



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar

May 8	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
May 15	4-H Dog Practice, 6:00 p.m. Yakama Village at the Fairgrounds/Event Center
May 16-18	State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, Eatonville
May 20	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday-Office Closed
May 27	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
May 27	State 4-H Teen Conference Registration Deadline
June 2	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
June 5	4-H Dog Practice, 6:00 p.m. Yakama Village at the Fairgrounds/Event Center
June 7	Sheep & Goat Pre-Show/Weigh-In, 7:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
June 7	Sheep & Goat Judging Contest, 9:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
June 8	Swine Weigh-In, Judging Contest & Clinic 5:30 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
June 12	4-H Cat Pre-Show, 5:00 p.m., Taneum Room
June 16	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
June 17	4-H Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday-Office Closed
June 19	4-H Dog Pre-Show, 4:00 p.m., Teanaway & Umtanum Hall
June 21-22	4-H Horse Training Day & Second Horse Judging Contest, Bloom Pavilion
June 23	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
June 24	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
June 30	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena



Club Business

County 4-H Demonstration Contest in June

The County Demonstration Contest is tentatively scheduled for the last week of June. Details will be e-mailed to members and leaders once they are finalized. Information will also be in the June FOCUS.

4-H Demonstration Tips

- Choose a topic you know well so you're able to understand & answer questions
- **Be sure to use visuals (poster)**
 - Poster Tips
 - * All Titles should be **at least 2" tall and 5/16" thick**, supporting text should be **1 1/2" tall (or larger) and 3/32" thick**
 - * Black on yellow works well
 - * Check to see if it can be seen from a distance
 - * Use a straight edge if writing freehand
- Use a loud and clear voice
- Be prepared for questions
- Note cards are clues-don't write it all out and read it
- Time your presentation. Juniors try for 3-8 min., intermediates 5-15 min., seniors 8-20 min.
- Don't forget!!!
 - * A zinger (opening statement to catch attention)
 - * A closing
 - * Repeat questions

Refer to "Getting to the Point: How to do a 4-H Public Presentation" (EM4787E) and "Public Presentations, Demonstrations, and Illustrated Talks" (EM4788) at the Extension Office or online at pubs.extension.wsu.edu/.

Record Book Tips – May

- 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.

2025 Fair Theme
"Ewe Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet"

Flag Contest at Fair

Now is a great time to begin planning your club flag for this year's fair! The flags should be made with a 2" hem at the top and be a minimum size of 3' x 5' hung either vertically or horizontally and with a dowel strong enough to display the flag. Maximum size: 36 square feet.

A flag exhibited for more than three years will not be judged for premiums or ribbons. Flags older than three years may still be displayed if clean and in good condition. Flags must be labeled with the year made.

In addition to earning premium points for your club, there is a \$50 cash award for first place sponsored by Professional Court Services. Be sure to enter your club flag in the Flag Contest-(Division 73-I) when making your club's fair entries in ShoWorks.

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, May 27 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings for the remainder of the year are June 24, July 29, September 30, October 28, and November 25. Please join us!



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 visit: <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.

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. Nomination forms are available from the Extension Office and can also be found at <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.



Teen Opportunities

WSU State 4-H Teen Conference-June 23-26

High school aged teens (those who have completed 8th grade and up) are invited to come to the Pullman Campus of Washington State University June 23-26 for the Washington State 4-H Teen Conference. This year's theme is "Growing Your Opportunities".

Registration closes May 27, so don't delay! For more information, visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/stc/> or e-mail Kelly Anne Stewart, Teen Conference Coordinator, at kelly.a.stewart@wsu.edu.



Results

Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to this year's Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship Recipients:

4-H Endowment Trust Fund Scholarship
Taylor Alder

Jeanette Burghart Scholarship
Olivia Mitchell

Barbara Schnebly Shaw A Scholarship
Austin Wickerath

Barbara Schnebly Shaw B Scholarship
Chloe Clyburn

Kittitas County 4-H Leaders Council A Scholarship
Kayliana Blackmore

Kittitas County 4-H Leaders Council B Scholarship
Adrienne Herion



Dog Project Information

Dog Practice Dates

Dog practices are held in the Yakama Village at the Fairgrounds/Event Center at 6:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are: May 15, June 5 ; July 3 and 17, August 7 and 21.

4-H Dog Pre-Show

The 4-H Dog Pre-Show is scheduled for June 19 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Umtanum & Teanaway 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: 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 Thursday, June 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Taneum Room at the Fairgrounds/Event Center.





Small Animal Information

Poultry and Rabbit Clinic

The Poultry and Rabbit Clinic will be held on Saturday, July 19 in Umtanum Hall. Schedule is as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Poultry Clinic-Cloverbuds & Juniors
- 10:00 a.m. Poultry Clinic-Intermediates & Seniors
- 11:30 a.m. Rabbit Vet Check
- 11:45 a.m. Rabbit Pre-Show

Birds participating must have adult feathers (no chicks). Extra birds will be available to practice with for members that have birds too young to attend pre-show. Please remember to bring carpet squares.

This event is **required** for all Rabbit 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 by June 17. The letter needs to address the reason for not attending Pre-Show, a plan to make up for the missed activity, and be written by the member requesting the excuse. Letters can be submitted via email to amy.alder@wsu.edu.



Livestock Project Information

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Armory Room A**. Meeting dates have been set for 2025 - 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. with one exception*

- June 17
- July 15
- 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.

2025 Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The 2025 Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. This contest has no requirement for qualifying, just come and participate.

Registration forms are due June 13 to qualify for early registration fees (\$60/team, \$20/individual). There will be a late fee for registrations received after June 15. Registration fees can accompany the signed registration form or be paid on the day of the contest and can be paid by cash, check, or card.

Information and rules are at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/events/2025-state-livestock-judging-contest/>. **Registration forms are available at the Extension Office and must be signed by your county's extension professional.**

Sheep and Goat Weigh-In and Pre-Show

The Sheep and Goat Weigh-In and Pre-Show will be held on **Saturday, June 7** in Bloom Pavilion at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. This is a **required** event for Sheep and Goat members. **Animal Health Records are required at pre-show this year. Members must bring them for review.** All lambs and goats are required to have scrapie tags.

Here is the schedule for Sheep and Goat Pre-Show:

- 7:00-7:45 a.m. Goat Weigh-in
 - 7:45-9:00 a.m. Sheep Weigh-in
 - 9:00-10:30 a.m. Sheep & Goat Judging Contest
 - 10:45 a.m. Goat Classes (15 minutes after completion of Judging Contest) followed by a required clinic with the judge (30-45 minutes) and a workshop
 - 10:45 a.m. Sheep Prospect Market Class (15 minutes after completion of Judging Contest)
- 30 minute break after Market class is complete, followed by lamb Showmanship classes.

Showmanship is required. If you are not able to complete showmanship or market you need to be excused by the Livestock Committee by May 20. If you are leaving early from the clinic you must have been excused by the livestock committee before and please let your leader and the Superintendent know. **Please check with Superintendents or 4-H Leaders/Grange Leaders/FFA Instructors to be excused from the fairgrounds for the day.**

Sheep members have options to either slick shear or leave unshorn. Stands and equipment may be brought in to get your animals ready. Generators are ok. Please bring tools to clean out your pens at the end of the day. There will be pens set up for your use in Bloom Pavilion.

Any sheep or goat project member who has an emergency or problem attending the Sheep Pre-Show or Goat Clinic needs to write a letter requesting to be excused to: Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, to be submitted at the Livestock Committee meeting on May 20. The letter needs to address the reason for not attending, who will weigh the animal, who will show the animal (if applicable), provide a plan to make up for this missed activity and be written by the member requesting the excuse.

NON MARKET GOATS

Non market goats – Dairy, Novelty, Pygmy, and Utility projects are required to attend the Goat Clinic on June 8. Members are required to bring one animal representing each project area they will have at Fair. This is a good opportunity to prepare your animal for Fitting and Showing and to ask questions.

Animal Health Records will not be collected at Pre-Show, but they will be required at Fair. Specific records can be found at <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/> under Animal Add Sheets.

Swine Weigh-In, Clinic, & Judging Contest

The Swine Weigh-In, Clinic & Judging Contest will be held on Sunday, June 8th in Bloom Pavilion at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds/Event Center. This event is **required** for swine members. Schedule for the day:

5:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. - Swine Weigh-in & Tagging - Hogs must have a RFID tag from breeder
10:30 am- Vet Tech presentation
11:00 a.m. - Swine Judging Contest

PLEASE BRING ANIMAL HEALTH RECORDS

Pigs have the option of staying or going home after being tagged but all youth members must be present for Vet Tech presentation and judging contest. Judging will start after the presentation.

This is a required event for swine project members. Any swine project member who has an emergency or problem attending the Swine Clinic needs to write a letter wishing to be excused to: Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, by May 20. The letter needs to address the reason for not attending, a plan to make up for this missed activity and be written by the member requesting the excuse.



Horse Project Information

Monday Night Rides

Monday Night Rides, open to enrolled 4-H Horse Project members, will be held in the Rodeo Arena. All rides will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are:

June 2, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4

Rides are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. Please check with your leader before attending.

4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show

The 4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show will be held Saturday, May 10 in Bloom Pavilion. Entry forms are available at the Extension Office.

2nd Horse Judging Contest

The second 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, June 21 at 8:00 a.m. in Bloom Pavilion (during Horse Training Days). Details will be in June newsletter.

Two judging contests are held each year. Horse Project members 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. Novice members will judge in their age group.

To be eligible to judge on the Kittitas County 4-H State Horse Judging team members must judge in two county judging events completing oral reasons at both judging events and the horse parts worksheet.

Sagebrush Riders 4-H Club Horse Show

The Sagebrush Riders 4-H Club Horse Show will be held on Saturday, May 31 at the Arrow Over Diamond F Ranch in Selah. The entry form and schedule of events can be found here: [Sagebrush Riders 4-H Club Horse Show Entry Form \(PDF\)](#).

1st Horse Judging Contest Results

The top 10 judging scores in each division on the first horse judging session held in the Bloom Pavilion on April 7 were earned by the following members:

Junior

1. Penny Anderson	198
2. Ashtyn Fritts	196
2. Raelynn Markus	196
4. Lumi Lander	181
5. Colton Hensley	162
6. Josie Muratore	161
7. Emilia Brenning	156

Intermediate

1. Tori Forgey	233.5
2. Lillian Hainer	209
3. Eleanor Hansen	206
4. Amelia Fritts	195
5. Madi Millett	194
6. Caitlyn Muratore	192
6. Hattie Shull	192
8. Cassie Gray	189
9. Ryan Taylor	188
10. Anna Jentges	182

Senior

1. Austin Wickerath	245
2. Cami Ford	230.5
3. Faith Rector	227.5
4. Makenna Vraves	224
5. Hunter McKean	219.5
6. Hailey Vraves	219
7. Elouise Eckland	207
7. Taylor Shaw	207
9. Joycilyn Snyder	206
10. Sophie Beedle	204

Complete results are available from the Extension Office.

A big Thank You goes to Bobbi Broderius for organizing the Judging Contest. Thank you also to all the group leaders and horse exhibitors.

4-H Horse Training Days

The 4-H Horse Training Days will be held on Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Bloom Pavilion. It is highly recommended that all 4-H Horse project members take advantage of this great opportunity to improve horsemanship skills and prepare to do their best at the Kittitas County 4-H Junior Horse Fair.

Washington State Junior Horse Show

The 63rd Annual Washington State Junior 4-H Horse Show will be held June 27-30 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. You must attach a copy of your 4-H Horse Certificate to your entry form. More information and entry forms are available here:

[Washington State Junior Horse Show \(PDF\)](#).

Exhibiting at the KCF Junior Horse Show

4-H Horse members have several requirements to be eligible to exhibit at the Kittitas County Fair Junior Horse Show on August 14-17:

1. Must have submitted an up-to-date 4-H Record Book by July due date.
2. Must have given a 4-H demonstration during the current 4-H year at the club or county level.
3. Must have been an active 4-H member and have met the 4-H club's requirements for attendance at club meetings.
4. Must have attended and completed one Kittitas County 4-H Horse Judging Contest.
5. Must have filed a horse identification certificate with the Extension Office by April 30 of current year.
6. Must have attended and participated at a minimum of one of the following events:
 1. Bits & Buckles Fall or Spring Show
 2. 4-H Leaders Show
 3. Training Days
 4. Pre-Fair/July show

Qualifying for State 4-H Fair-Horse Division

There are several different criteria used when qualifying Horse Project members to compete at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup in September. These requirements are detailed in the Kittitas County 4-H Horse Policy, beginning on page 7. The policy can be viewed at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>. Hard copies are available from the Extension Office.

Requirements for Completing the 4-H Year-Horse

1. Do not miss more than three club meetings per year (Business meeting, not practice or work meetings).
2. Give at least one demonstration in horse at the club or county level.
3. Participate in at least one horse showmanship event.
4. Submit an up to date 4-H Record book by July due date
5. Participate in one Kittitas County 4-H Horse Leader sponsored horse judging event.



2025 HORSE 4-H DATES

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 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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