



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar



Club Business

June 2	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
June 5	4-H Dog Practice, 5:30 p.m., Umtanum Hall
June 7	Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/Pre-Show, 7:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion.
June 8	Swine Clinic & Judging Contest, 10:30 a.m., Bloom Pavilion (No weigh-in-DO NOT Bring your pigs!)
June 12	4-H Cat Pre-Show, 5:00 p.m., Western Town VIP Room
June 16	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
June 17	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday-Extension Office Closed
June 19	4-H Dog Pre-Show, 4:00 p.m., Umtanum & Teanaway Hall
June 20	4-H Dog Pre-Show, 5:00 p.m., Umtanum Hall at the Fairgrounds
June 21	2nd 4-H Horse Judging Contest, 8:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
June 21-22	4-H Horse Training Days, Bloom Pavilion
June 23	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
June 24	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory A
June 28	County Demonstration Contest, 12-2 p.m., Armory Room A
June 29	County Demonstration Contest, 5-8 p.m., Armory Room A
June 30	County Demonstration Contest, 5-8 p.m., Armory Room C
June 30	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
July 1	County Demonstration Contest, 5-8 p.m., Armory Room C
July 1	Friend of 4-H & Outstanding Leader Nominations due
July 3	4-H Dog Practice, 6:00 p.m., Yakama Village at the Fairgrounds/Event Center
July 4	4th of July Holiday-Extension Office closed

County Demonstrations

Dates have been set for the County Demonstration Contest! The June 28 & 29 contest will be in Armory Room A; June 30 and July 1 will be in Armory Room C.

June 28 12:00-2:00 p.m. Junior & Intermediate Division
 June 29 5:00-8:00 p.m. Senior division
 June 30 5:00-8:00 p.m. Senior division
 July 1 5:00-8:00 p.m. Junior & Intermediate Division

Please text Lacey Crichton at 509-899-2974 to sign up **no later than June 20th at 5:00 p.m.** Please include name, age division and phone number/email address for Lacey to call you back to schedule your day and time.

Record Book Completion Check Lists

The Record Book Completion Check sheet has been revised. All members will use the same check sheet-there are not separate check sheets for Livestock members this year. The check sheets are available at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/4-h-record-books/> or from the Extension Office.

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, June 24 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

4-H Forms and Policies Online

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

Record Book Deadline

Up-to-date record books are due to the club leader **on or before Monday, July 14 and to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28.**

All 4-H'ers must submit an up-to-date record book by the last Monday in July to be eligible to enter the 4-H Division at the Kittitas County Fair.



Opportunities

Record Book Tips – June

- 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 June dates.
- Project Journal- Leadership members should record time and money spent attending State 4-H Conference. List any project/training meetings and club meetings.
- Permanent Record – Sheep and Goat Pre-Show Fitting and Showing and Feeder classes may be entered under 4-H Contests Entered page 7. Sheep and Goat judging should be entered in Judging page 5. Horse Monday Night Riding needs to be entered under Events Attended page 9. Open Horse Shows, Dog Shows or Wool Contest that are non-4-H events but pertain to your project go under Contests Other than 4-H Entered page 15. Fill out 4-H Meeting Attendance, last page, by putting the year and the number of meetings that will be held for the year. In September mark down the number of meetings you attended. On Most Important Recognition, last page, list the most important recognition you received in 4-H during the year, such as honors, awards, trips, etc. and the project it is related to.

Cloverbud Record Book Tips

- Cloverbud Record Books or Level 1 Record Books are recommended for cloverbuds.
- If developmentally appropriate, record books must be in member's own handwriting. Support with writing is expected for most cloverbud members; members can write on their own or dictate their responses to an older youth or adult to write.
- A Project Diary is NOT required of cloverbud members; however, if appropriate can be included.
- A Permanent Record is NOT required of cloverbuds, however it can be kept up-to-date, if desired.
- Members of all age divisions, including cloverbuds, are eligible for coupons.

4-H Age Division Reminder

5-7 years old – Cloverbud

8-10 years old – Junior

11-13 years old – Intermediate

14-18 years old – Senior

4-H age is determined by the member's age on **October 1, 2024 for the 2024 – 2025 4-H year**. Their 4-H age doesn't change when they have their birthday after October 1, 2024. For example:

- **Age 8 and the 2nd grade-Junior**
- **Age 11 and in the 5th grade-Intermediate**
- **Age 14 and in the 8th grade-Senior**

Leaders: please check your 4-Hers ages so that they are entered in the correct divisions at Pre-Shows, Fair – Showmanship, judgings, demonstrations, etc., and any other 4-H activities. Leaders can run a report of club members from 4-H Online. Families can log in to 4-H Online and view the 4-H Age of their members as well.

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. Forms are available in the Extension Office, or online at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.

Past recipients:

- 1997 - Central Livestock Supply & Jo Barkley
- 1998 - Ranch and Home & Deanna Kidder
- 1999 - Kittitas Valley Bank & Mary Matthews
- 2000 - Grebb, Johnson, Reed and Wachsmith & Gene and Helen Barnhart
- 2001 - Mid State Co-Op & Sally Panattoni
- 2002 - Luft Trailer Sales & Doug and Carol Evenson
- 2003 - Ellensburg Cement Products and Don & Ann Black
- 2004 - Hancock Printing & Henry & Frances Schnebly
- 2005 - Albertsons & Catherine Stockdale and Joyce Palelek
- 2006 - Mike Johnston/Daily Record & Joe Hubbard
- 2007 - The Copy Shop
- 2008 - Booker Auction Services & Gayle and Scott McIntosh
- 2009 - Alnita Engravers & Jim and Dorothy Hand
- 2010 - Number 9 Hay
- 2011-NKC Tribune & Jim Markardt
- 2012-Joe Shannon-Country Financial and Pat & Linda Clerf
- 2013-Westwind Suffolks & Lana Thomas Cruse
- 2014-Ace Screenprinting & Embroidery and Carl & Kathy Tostenson
- 2015-Ward Rugh & Barbara Schnebly Shaw
- 2016-Kittitas County Cattlewomen
- 2017-Mike Fuller, DVM & Allan & Larue Herzig
- 2018-Anderson Hay & Paula Thompson, DVM.
- 2019-Dakota Café & Rick Gilson
- 2020-Kittitas County Sheep Producers & Jim Daly
- 2021-Kittitas Valley Event Center
- 2022-Parker Othodontics & Janet Downs
- 2023-Hilary Jensen/The Patch & The Mann Family
- 2024-First Impressions Screen Printing & Badger Pocket Christmas Tree Farm

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 in the Extension Office, or: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.

Past recipients include: 2003 - Jim & Wanda Munroe, 2004 - Dick Wedin, 2005 - Lynne Thomas, 2006 - Joy Rucker, 2007 - Jan & Brian McElroy, 2008 - Marie Riegel, 2009 - Barb & Jerry Pettit, 2010 - Audrey Wedin, 2011-Craig & Melanie George and Bob & JoAnn Eddings, 2012-Connie Dunnington, 2013-Ed Beeson, 2014-Diana Tasker, 2015-Mary Matthews, 2016-Bobbi Broderius, 2017-Glenna Maskal, 2018-Mark Crowley, 2019-Carol Hill, 2020-Dianna Cobain, 2021-Jon Blackmore, 2022-Bill & Lynette Miller, 2023-Pauline Clyburn, 2024-Bret Hollar.

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



Small Animal Project

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 also be submitted via email to amy.alder@wsu.edu.



Dog Project Information

Dog Practice Dates

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

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. Dog project members are strongly encouraged to attend.



Cat Project Information

Cat Pre-Show

The 4-H Cat Pre-Show is scheduled for Thursday, June 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Western Town Dance Hall/VIP Room at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. Cat project members are strongly encouraged to attend.

4-H Cat Project Meetings

4-H Cat Project Meetings have been scheduled. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. Upcoming dates are July 11 and August 14.

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



Livestock Project Information

Sheep and Goat Weigh-In, Pre-Show & Judging Contest

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. **Members need to bring their Animal Health Records to pre-show this year.**

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

- 7:00 a.m. Goat Weigh-in
- 7:45 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 and showmanship clinic, followed by lamb Showmanship classes.

Showmanship is required. Breeding project members can participate in Showmanship with their project animal at Pre-Show. 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.

All lambs and goats are required to have scrapie tags.

Any sheep or goat project member who has an emergency or problem attending the Sheep & Goat Pre-Show needs to write a letter requesting to be excused to the Livestock Committee and e-mail it to amy.alder@wsu.edu as soon as possible. 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 7. 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 are required at Pre-Show this year. Specific records can be found at <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/4-h-record-books/> under Project Add Sheets.

Swine Clinic & Judging Contest-NO WEIGH IN

Due to the recent confirmation of the Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome Virus (PRRS) in Kittitas County, the decision has been made by the Swine Fair Board Director and Superintendents to not weigh and tag pigs on Sunday, June 8. Please **DO NOT bring your pigs to the Fairgrounds for the clinic/judging contest!**

The Swine Clinic and Judging Contest (required for swine members) will still be held beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Bloom Pavilion at the Fairgrounds. **Swine members will need to bring a copy of their pig's health records to the clinic with the RFID Tag# and youth's name filled out.**

For more information on PRRS, visit <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/animals-livestock-and-pets/animal-health>.

If you have questions, please contact Bob Eddings at (509) 899-3371, bob.eddings@kittitascountyfair.org, or Sarah Devries at sarahdevries20@yahoo.com.

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. 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.

Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

We are excited to invite participants to the **2025 Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest** on **Saturday, June 28, 2025**, at the **Ardell Pavilion, Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA.**

This event offers an outstanding opportunity for youth in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions to demonstrate their livestock evaluation skills, practice oral reasons, and connect with peers from across the state.

- **Date:** Saturday, June 28, 2025
- **Location:** Ardell Pavilion, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, WA
- **Registration Deadline:** June 13, 2025
- **Cost:** \$60 per team (up to 4 members), \$20 per individual. Late fees apply after June 13.

All current 4-H members in good standing are eligible. Cross-county teams are permitted with proper documentation. A full schedule and rules are outlined in the contest guidelines.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please email amv.alder@wsu.edu.

We are also looking for a volunteer that would be interested in running some livestock judging practices, if you know anyone please have them reach out.

Up-To-Date Livestock Record Books

Record Books are due to leaders on July 14 and due in the Extension Office by July 28 at 5 p.m. Again this year, all members will use the same check sheet. Check sheets are available from your 4-H Leader, the Extension Office or online at <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/4-h-record-books/>.

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be **June 17 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 *

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.

Animal Health Record

Animal Health Records need to be completed on all livestock project animals.

- The updated Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Animal Health Record must be included in the member's record book when it is turned in for the Up to Date check by the last Monday in July. There are animal specific forms (1 per animal) for Market Beef, Dairy Heifer, Lamb, Swine, Goat, Individual Goat, Dairy Goat.
- **Health Records are required at Sheep, Goat, and Swine weigh-ins this year**
- Youth will need to have **the updated Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Animal Health Record** forms uploaded with their fair entry on ShoWorks and turn in a hard copy at fair vet check.

By federal law meat processors must identify the origin of animals entering the food supply; state law requires animal disease traceability made possible through the transfer of health records from one owner to the next. Without this record you will not be able to sell your animal at the Kittitas County Fair Market Sale.

Animal Health Records are available from your 4-H leader, the Extension Office, or online at <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/4-h-record-books/> under Project Add Sheets.



Horse Project Information

Monday Night Riding

For liability reasons, parents are reminded that they must be present while their children participate in Monday Night Riding or the member will not ride. This will be strictly enforced.

The purpose of Monday Night Riding is to provide educational opportunities for horse project members to gain knowledge about different disciplines offered in the horse project. Therefore Monday Night Riding participation is limited to enrolled Kittitas County 4-H Horse project members.

All rides will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena. Upcoming dates are:

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

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

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).

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. To be eligible to judge on the Kittitas County 4-H State Horse Judging team junior, intermediate and senior members must judge in two county judging events completing oral reasons at both judging events and the horse part worksheet. Novice members will judge in their age group.

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. **Participants must wear approved helmets and boots.** More information will be in the July FOCUS.

4-H Horse Pre-Show

The Kittitas County 4-H Horse Pre-Show will be held July 18-20 in Bloom Pavilion. Classes offered at the Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair will be offered at the 4-H Horse Pre-Show.

The Horse Pre-Show is designed to have training in a horse show environment to improve horsemanship skills and prepare for the Junior Horse Fair

It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that all 4-H Horse project members take advantage of this opportunity to learn and prepare for the Fair.

All-Around Showmanship at Kittitas County Fair Labor Day Weekend

In anticipation of Fair this year, we would like to remind everyone of all-around showmanship requirements. First place winners in junior, intermediate and senior showmanship are required to participate in All-Around Showmanship (Round Robin) at the Kittitas County Fair on Monday, September 4. In the event the first place winner cannot participate, the second place winner will move into the vacated position.

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.
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. File a horse identification certificate by April 30 of current year.

2025 HORSE 4-H DATES

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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