



## Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



### Calendar

December 11	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
December 14	Youth Officer Training, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Yakima County Extension Office
December 24-26	Christmas Holiday-Office Closed
January 1	New Year's Holiday-Office Closed
January 8	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-Office Closed
January 20	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
January 27	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory
January 29	4-H Dog Contest Practice, 5:30 p.m., Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds/Event Center-members only-no dogs
February 1	Mealtime Manners, 3:00 –5:00 p.m., Armory Hall
<b>February 1</b>	<b>Project Enrollment Deadline for Fair Participation in Horse, Livestock, Small Animal, and Family &amp; Consumer Science</b>
February 2	4-H Scholarship Information Night, 6:30 p.m., Armory Room A
February 12	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
February 13-16	Know Your Government Conference-Olympia
February 17	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
February 24	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A



### Club Business

#### 4-H Enrollments/Re-Enrollments

4-H Enrollment and Re-enrollment will be done online again this year. The enrollment deadline for Fair participation is **February 1**. The website is <https://v2.4honline.com>. Some important tips:

- Returning members and leaders already have a profile in the system-so once they are logged in they just update and verify their information. 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. Contact Andrea at the Extension Office if you are unsure which e-mail address to use.
- **The \$25 per member Enrollment Fee is being covered by Kittitas County 4-H Council again this year. When enrolling, choose the check payment option to submit your enrollment-no fees will be collected.** When you submit the enrollment, you will receive an auto-generated e-mail from 4-H Online asking for payment-please disregard that message.
- There is a computer available in the Extension Office for those who do not have internet access.
- Please contact Andrea at [amorose@wsu.edu](mailto:amorose@wsu.edu) or 962-7507 if you experience any trouble.

#### Youth Officer Training

Youth Officer Training will be held Sunday, December 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the WSU Yakima County Extension Office. This training is open to Kittitas and Yakima County 4-H members (age 10+) and adults that would like to learn more about being a 4-H club officer, whether they have already been elected, or are considering a position in the future. Register online no later than December 10th! <https://tinyurl.com/28un365u>. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

#### Mealtime Manners

Mealtime Manners will be held on Sunday, February 1 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Armory Hall and is open to 4-H Members in all age groups.

This event familiarizes participants with dining etiquette including proper use of utensils and mealtime conversation. Cost is \$5.00 per person, to be paid at the door. Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/Aes7KKgqsYU83eDaA>. **Reservations are required by January 23.** We need adult volunteers too! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Ao2QqAVCWFUg76cz9>.

Contact Kittitas County 4-H at 509-962-7507 or [amy.alder@wsu.edu](mailto:amy.alder@wsu.edu) with any questions.

## 2026 4-H Council Officers

Toni Taylor-President  
Jon Blackmore-Vice President  
Rachel George-Secretary  
Marie Riegel-Treasurer



## 4-H Council Meeting

A representative 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, January 27 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

## Completing the Year

Don't forget...the 4-H'er must do the following things to complete the year:

1. Do not miss more than three club meetings per year (Business meetings, not practice or work meetings).
2. Give at least one demonstration. It is suggested a member give one in each project area in which they are enrolled.
3. Participate in at least one showmanship in each project area (if none available, participate in a county contest or event).
4. Complete a record book and turn it into the Extension Office by the last Monday in July to be checked for completion.
5. 4-H members enrolled in a livestock project must judge at the Kittitas County Fair. 4-H members enrolled in a horse project must judge at one of the two county Horse judging contests.

## Teen Opportunities

### 4-H Scholarship Information Night

High school seniors-now is the time to be gathering scholarship materials! Remember that for the Kittitas County 4-H Scholarships (due April 1) your Record Book needs to be turned in along with a cover letter, two letters of recommendation, a 4-H resume, unofficial transcripts, and an essay. For details please visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/youth-info/kittitas-county-4-h-scholarships/>.

4-H Scholarship Information Night will be February 2nd in Armory Room A at 6:30 p.m. High school juniors and seniors are welcome to join us to walk through the Kittitas county 4-H Scholarship, preview the Washington State 4-H Scholarship (due March 15 in 4H Online), and do some resume and cover letter work. Youth who are currently or have been a Kittitas County 4-H member are eligible for county scholarships.

Please RSVP for Scholarship Info Night here: <https://forms.gle/hrWeo4ugcRz2ScAAA>.

### Know Your Government Conference

KYG is open to high school aged youth (traditionally grades 9-12)! The conference will be held in February 13-16 in Olympia. More information will be available soon. Please e-mail [amy.alder@wsu.edu](mailto:amy.alder@wsu.edu) if you are interested in attending KYG.

## Dog Project Information

### 4-H Dog Project Contest Practice

The leaders of Hard To Beat would like to invite all 4-H Dog Project members to three Dog Contest Practices in 2026. Each will be held in the Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds and begin at 6pm on the 5th Thursdays of the month when they occur. Dog Judging, Dog Bowl, and Skill-a-thon are our contest for the 4-H Dog Project.



This event will be members only, no dogs, and should be a fun time of fellowship and learning!

The contest competitions will be mid August on Fair Agility day again, also in the Heritage Center.

Save these dates:

- Thursday, January 29th, 6pm in the Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds
- Thursday, April 30th, 6pm in the Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds
- Thursday, July 30th, 6pm in the Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds
- Sunday, August 16th, AM Agility - Lunch - Contests

## Cat Project Information

### 4-H Cat Project Meetings

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

December 11  
January 8  
February 12  
March 12

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

## Livestock Project Information

### Livestock Committee Meetings

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, January 20 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 \*

February 17  
March 17  
April 21  
May 19  
June 16  
August 4 \* First Tuesday  
September 15  
October 20  
November 17



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

## Livestock Dates for 2026

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

March 21	Beef Weigh-In & Pre-Show
March 21	Dairy Pre-Show
May 30	Sheep Weigh-In & Pre-Show
May 30	Goat Weigh-In & Pre-Show
June 14	Swine Weigh-In & Pre-show

## 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 [extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/](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 <https://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 completing their Fair entries in ShoWorks in August, and turn in a hard copy at Fair Vet Check.**

Health records must be in record books when they are turned in for the completion check in July.



## Horse Project Information

### 4-H Horse Member Advancement Checklist

The “4-H Horse Member Advancement Checklist: EM2790” checklist is a required part of the Record Book for Kittitas County 4-H Horse project members. The Advancement Checklist goes after the Project Financial Records, behind the Commitment to Excellence and Horse Certificate. 4-H Horse members will use the same Advancement Checklist from year to year. This needs to be taken out of last year’s record book and put with this year’s record book.

### Commitment to Excellence Form

The Washington 4-H Animal Project Commitment to Excellence Form needs to be read and signed by the member, Parent and Project Leader and be included in the member’s Record Book. The form is available at the Extension Office or at [extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/](https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/).



## 2026 HORSE 4-H DATES

TBD	4-H Horse Training & Safety Day Bloom Pavilion & Manastash Room
April 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Horse Judging – Bloom Pavilion – 6:00 pm
April 11	Bits & Buckles Schooling Show - 8am – 7pm
April 30	Horse Certificates Due by 5:00 p.m.
May 9	4-H Spring Leader’s Show – Bloom Pavilion – 8am – 7pm
June 15, 22, 29	Monday Night Riding–Rodeo Arena 7-9pm
June 26-28 (TBD)	4-H Horse Fair Training Day & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Horse Judging, Bloom Pavilion 8am
July 6, 20, 27	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7 -9pm
July 17-19	4-H Horse Pre-Show – Bloom Pavilion – 8am – 8pm
August 3	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7 -9pm
August 7	State Fair Interest form due by 5:00 pm
August 18	Jr Horse Fair-Barn Open for Decorations
August 19	Junior Horse Fair: RV Parking Open
August 20-23	Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair – Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena
Sept. 3-7	Kittitas County Fair
October 4	4-H Fall Leader’s Show—Bloom Pavilion
November 7	Tack Sale



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