



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar

May 14	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
May 15-17	State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, Eatonville
May 19	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday-Office Closed
May 26	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory A
May 30	Sheep & Goat Pre-Show/Weigh-In, 7:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
May 30	Sheep & Goat Judging Contest, 9:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
May 31	4-H Cookie Judging Workshop, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Damman School
June 9	County Demonstration Contest, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Armory A
June 11	4-H Cat Pre-Show, 5:00 p.m., Heritage Center
June 14	Swine Weigh-In, Judging Contest & Clinic, 6:00 a.m., Bloom Pavilion
June 15	Monday Night Ride, 7-9 p.m., Rodeo Arena
June 16	4-H Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday-Office Closed
June 20	Dirt Bike Safety Clinic, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., North Parking lot at the Fairgrounds
June 22	Monday Night Ride, 7-9 p.m., Rodeo Arena
June 25	4-H Dog Pre-Show, 4:00 p.m., Hunt Arena & Umtanum Hall
June 27-28	4-H Horse Training Day & Second Horse Judging Contest, Bloom Pavilion
June 27	Poultry Clinic/Rabbit Pre-Show, Umtanum Hall
June 29	Monday Night Ride, 7-9 p.m., Rodeo Arena
June 30	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory A



Club Business

County Demonstrations

The County Demonstration Contest will be held on June 9 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in Armory Room A. There may be an additional date offered-the details are being worked out. Information on signing up will be emailed to members and leaders soon.

Dirt Bike Safety Clinic

We are excited to officially open registration for our upcoming Be Crash Free RideSafe Dirt Bike Clinic on June 20th.

The RideSafe Motorcycle Training Course is a fun, hands-on 4-hour program designed for youth ages 8-18 who want to learn how to safely ride dirt bikes. Certified Be Crash Free instructors will guide participants through:

- Basic motorcycle controls
- Protective gear and safety
- Balance exercises
- Starting and stopping
- Turning techniques
- Riding through simple obstacles

Safety is the top priority, and instruction is kept age-appropriate with small groups, controlled riding environments, and plenty of encouragement for new riders.

Event Details:

- Date: June 20, 2026
- Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Cost: \$150 per participant
- Ages: 8–18

Participants will need to provide their own dirt bike (please reach out if you do not have a bike but would like to participate). Required riding gear includes:

- Helmet
- Over-the-ankle boots
- Long durable pants
- Long-sleeve shirt or coat
- Gloves
- Eye protection such as goggles or glasses

Registration is now open using the link below: <https://motors.becrashfree.com/p/i5OaMvZgzrpy>. We are very excited to partner with Be Crash Free to help provide a safe and educational riding opportunity for local youth while continuing to explore future possibilities for a Kittitas County 4-H Dirt Bike Club. Please feel free to reach out with any questions—amy.alder@wsu.edu.

WSU State 4-H Teen Conference

Youth in the 8th-12th grades (completed 8th grade by conference) are invited to come to WSU June 22-25 for the Washington State 4-H Teen Conference.

Registration closes May 31. Cost for youth members is \$295. There is no registration fee for volunteers. For more information, visit the [State 4-H Conference website](#).

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

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, May 26 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m. Meetings for the remainder of the year are June 30, July 28, September 29, October 27, and November 24. Please join us!

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.

Flag Contest at Fair

Now is a great time to begin planning your club flag for this year's fair! For more information and rules, see the [Fair Exhibitor Guidebook](#).

Flags older than three years may still be displayed if clean and in good condition; but will not be eligible for premiums or ribbons.

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.

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 submit one on the [website](#).

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 on our [website](#).



Kittitas County 4-H Scholarship Winners

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

4-H Endowment Trust Fund Scholarship
Georgia Jenks

Jeanette Burghart Scholarship
Veronica Mattson

Barbara Schnebly Shaw A Scholarship
Hunter McKean

Barbara Schnebly Shaw B Scholarship
Chloe Clyburn

Kittitas County 4-H Leaders Council A Scholarship
Aleksandra Adams

Kittitas County 4-H Leaders Council B Scholarship
Hailey Vraves



4-H Cookie Judging Workshop

Save the date for the Cookie Judging Workshop to be held Sunday, May 31st from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Damman School, 2681 Umptanum Road, in Ellensburg.

Join us for an afternoon all about cookies! 4-H members are encouraged to bake and bring a plate of one dozen cookies-we'll need exhibits to learn from! The workshop will have hands-on learning about how cookies are evaluated at the Kittitas County Fair, practice judging, and an opportunity to meet other 4-H bakers.

For questions or more information, e-mail alison.white@wsu.edu.



Dog Project Dates

Mark your calendars with these upcoming Dog Project Events:

- Thursday, June 25th, Dog Pre-Show in Umptanum & 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, Dog Bowl & Skill-a-thon)

4-H Dog Pre-Show

The 4-H Dog Pre-Show is scheduled for June 25 at 4:00 p.m. in Teanaway Hall & Hunt Memorial Arena 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 14, July 9, August 13.

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 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds/Event Center.

Small Animal Information

Poultry Clinic and Rabbit Pre-Show

The Poultry Clinic and Rabbit Pre-Show will be held on Saturday, June 27 in Umtanum Hall at the Fairgrounds/Event Center. Schedule is as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Rabbit Pre-Show
- 10:30 a.m. Poultry Clinic-Cloverbuds
- 11:00 a.m. Poultry Clinic-Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors—PT Testing will be completed during this time

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 19th 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*

- June 16
- August 11 * Second Tuesday
- September 15
- October 20
- November 17

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

Sheep and Goat Weigh-In and Pre-Show

The Sheep and Goat Weigh-In and Pre-Show will be held on **Saturday, May 30** 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-please bring a copy-not the original.** All lambs and goats are required to have scrapie tags.

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

- 7:00 a.m. Sheep Weigh-in
- 7:45 a.m. Goat 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.

New this year-members need to register in the Showman app prior to preshow: please capitalize the first letter of your first and last name. Enter only your scrapie tag number — we will add your fair tag and weight at Pre-Show. You'll be signing up for the Kittitas County Fair Livestock Show and Market Sale, which helps us "pre-load" your information for fair.

Showman | Livestock Show Management Software:
<https://showman.app/shows#/kittitas-county-fair-livestock-show-and-market-sale-6a22>

If for any reason you are not able to attend, you will need to be excused by the Livestock Committee by May 19. **You must check with the superintendents to be excused from the fairgrounds for the day.**

Sheep members have options to either slick shear or leave unshorn. All animals should be washed before coming to the grounds. It is required to clean out your pens at the end of the day. There will be pens set up for your use in Bloom Pavilion. If you have a sick animal please contact your leader and superintendent ASAP to discuss!

Exhibitors who have a conflict with Pre-Show are **required** to write a letter to: Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, **by the May 19th Livestock** Committee meeting. Letters can be submitted via email to amy.alder@wsu.edu. The letter needs to be written by the 4-H/FFA/Grange member requesting the excuse, address the reason for not attending, and who will weigh the animal. The Livestock Committee will review these requests. Members must have another exhibitor weigh their animal(s) in their absence.

NON MARKET GOATS

Non market goats – Dairy, Novelty, Pygmy, and Utility projects are required to attend the Goat Clinic on May 30. 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.

Swine Weigh-In, Clinic, & Judging Contest

The Swine Weigh-In, Clinic & Judging Contest will be held on **Sunday, June 14th** in Bloom Pavilion at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. This is a **required** event for Swine members.

Schedule for the day:

6:00-10:30 a.m. - Swine Weigh-in & Tagging -Hogs must have a RFID tag from breeder

10:15 am - All youth must be in Bloom Pavillion

10:30 a.m. - Swine Judging Contest

Swine members must bring a COPY of their health records, any out of state hogs must have affidavit attached. PLEASE DO NOT TURN IN YOUR ORIGINAL HEALTH RECORD!

Swine members need to register in the Showman app. Please start registering after 5/30/26 and before 6/14/26. The Showman app will require the RFID # for each hog.

**Under fair tag number please put 001 for the 1st hog and 002 for the 2nd hog. We will update the fair tag number once tagged.

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4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest will be held Saturday, June 27, in Moses Lake. Registration is now open! Early registration ends on May 29, with late registration closing on June 12. There will be no day of registration. 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

2nd Horse Judging Contest

The second 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Sunday, June 28 at 8:00 a.m. in Bloom Pavilion (during Horse Training Days). Details will be in the June FOCUS.

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.

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 6 were earned by the following members:

Junior

1. Oaklyn Patterson	187
2. Ashtyn Fritts	185.5
2. Lumi Lander	171.5
4. Jameson Shaw	170
5. Swayze Gipson	149
6. Elliott Miller	127

Intermediate

1. Brooklyn Schirado	215.5
2. Amelia Fritts	204
3. Penny Anderson	203
4. Allison Alder	195
5. Eleanor Hansen	186.5
6. Hattie Shull	182
7. Piper Anderson	178
7. Josie Shearer	178
9. Christina Berg	175.5
10. Kennedy Nelson	175

Senior

1. Faith Rector	233.5
2. Makenna Vraives	230.5
3. Tori Forgey	226
4. Cami Ford	217.5
4. Hunter McKean	217.5
6. Taylor Shaw	214.5
7. Quinton McKean	207.5
8. Hailey Vraives	205.5
9. Elouise Eckland	203
10. Sophie Beedle	195.5

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.

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 15, 22, 29

July 6, 20, 27

August 3

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.

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

Sagebrush Riders 4-H Club Horse Show

The Sagebrush Riders 4-H Club Horse Show will be held on Saturday, May 30 at the Diamond U Arena in Selah. The entry form and schedule of events can be found here: <https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/event/sagebrush-riders-4-h-horse-show/>.

4-H Horse Training Days

The 4-H Horse Training Days will be held on Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28, beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day 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. Copies of the policy 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.

2026 HORSE 4-H DATES

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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