



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



CALENDAR

October 5	Bits & Buckles Open 4-H Horse Show, Washington State Horse Park in Cle Elum, 8:00 a.m.
October 8	4-H Open House, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Umtanum Hall
October 12	Animal of Merit Awards, 4:00 p.m., Armory Hall
October 12	4-H Awards & Recognition Dinner, 5:00 p.m., Armory Hall
October 15	Last day to submit club field trip reimbursement for the 2024-2025 year
October 15	Last day to submit request for State Fair transportation reimbursement
October 21	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
October 28	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
October 31	Thank You's due to Livestock Sale Buyers
November 1	4-H Horse Leader's Tack & More Sale, Armory Hall
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday-Extension Office Closed
November 18	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
November 25	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
November 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday-Extension Office Closed
December 1	Club Yearly Financial Summary Reports, Peer Audit Report, and Property Inventory Due in the Extension Office



CLUB BUSINESS

Animal of Merit Awards & 4-H Awards & Recognition Night-October 12!

The Animal of Merit Awards will be held Sunday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m. in Armory Hall at the Fairgrounds.

The 4-H Awards & Recognition Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. following the Animal of Merit Awards. All are welcome to attend. Baked potatoes, toppings, chili, salad, and beverages will be available for a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Each club is encouraged to donate one or two desserts to be auctioned off. Proceeds from the auction will go towards the Concession Trailer.

4-H Open House

4-H Open House will be held on Wednesday, October 8 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Umtanum Hall at the Event Center/Fairgrounds.

4-H Council Meeting

A representative from each club needs to attend each 4-H Council meeting. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month, except August and December. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 28 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

4-H Council Officers for 2025

Nominations for Council Officers will be finalized at the October 28 meeting. First call for nominations was held at the September 30 meeting, and no nominations were made. Nominations will remain open at the October 28 meeting. Voting will take place at the November 25 meeting.

4-H Council Budget Timeline

Itemized proposals for the Kittitas County 4-H Council budget are due in the Extension Office by November 1. The budget committee will be working to bring the total package at the November 25 Council meeting.

Premium Checks and Livestock Sale Checks

Premium checks will be mailed by the Fair Office at the end of October. Livestock Sale checks will be sent out as funds come in. All members may not receive checks at the same time.

Trophy & Award Thanks

While you are thanking buyers, it is also a good time to send a "Thank You" to the trophy or award sponsor. It is important to show appreciation to sponsors for their continued support. Sponsor names are in the Fair Exhibitor Guide, or call the Fair Office for sponsors and addresses.

WSU Kittitas County 4-H Youth Development Vision Statement:

The WSU Kittitas County 4-H program is a community recognized and supported quality youth development program that helps youth of the county acquire practical hands-on experiences and life skills enabling them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of a diverse and changing society.

4-H Enrollments/Re-Enrollments

It is time for members to enroll for the new 4-H year! The website is <https://v2.4honline.com>. Some important tips:

- Re-enrolling members and leaders already have a profile in the system-so once they are logged in they just update and verify their information.
- Re-enrolling members and leaders must use the same e-mail address to sign into the system as last year-it can be changed by the Extension Office if you no longer have access to that e-mail. **DO NOT** create a new account if you were enrolled last year. Contact the Extension Office if you are unsure which e-mail address to use.
- The \$25 per member State 4-H Enrollment Fee will be covered by Kittitas County 4-H Council. When enrolling, choose the check payment option to submit your enrollment. You will receive an automated email asking you to bring payment into the office-disregard that message. No fees will be collected from members.
- There is a computer available in the Extension Office for those who wish to use it to enroll.
- Please contact Andrea at amorse@wsu.edu or 962-7507 if you experience any trouble.

Record Book Tips – October

- 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.
- Put record book together according to the instructions on the inside front page.
- Fill out the front page of record book.
- Start Calendar by putting October dates in.
- Project plans (Level 1) or Project Record (Level 2) should be filled out by member and parent. Leadership members should identify with their leader specific leadership projects they would like to do.
- List any project/training meetings as well as club meetings in the project journal section.
- Financial Summary (Level 2) Beginning Value should be filled in.
- Quality Assurance Sheets for Horse and Livestock should transfer from old record book into new record book with the permanent record.
- Animal Projects—read and sign Commitment to Excellence. This goes after Project related materials (Level 1) or Project Financial Summary (Level 2). Members, parents and leaders must read and sign the Commitment to Excellence every year.
- Permanent Record—transfer permanent record from old book into new book. Put current year's projects in the Project and Exhibit Summary page 2 and 3.
- Clothing Skills Checklist Booklet should be transferred with the permanent record.

4-H Promotional Items

Your club may want to order stickers, T-shirts, and other 4-H logo items for the year from National 4-H Supply. Visit their website at <http://www.4-hmall.org>. Check it out now for the new year and for Fair.

Field Trip \$\$

Your club is eligible to receive partial reimbursement from 4-H Council for club field trips. Plan and take a field trip and then complete a request for funds prior to October 15. Forms are available in the Extension Office or on the website at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.

State Fair Travel Reimbursement

Forms for State Fair travel reimbursements are available at the Extension Office or on the website at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.

Forms are due in the Extension Office by October 15. Preference will be given to those requests where several 4-Hers traveled together—no more than \$20 per car load per year.

Club Financial Reporting Due December 1

The standard state requirement of submitting an Annual Financial Summary, Peer-Audit Report, and Property Inventory applies to all clubs. Clubs that handled more than \$1000 and/or received more than \$500 in donations in the last 4-H year are required to turn in their Treasurer's Binder and Secretary's Book. Any club, regardless of funds handled is still subject to audit and if selected will be asked to provide the previous year's Treasurer's Binder and Secretary's Book. Information and forms will be mailed to club leaders on October 1 and are due to the Extension Office by **December 1**.

4-H Vests Missing

A few of the green 4-H Vests worn by members while hosting the 4-H Building during Fair have gone missing. If you served a shift hosting the building, please check to see if any vests accidentally ended up with things that were brought home from the Fair. Vests can be returned to the Extension Office.



State 4-H Fair Results

Kittitas County was represented at State 4-H Fair in Puyallup by many members-congratulations to all!

Senior Western Games: Sophie Beedle

Senior Performance Horse: Hailey Vraves (5th Place Stock Seat Equitation), Faith Rector (7th Place Bareback Equitation).

Intermediate Performance Horse: Tori Forgey (8th place English Dressage Seat Equitation)

Intermediate Western Games: Tori Forgey (1st Place Idaho Figure 8 Stake Race, 5th Place Texas Barrel Race).

Horse Judging: Junior Team of Penny Anderson (6th Place Individual), and Ashtyn Fritts. Intermediate Team of Tori Forgey (7th Place Individual), Amelia Fritts, Ryan Taylor, and Eleanor Hansen. Senior Team of Cami Ford, Shelby Hansen, Sophia Rawls, Zane Bennett, and Quinton McKean.

Livestock Judging: Senior Team of Daniel Sullivan (1st Place Individual), Georgina Anderson (6th Place Individual), Sadie Barr (7th Place Individual), Daniel Sullivan (9th Place Individual), and Claire German.
Intermediate Team of Kendall Markus (1st Place Individual), Brialyynn Basterrechea (4th Place Individual), Frank Sullivan, Henry German, and Wade Schock.
Junior Team of Raelynn Markus (3rd Place Individual) and Eleanor Munson.

Demonstrations: Evelyn Hein, Kyler Hagen

Sewing: Jamie Herion, Heidi Rizor, Emily Kincaid

Fashion Revue: Emily Kincaid-Award of Merit

Food Preservation: Jamie Herion, Jack Herion, Heidi Rizor

Dog Agility: Olivia Santoyo, (Champion), Antje Thomas

Dog Obedience: Jazmin Finch (Showmanship Award of Merit), Avery Rounds (Reserve Champion Beginner Novice).

LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION

Market Sale Pictures

Members, parents and leaders are reminded that each exhibitor is to personally deliver one of the two pictures taken to the purchaser of his/her animal by October 31, 2025 to be eligible to participate in the 2026 Kittitas County Fair Market Sale.

If it is an out of town buyer, you should contact them by phone to make arrangements to meet, or get their address and send a picture and thank you. Buyer and add-on information was e-mailed to club leaders. All add-ons that are included with your check also need a THANK-YOU sent to them upon receiving your check. . If you did not receive your buyer and add-on information, contact Heather at (509) 929-4087.

Leaders: You may help your members learn how much support buyers give youth by completing this exercise at a 4-H meeting. Multiply the weight of the animal by the floor price, and then multiply the weight of the animal by the price they received from the buyer. Deduct the floor price amount from the Sale price amount. The difference is how much extra the members are getting from the buyer of their animal. They should be very surprised and appreciative of the support. It is as if the buyer handed them a check for several hundred dollars and the buyers deserve a **BIG THANK YOU!**



Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 21 in Armory Room A.** Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The remaining 2025 meeting will be November 18.

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

HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

Tack & More Sale-November 1

Kittitas County 4-H Horse Leaders will be holding a tack sale Saturday, November 1 in the Armory Hall at the Fairgrounds. Interested in a booth (\$40 per table)? Have tack to donate? Contact (509) 962-7565 or amy.alder@wsu.edu.

Happy Halloween



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