



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar

July 6	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
July 9	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
July 13	Record Books due to Club Leaders
July 17-19	4-H Horse Pre-Show, Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena
July 20	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
July 27	Up-to-date Record Books due to Extension Office by 5:00 p.m.
July 27	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
July 28	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory A
July 29	Record Book Review begins, Orientation at 9:00 a.m., Armory Room C
July 30	All County Dog Contest Practice, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
August 1-15	Entries Accepted in person or online for Kittitas County Fair
August 3	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Rodeo Arena
August 7	Horse State Fair Interest Form due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m.
August 11	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
August 13	4-H Cat Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center
August 16	4-H Dog Agility Fair, Dog Judging and Dog Bowl, 10 a.m., Yakama Village and Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds/Event Center
Aug 20-23	Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair
Sept. 3-7	Kittitas County Fair

2026 Fair Theme

“Country Charm From the Farm”



Club Business

Record Book Deadline

Up-to-date record books are due to the club leader on or before **Monday, July 13 and to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27.** All 4-H'ers must submit an up to date record book to be eligible to exhibit at the Kittitas County Fair.

Help with Up-to-Date Record Book Check

Record Book Review is coming up, and we need each club to cover at least one one-hour shift between July 29–31 at the KVEC Armory. You are welcome to sign up for more than one hour or come on multiple days if you'd like—your help truly makes a difference.

Reviewing Record Books is a great way to learn about the wide variety of 4-H projects, strengthen your understanding of Record Books for your own club, and support our staff tremendously during this busy season.

Please sign up for your preferred time slot [here](#).

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, July 28 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

4-H Concession Booth-Food Handler Cards

Each club needs to have **at least one person with a Food Handler permit** to work in the 4-H Concession Booth. The food handler's course and test is available [online](#). Make sure you choose Kittitas County as your county of residence.

4-H Council will reimburse one person from each club to take the test if a receipt is given to the Treasurer, Marie Riegel, by August 15.

Kittitas County Fair Exhibitor Guide

The [Exhibitor Guide](#) is now online! Entries can be made online or in-person at the Fair Office August 1-15. All animal entries must be done online.

Making Informational Posters

There are several publications available to assist with your demonstration/public presentation: [Public Presentations, Demonstrations, and Illustrated Talks](#), [Getting to the Point: How to do a 4-H Public Presentation](#), and [Judging Public Presentations](#). Check them out online, or pick up a copy at the Extension Office.

Hosting at the Fair

Each year at Fair time all clubs exhibiting in the 4-H Building “host” for a time block (club with foods, clothing, educational displays, shooting sports, art, photography, foods or food preservation projects). Two youth and one adult are expected to serve each shift, generally two hours in length. Youth will receive premium points for participating. Contact the Superintendent, Lisa Smith, (509) 929-3288, to arrange for your club’s time.

Educational Displays at Fair

4-H members are reminded that they can enter their posters used for demonstrations in the fair, and they will be displayed in the 4-H building or project barn. Enter Department 71 (4-H Educational Exhibits). See the Fair [Exhibitor Guide](#) for more details.

Contests & Activities at Fair

These contests offered at the Kittitas County Fair are open to all enrolled 4-H members:

- **Demonstration Contest**— Please register online (Department 73, Division 73-A) when doing your fair entries in ShoWorks, and then call Glenna Maskal at (509) 899-4518 by August 25 to schedule a day and time.
- **Cookie Decorating Activity**—Enter Department 73-E. 4-Hers can participate anytime between 9:00 a.m. and Noon on Monday of Fair in the 4-H Building.
- **Sharing Activity**— Enter Department 73-J, Class 1 in ShoWorks and visit <https://tinyurl.com/KCFsharing2026> prior to fair to schedule a time. You will share your current project with the public for about 10 minutes-while doing so you earn 25 premium points. It is an excellent opportunity to speak and interact with the public while demonstrating your knowledge. This is a great thing to do while you’re on barn duty or hosting the 4-H Building.

Flag Contest

Be sure to have your club flag ready to enter at Fair! Clubs can enter flags under Department 73-I (4-H Contests & Activities). Flags should be made with a 2” hem at the top and be a minimum size of 3’ x 5’ hung either vertically or horizontally and with a dowel strong enough to display the flag. Maximum size is 36 square feet. Flags must be labeled with the year made. A flag exhibited for more than three years will not be judged, but may still be displayed if clean and in good condition.

There is a \$50 cash award sponsored by Professional Court Services for the winning flag, in addition to premium points and ribbons.

Fairs—Diseases of Concern

The Washington State Department of Agriculture has great information on their website about animal disease and Fairs. Check it out at [Fairs—Diseases of Concern](#). There is also more information on the [WSDA Animal Diseases webpage](#).

Record Book Tips – July

Record book should be updated in all areas to turn it into the club leader.

- Accommodations are made for 4-Hers with learning/physical disabilities. A note requesting accommodation must be included with the member’s book.
- **General Appearance of the Record Book** should be neat and show that the member has done their own work. Dividers are optional.
- **Calendar**—Each month should have an entry. August and September dates should be filled out with club meetings and fair dates.
- **Project Plans** (Level 1) or **Project Record** (Level 2) should be filled out by member, parent and leader. These must be signed and dated.
- **Project Diary** (Level 1) or **Project Journal** (Level 2) should be recorded through July. In livestock and horse journals there should be entries on grain, hay, water, and shots given to the animal. What was done with your animal? In the Level 2 Project Journal there should be comments of how work was done and what was learned. List any project/training meetings as well as club meetings in the project journal section of your record book.
- **Project Photos** – Photos should be dated and have a caption.
- **Project Summary/Highlights** – Level 1 Summary – Should write about “What I did in my 4-H project this year”. Level 2 Highlights - look back at project plans and see if you learned what was originally planned. Enter what was learned in your project. Write about problems or successes with your project and what you might do differently next year.
- **Project Financial Summary** –Beginning Value should be completed. The rest of the Financial Summary should be finished in September.
- **Animal Add Sheets** - Horse Certificates, Dog Project Records, Animal Health Record for each livestock project animal, Commitment to Excellence checklist, Horse Member Advancement Checklist, Cavy Advancement Program Checklist, Kittitas County Animal Science & Quality Assurance Checklist (Beef, Goat, Sheep, and Swine members-up to date, signed & dated). These sheets go behind Project Related Materials in the Level 1 record book and after Project Financial Summary in the Level 2 record book.
- **Permanent Record** needs to be up to date. Look back at the tips for each month for specifics of each section. Clothing Skills Checklist goes after the permanent record. It should be transferred each year to the new record book with the permanent record.
- **4-H Story** – Introduce yourself and write about your projects. Write about your 4-H club experiences and how you were involved in your community and school. Do not repeat the project highlights.
- **Supplemental Information** – Related to your club, community or school. May contain pictures, news clippings or letters, limited to two sides of 1 page. All items should be dated with captions. Club Contracts at the end of this section if applicable.



Results

Shooting Sports Nationals

Shooting Sports 4-H Project members Kayden Hagen, Evelyn Hein, Tyler Coppock, and Kyler Hagen competed at the National Shooting Sports Competition June 21-26 in Grand Island, Nebraska. Chris Coppock, Tamara Hagen, and Lacey Hein accompanied them as coaches.

Kayden placed 40th overall in Air Pistol. He placed 20th in Rapid Fire, 15th in Silhouettes, and 40th in Slow Fire. Evelyn placed 62nd overall in Air Pistol. She placed 50th in Rapid Fire, 19th in Silhouettes, and 45th in Slow Fire. Tyler placed 90th overall in Air Rifle. He placed 66th in 3-Position, 57th in Standing, and 23rd in Silhouettes. Kyler placed 74th overall in Smallbore Rifle. He placed 20th in Silhouettes, 43rd in CMP, and 61st in 3 position. Great job!!



Dog Project Information

4-H Dog Project Dates

- Thursday, July 30th, All County Dog Contest Practice, 6pm in the Heritage Center at the Fairgrounds
- Sunday, August 16th, 10:00a.m. - Agility in the Yakama Village at the Fairgrounds, Lunch followed by Fair Contests (Dog Judging, Dog Bowl) in the Heritage Center.
- Thursday, September 3—10:00 a.m.—Showmanship in the Hunt Memorial Arena
- Friday, September 4—10:00 a.m.—Obedience in the Hunt Memorial Arena
- Saturday, September 5—10:00 a.m.—Rally in the Hunt Memorial Arena
- Sunday, September 6—10:00 a.m.—Tricks, Canine Good Citizen in the Hunt Memorial Arena
- Monday, September 7-10:00 a.m.—Farm Dog, Hunt Memorial Arena
- All dogs must have all Rabies and Parvo virus immunizations.
- Exhibitors shall dress in accordance with the 4-H/FFA Dress Code. Washington State 4-H Dog Project guidelines will apply to all events.
- Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Kittitas County 4-H Dog Project by February 1 of the current year, and must have submitted an up to date record book to the Extension Office by the last Monday in July.
- Showmanship Classes are Required.

Dog Pre-Show Results

The 4-H Dog Pre-Show was held on June 25. Twenty-one members participated. Showmanship results are:

Seniors:

1. Connelly Jackson
2. Olivia Santoyo
3. Avery Rounds
4. Landon Cook
5. Sierra Foley

Intermediates:

1. Haley Davison
2. Kehara McKee

Juniors:

1. Antje Thomas
2. Hazel Taylor
3. Caleb Carstens

Cloverbuds:

Adam Carstens, Declan Santoyo, Hattie Taylor, and Huck Taylor.

Great job everyone!



Cat Project Information

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 9 and August 13.

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

Cat Pre-Show Results

Fourteen 4-H members participated in the Cat Pre-Show held on June 11. Members, including many first-year exhibitors and Cloverbuds, demonstrated outstanding showmanship, cat knowledge, and animal care, while families and volunteers created a fun evening of outdoor games, art, and a potluck. We're incredibly proud of each member's hard work, growth, and dedication!

Seniors Sierra Foley and Gracie Grieb, Intermediate Keahra McKee, and Juniors Emery Grieb, Josie White, Penny White, Anthony Alumbaugh, and Reese Nelson all earned Blue ribbons. Cloverbuds Jules Carvo, Holly Dickman, Jensen Fleming, Kennedy Glasgow, Mollie Lankford, and Leo Lewis all received a Certificate of Participation. Great job!!



Family & Consumer Science Information

Cryptic Cookie Activity

This activity was created to give members enrolled in foods project(s) the opportunity to exhibit their ability to follow recipe instructions, prepare cookies in a safe way using techniques and good baking strategies learned during their 4-H experience. This activity is open to any 4-H member enrolled in a foods project that turned in a record book by the last Monday in July.

When making your Fair entries, Enter Dept. 73, Division F, Class 1 in ShoWorks and contact the Superintendent, Kristine Roberts, at (509) 929-3887 to schedule a time on Saturday of Fair from 1:00-5:00 p.m. or Sunday of Fair from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Participants may enter alone or in pairs. Pairs are allowed for 1st & 2nd year members only. Cloverbuds may participate with a current 4-H member. Full participation points will be awarded to each participant in a pair. For more information, see [Division 73-F](#) in the Exhibitor Guide.



Livestock Project Information

4-H Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be
August 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Armory Room A. Remaining
dates for 2026 are:

September 15

October 20

November 17

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

Lamb & Goat Pre-Show, Swine Weigh-In & Judging Contest Thank Yous!

On May 30 the Lamb Weigh-in & Pre-Show and the
Goat Weigh-in & Clinic were held, and the Swine Weigh-
In and Judging Contest was held on June 14. A **VERY
BIG THANK YOU** goes to the MANY superintendents,
parents, youth, and volunteers that helped with all aspects
of accomplishing these events. It is amazing all the hours
put in by the volunteers to help further the education and
life skills of our youth. What a great effort! **THANKS
EVERYONE!!!**

Mary Lonowski Memorial Award

Sheepsteers 4-H Club will once again be sponsoring
the Mary Lonowski Memorial Award. The award will be
given at the Fair awards ceremony on Labor Day..

This award honors a mature 4-H member who con-
sistently gives 110% throughout the entire year. Mary
Lonowski was known for her positive attitude, reliability,
mentorship, and dedication to her projects and fellow
members. The award includes a traveling trophy, a per-
petual plaque, and a cash award. Each year, one boy and
one girl are selected when possible.

We're looking for youth who:

- Show reliability and follow-through
- Serve as positive role models
- Take initiative within their club and projects
- Maintain a positive attitude
- Support younger or less-experienced members
- Have been in 4-H for two or more years (preferred,
but not required for exceptional nominees)

Nominations are due by Sunday evening of Fair. The
online nomination form is quick and easy to complete:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23GFM6R>

You may also choose whether you'd like your nomi-
nee to receive a copy of the recommendation, as it can
serve as a strong letter of support for future opportunities.

Thank you for taking the time to recognize the youth
who go above and beyond in your clubs. Your nomina-
tions help us honor the spirit of leadership and service
that Mary embodied.

Sheep & Goat Judging Results

Here are the top 10 judging scores in each age divi-
sion from Sheep and Goat Judging Contest held at Pre-
Show on May 30:

Junior

1. Lena Zapel	220	
2. Aven Smith	219	
3. Briar Newby	217	
4. Kelly Yarwood	213	
5. Layla Rivera	209	
6. Ewan Kamin	206	
7. Nora Beeson-Petty	204	45
8. Haylee Hanson	204	38
9. Clara Bush	198	
10. Eleanor Munson	196	

Intermediate

1. Alex Schutte	212	
2. Annelise Jentges	207	
3. Lennix Galliher	204	34
4. Matthew Feddema-Dunbar	204	32
5. Kennedy Benfield	203	
6. Iris Kamin	201	
7. Hannah Seldal	198	
8. Michelle Mina	197	
9. Garrett Foster	192	
10. Brynlee Grissom	191	

Senior

1. Fiona Smith	255	
2. Cami Ford	244	
3. Henry Sullivan	236	
4. Madison Stansbury	234	
5. Makenzie Cox	232	35
6. Cassidy Seldal	232	34
7. Hadlee Hanson	230	41
8. Bella Nicholson	230	38
9. Clara Leighton	229	40
10. Hannah Moore	229	39

*NOTE: Ties were decided by the oral reasons score.
Complete results are available from the Extension Office.

Market Animal Numbers

Steer numbers are down slightly this year, with 42
youth tagging 58 steers; compared to 51 youth with 67
steers tagged last year. Market goats are about the same
with 29 youth tagging 56 meat goats this year compared
to 31 youth with 53 goats last year. Market lambs had 59
youth tagging 97 lambs compared to 58 youth with 103
lambs tagged last year. Swine had 96 youth tagging 170
pigs. There was no spring swine weigh in for 2025 to
compare numbers to.

Weight Requirements for Market Animals

Market Lambs: 110 lbs Minimum

Market Goats: 70 lbs minimum

Standard Market Steers: 1150 lbs minimum

Miniature Market Steers: 650 lbs. minimum

Market Hogs: 230–310 lbs.

Swine Judging Results

Members earning the top 10 scores in the Swine Judging Contest held on June 14 are:

<u>Junior</u>		
1. Nora Beeson-Petty	156	
2. Eliana Tonseth	154	
3. Clancy Zapel	139	
4. Elora Larkin	134	
5. Lena Zapel	133	
6. Zane Martin	132	
7. Harlow Dirks	130	
8. AnnaJo Pracht	124	
9. Thomas Boitano	123	
10. June Bissonette	121	
<u>Intermediate</u>		
1. Ryan Greenfield	130	
2. Keegan Cope-Mayer	129	
3. Cruz Stingley	128	30
4. Kinsley Weekes	128	28
5. Peter Betz	128	23
6. Roslynn Bissonette	126	
7. Sawyer Tostenson	124	
8. Raelynn Markus	123	33
9. Josie Shearer	123	27
10. Brock Knaus	122	
<u>Seniors</u>		
1. Madison Stansbury	153	
2. Joycilyn Snyder	145	
3. BriaLynn Basterrechea	144	
4. Landon Cook	131	38
5. Noah Schutte	131	38
6. Grady Seubert	131	25
7. James Newcomb	130	
8. Jace Stingley	123	30
9. Olin Bala	123	30
10. Levi Shearer	123	25

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



Horse Project Information

Monday Night Rides

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 6-8 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena. Upcoming dates are:

July 6, 20, 27
August 3

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

Record Books

Record Books are due to leaders on July 13 and due in the Extension Office by July 27 at 5:00 p.m. Here are some tips to help Horse members get books ready:

- The record books need to be up-to-date to July.
- The calendar should be filled out for each month including upcoming dates in August and September (fair?).
- The project plans should be completed and signed by member, leader and parent.
- The project journals should be completed up to July.
- Project Summary/Highlights need to be started.
- For Level 2 Record Books Financial Summary, the Beginning Value section should be completed unless a first year member is using this level for the first time.
- After the Summary (Level 1) or Financial Record (Level 2) are where the **Commitment to Excellence** and **Horse Certificates** should be. The Commitment to Excellence should be signed and dated at the beginning of the project year.
- **Quality Assurance - Youth Advancement** checklists come next. Horse 1st year members will need to have Level 1, Units 1,2,4 completed, 2nd year and above members will need to have Level 1, Units 1,2,4 and Level 1 Units 3,5,6 completed.
- All 4-H horse project members are required to include the **"4-H Horse Member Advancement Checklist"** EM2790 as part of the youth's project record book. This follows the Horse Quality Assurance.
- The Story should be started.
- The Permanent Record should be up-to-date from the time member first enrolled in 4-H.

If a 4-H Horse Record Book **does not** have Horse Certificates, Commitment to Excellence and Quality Assurance add sheets it is considered **incomplete**.

Kittitas County Ride the Wind Award

Kittitas County Ride the Wind Award is presented to the 4-H member with the largest number of logged practice time in showmanship, saddle & harness over the 4-H year. The horse(s) used must be a designated horse project animal(s), have a Horse Certificate on file at the Extension Office by April 30 & have participated in a 4-H sponsored clinic or show prior to Jr. Horse Fair. Logged hours need to be specific to County 4-H recognized disciplines. Hours spent giving/receiving lessons and showing are NOT included. Turn in your log report to the Superintendent at Junior Horse Fair Vet Check. The Ride the Wind log sheet is available at the Extension Office or <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/> under Animal Add Sheets.



4-H Horse Pre-Show

The Kittitas County 4-H Horse Pre-Show will be held July 17-19 at Bloom Pavilion at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. Classes offered at the Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair will be offered at the 4-H Horse Pre-Show. The schedule and entry forms were e-mailed out on June 30-contact your leader if you did not receive one. Copies are also available at the Extension Office.

Horse Pre-Show is designed to have training in a horse show environment to improve horsemanship skills and prepare for Junior Horse Fair. It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that members take advantage of this opportunity to learn and prepare for Fair.

Friday 7/17	7:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Lunch Break	TACK CHECK-RODEO ARENA MANDATORY MEETING - RODEO ARENA Western Games MANDATORY MEETING- BLOOM PAVILION Showmanship, Driving
Saturday 7/18	8:00 a.m.	Western Dressage & Dressage English Classes, Trail, P51 & Reining
Sunday 7/19	7:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	MANDATORY MEETING— BLOOM PAVILION Western Eq. & Pleasure, Western Discipline Rail, Bareback Equitation

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 20-23.

- Must have submitted an up-to-date 4-H Record Book by the last Monday in July.
- Must have given a 4-H demonstration during the current 4-H year.
- Must have been an active 4-H member and have met the 4-H club's requirements for attendance at club meetings.
- Must have completed one Kittitas County 4-H Horse Judging Contest.
- File a horse identification certificate by April 30 of current year.

All-Around Showmanship at Kittitas County Fair

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. The Round Robin consists of showing other animals that were first place winners in their species. Animals in the Round Robin are Beef, Horse, Sheep, Swine, and Goat.

2026 HORSE 4-H DATES

July 6, 20, 27	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 6-8pm
July 17-19	4-H Horse Pre-Show – Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena – 8am – 8pm
August 3	Monday Night Riding – Rodeo Arena 6-8pm
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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