address the reason for not attending pre-shows or clinic, who will weigh the animal, and a plan to make up the missed activity.

Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest will be held Saturday, June 28, at the Ardell Pavilion, Grant County Fair Grounds in Moses Lake. Details and the entry information will be in the May FOCUS.

Kittitas County Quality Assurance Checklist/YQCA

Kittitas County 4-H is using a quality assurance checklist to encourage, promote and track skills and knowledge as they advance through the livestock program. This checklist is a multi-year document that will be kept in record books. It is available at the Extension Office, or <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/> under Animal Add Sheets. This is in place of the YQCA curriculum. The in-person YQCA training can also be used-contact the Extension Office for more information.

Animal Health Record

Members need to bring a copy of the Animal Health Record to be filled out and signed by the producer when purchasing their project animal(s). Animal Health Records are available at the Extension Office or at extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/.

All species (steers, lambs, goats, and swine) are required to upload a copy of the health record signed by the original producer and information up-to-date when registering for Fair, and must turn in a hard copy at Fair Vet Check.



Horse Project Information

Horse Judging Contest Information

There will be two judging contests held. **Youth enrolled in the Horse Project are required to participate in one county horse judging event to be eligible to compete at the Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair and complete the 4-H year.** For senior, intermediate, and junior members to be eligible to judge on the Kittitas County 4-H State Horse Judging team, they must judge in two county judging events completing oral reasons.

The first 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held on **Monday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Bloom Pavilion.** The classes are Western Equitation, Western Pleasure, Showmanship, (Oral Reasons on this class), and a horse parts worksheet.

The second 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, June 21, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bloom Pavilion during Horse Training days.** Classes TBD; Oral Reasons.

Horse Certificates Due April 30

A Horse Certificate for each horse being used as a 4-H Horse Project needs to be filed at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., April 30 to be eligible to exhibit the animal in the Junior Division of the Kittitas County Fair. **The certificate needs to be signed every year.**

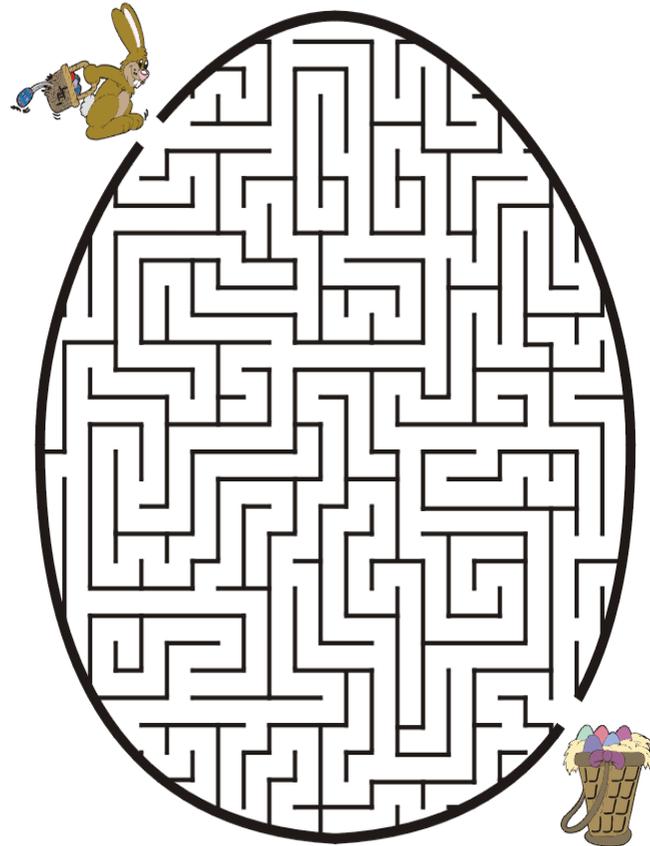
Blank Horse Certificates are available at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>. This needs to be filled out and brought back to the Extension Office to be signed. The member keeps the original in their record book. If the same horse is used in following years the original needs to come in each year to be signed at the Extension Office. If a horse is leased then a Kittitas County Lease form must be used. A copy of the lease is to be filed with the horse certificate.

Bits and Buckles Schooling Show

The Bits and Buckles Open Schooling Show will be held Saturday, April 26 in the Bloom Pavilion. This is a good show to start the year, gain experience, learn something and have FUN. Entry forms will be emailed to leaders when available.

4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show

The 4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show will be held Saturday, May 10 in Bloom Pavilion. Entry forms will be emailed to leaders when available.



2025 HORSE 4-H DATES

April 6	4-H Horse Ride Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Bloom Pavilion
April 7	1 st Horse Judging – Bloom Pavilion – 6:00 pm
April 26	Bits & Buckles Schooling Show - Bloom Pavilion 8am – 7pm
April 30	Horse Certificates Due by 5:00 p.m.
May 10	4-H Spring Leader’s Show – Bloom Pavilion - 8am – 7pm
June 2, 16, 23, 30	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena—7-9 pm
June 21-22	4-H Horse Fair Training Day & 2 nd Horse Judging, Bloom Pavilion 8am-8pm
July 7, 14, 21, 28	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7-9pm
July 18-20	4-H Horse Pre-Show – Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena – 8am – 8pm
August 1	State 4-H Fair Application form due by 5:00 pm
August 4	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7-9pm
August 12	Junior Horse Fair: Barn Open for Decorations
August 13	Junior Horse Fair: R.V. Parking Open
August 14-17	Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair – Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena
August 28-September 1	Kittitas County Fair
October 5	4-H Fall Leader’s Show
November 1	Tack Sale



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