



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar

April 6	1st Horse Judging Contest, 6:00 p.m., Bloom Pavilion
April 9	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
April 11	Bits & Buckles Schooling Show - Bloom Pavilion, 8am – 7pm
April 13	4-H Horse Panel Meeting, 5:15 p.m., Armory Room A
April 21	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
April 22	Fair Superintendent School, 5:30 p.m., Armory Hall at the Fairgrounds
April 28	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory A
April 30	Horse Certificates Due in Extension Office
April 30	4-H Honor Cord Applications Due
May 9	Kittitas County 4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show, Rodeo Arena
May 14	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
May 15-17	State 4-H Shooting Sports, Eatonville
May 19	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
May 25	Memorial Day-Office Closed
May 26	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory A
May 30	Sheep Weigh-In, Pre-Show, and Judging Contest, Bloom Pavilion
May 30	Goat Weigh-In, Pre-Show, and Judging Contest



Club Business

County Demonstrations

The County Demonstration Contest will be held on June 9 & 13 in Armory Room A. More information on times and how to register will be in the May FOCUS.

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, April 28 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings for the remainder of the year are May 26, June 30, July 28, September 29, October 27, and November 24. 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](https://www.kittitascountyextension.org/).

2026 Fair Theme
“Country Charm From the Farm”



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 22-26 for the Washington State 4-H Teen Conference.

Registration opens in early May. For more information, visit the [State 4-H Conference website](#) or contact Kelly Anne Stewart at kelly.a.stewart@wsu.edu or (509) 397-6290.

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. 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](#) by 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.

Dog Project Information

Dog Practice Dates

- Thursday, April 30th, All County Dog Contest Practice, 6pm in the Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds
- Thursday, June 25th, Dog Pre-Show in Umtanum & Teanaway Hall at the Fairgrounds
- Thursday, July 30th, All County Dog Contest Practice, 6pm in the Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds
- Sunday, August 16th, AM Agility - Lunch - Fair Contests (Judging, Dow Bowl & Skill-a-thon)

All County Practices will resume on the 1st Thursdays of the month when the Agility Field in Grasslands is open for the season, estimate in March. We will do stations and include Showmanship, Obedience, and possibly Demonstrations (if needed).

4-H Dog Pre-Show

The 4-H Dog Pre-Show is scheduled for June 25 beginning at 4:00 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:

March 12
April 9
May 14
July 9

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 11. More details will be in the May FOCUS.



Livestock Project Information

Beef Judging Contest Results

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

Junior	
1. Aven Smith	152
2. Briar Newby	141
3. Eleanor Munson	140
4. Brice Campbell	139
5. Cayson Clerf	134
6. Cody Moreland	132
7. Ryle Hunter	127
8. Hallie Hazzard	125
9. Paige Smith	123
10. Cora Haberman	122

Intermediate	
1. Emilynn Ogan	169
2. Brooke Giustetti	160
3. Jack Smith	154
4. Allison Alder	152
5. Enya Smith	151
6. Trent Moreland	147
7. Matthew Feddema-Dunbar	146
8. Josie Beard	144
9. Elsa Penoyar	144
10. Maggie Fekkes	141

Senior	
1. Makenna Vraves	174
2. Jack Case	170
3. Fiona Smith	167
4. Nolan Sherley	162
5. Esther Smith	161
6. Hadlee Hanson	155
7. Noah Schutte	152
8. Derrick Feddema	151
9. Charlotte Nansel	150 37
10. BriaLynn Basterrechea	150 37

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

Steer Weigh-In Numbers

At the Beef Pre-Show on March 21, 58 steers were ear tagged by 42 youth for the Kittitas County Fair in September. Seven Breeding Heifer members also participated.

Beef Pre-Show Thank You!

Sincere thanks to the Beef superintendents, leaders, FFA Advisors, Fair Board Members, parents and youth that helped with the Beef 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!!!**

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. in Armory Room A. Meeting dates have been set for 2026 - 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. with one exception*

May 19

June 16

August 11 * 2nd Tuesday

September 15

October 20

November 17

Every club with livestock projects needs to have a representative at Livestock Committee meetings.

2026 Livestock Dates

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

May 30 Sheep Pre-Show

May 30 Goat Pre-Show

June 14 Swine Weigh-In & Clinic

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.

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 on our website 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 on our [website](#).

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.



Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest will be held Saturday, June 27, at the Ardell Pavilion, Grant County Fair Grounds in Moses Lake. Registration is now open! Early registration ends on May 29, with late registration closing on June 12. Please note there will be no day of registration.

A new scoring system will be used that will require Scantrons. Clipboards and pencils will be provided for contestants, and they will be expected to complete the Scantron independently. For more details, visit the [Event Page](#).

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Amy Alder at amy.alder@wsu.edu.



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 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Bloom Pavilion**. The classes are Showmanship, Western Pleasure, and Trail (Oral Reasons on this class). There will also be a horse parts worksheet. There will be a few extra questions on face markings, breeds, or colors-all from the [4-H Horse Project](#) book.

The second 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Sunday, June 28, 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.**

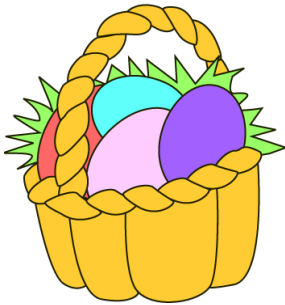
Blank Horse Certificates are available from [WSU Extension Publications](#). This needs to be filled out and brought back to the Extension Office to be signed. The member keeps the original in their record book. If the same horse is used in following years the original needs to come in each year to be 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 11 in the Bloom Pavilion. This is a good show to start the year, gain experience, learn something and have FUN. Entry forms have been e-mailed out and are also available at the Extension Office.

4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show

The 4-H Horse Leaders Spring Show will be held Saturday, May 9 in the Rodeo Arena. Entry forms will be emailed to leaders when available.



2026 HORSE 4-H DATES

April 6	1 st Horse Judging – Bloom Pavilion – 6:00 pm
April 11	Bits & Buckles Schooling Show - Bloom Pavilion 8am – 7pm
April 30	Horse Certificates Due by 5:00 p.m.
May 9	4-H Spring Leader’s Show – Rodeo Arena—8am – 7pm
June 15, 22, 29	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena—7-9 pm
June 27-28	4-H Horse Fair Training Days, Bloom Pavilion 8am-8pm
June 28	2nd Horse Judging, Bloom Pavilion, 8:00 a.m.
July 6, 20, 27	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7-9pm
July 17-19	4-H Horse Pre-Show – Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena – 8am – 8pm
August 3	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 7-9pm
August 7	State Fair Interest form due by 5:00 pm
August 18	Junior Horse Fair: Barn Open for Decorations
August 19	Junior Horse Fair: R.V. Parking Open
August 20-23	Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair – Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena
September 3-7	Kittitas County Fair
October 4	4-H Fall Leader’s Show – Bloom Pavilion – 8am – 8pm



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