



Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS



Calendar

August 1-15	Entries Accepted in person or online for Kittitas County Fair
August 3	Monday Night Ride, 6-8 p.m., Bloom Pavilion
August 7	Horse State Fair Interest Forms due
August 8	Shooting Sports Fair-Air Rifle 8:30 a.m., Air Pistol 1:00 p.m., Kittitas Valley Rifle & Pistol Club
August 9	Shooting Sports Fair-Shotgun, 9 a.m., Pomona Gun Club, Selah
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 15	Shooting Sports Fair-Archery, 7:30 a.m., Cascade Field & Stream Range
August 15	Fair Entry Deadline
August 16	4-H Dog Agility Fair, Dog Judging and Dog Bowl, 10:00 a.m., Yakama Village
August 20	Jr. Horse Fair Vet Check/Haul-In, 7 a.m.
August 20-23	KCF Junior Horse Fair
August 29	Shooting Sports Fair-.22 Smallbore Rifle, 8:00 a.m., .22 Smallbore Pistol, 2:00 p.m., Cascade Field & Stream Range
September 2	Livestock Vet Check beginning at 7 a.m.
September 2	Mandatory leader's meeting, 5:30 p.m., in front of the 4-H Concession Booth on the Fairgrounds. Every club needs to have a representative at this
September 2-7	Kittitas County Fair
September 15	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
September 27	Be Crash Free RideSafe Dirt Bike Clinic, Noon-4:00 p.m., KVEC/Fairgrounds
September 28	Record Books due for Medal of Honor, Mary Matthews Record Book Awards, and All Star Achiever Award
September 29	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A



Club Business

Kittitas County Fair Entries

Entries are open August 1-15. The [Exhibitor Guide](#) and information on [how to enter](#) are now available. When making your Fair entries, check out [General Exhibitors Information & Rules](#). If you are exhibiting animals, also read the [Livestock Guide](#). **Paper copies of Animal Health Records are required at Fair Vet Check for livestock.** Health Records do not need to be uploaded to ShoWorks. Printed copies of exhibitor information are available at the Fair Office.

Demonstration Contest at Kittitas County Fair

All 4-Hers are eligible to give a demonstration at the Kittitas County Fair, August 28-September 1. Please register online (Department 73, Division 73-A) when doing your fair entries, and then call Glenna Maskal at (509) 899-4518 by August 25 to schedule a day and time.

Demonstrations can be done in the 4-H building or in the barns if you wish to use a live animal as a part of your demonstration.

Hosting at the Fair

During Fair, all clubs exhibiting in the 4-H Building "host" for a time block. Two youth and one adult are expected to serve each shift, generally two hours in length. Youth receive premium points for participating. Clubs involved will be any that have animal related, foods, clothing, educational displays, gardening, shooting sports, art, photography, foods or food preservation projects exhibited in the 4-H Building. Contact Lisa Smith, (509) 929-3288, to arrange for your club's time.

Ellensburg first day of school-September 8

Ellensburg School District's first day of school will be Tuesday, September 8 (the day after Fair ends). In past years school started on Wednesday after Fair.

Dirt Bike Safety Clinic

Registration is open for our upcoming Be Crash Free RideSafe Dirt Bike Clinic on September 27th from Noon-4:00 p.m.

The RideSafe Motorcycle Training Course is a fun, hands-on 4-hour program designed for youth ages 8-17 who want to learn how to safely ride dirt bikes.

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 (goggles or glasses).

For more information or to register, visit <https://motors.becrashfree.com/classes/1024>. Please feel free to reach out with any questions—amy.alder@wsu.edu.

4-H Concession Booth Schedule

September 3, Thursday

7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Clover Rovers
12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - 4-Hooves
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Animals R Us
Shift Supervisor - Kelly Bacon

September 4, Friday

7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Bits & Buckles
12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Feathers & Fun/Gallop & Graze
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Trailblazers
Shift Supervisor - Bobbi Broderius

September 5, Saturday

7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Sheepsteers
12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - On Target/Buckle Up
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Stirrups & Irons/Robber's Roost
Shift Supervisor - Dick Wedin

September 6, Sunday

7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Thorp 4-H
12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Kids & Kritters
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Grow Em & Show Em
Shift Supervisor - Erin Tostenson

September 7, Monday

7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - This N That 4-H
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Hard to Beat
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Mooove It Or Lose It
Shift Supervisor - Toni Taylor

There is a mandatory leader's meeting on Wednesday, September 2 at 5:30 p.m. in front of the concession booth. Every club needs to have a representative at this meeting.

Record Book Tips – August/September

Record books should be finished in September. Members have the opportunity to turn their record books in to compete for Medal of Honor.

- **General Appearance of the record book** should be neat and show that the member has done his or her own work. Dividers are optional. Front page should be filled out completely.
- **Calendar** – Each month should have an entry with club meetings, important dates and anything else involving your club or project.
- **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 completed through September. At the bottom of each journal page costs and income should be totaled. In livestock journals there should be entries on grain, hay and water, and shots that are given to the 4-H 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.

- **Project Photos** - Photos pertaining to your project, if available, go here. Photos should be dated and have a caption.
- **Project Summary/Highlights** – Level 1 Summary – Write about “What I did in my 4-H project this year”. Check Level 2 highlights to get ideas of what might be put in this section. 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 that you have had with your project. Tell about something that you might do differently next year. Every section needs to be completed.
- **Project Financial Summary** (Level 2) – All sections need to be completed. The Beginning Value with materials, supplies, animals, and equipment you had at the start of the year should have been completed at the beginning of the year. Ending Value should be completed with materials, supplies, animals, equipment you had at the end of your project year (this will transfer over for the new 4-H year to start your Beginning Value in your new record book). The bottom section of the Financial Summary should be completed. Follow the instructions for each line.
- **Animal Add Sheets.** Horse Certificates, Horse Quality Assurance, Horse Member Advancement Checklist, Cavy Member Advancement Checklist, YQCA Certificate, Animal Health Record for each livestock project animal and Animal Commitment to Excellence checklist per member for current year. 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 Booklet should be after the permanent record.
- **4-H Story** – Story should be in narrative form, and should have an introduction of you. Do not repeat the project highlights. Write about your projects, 4-H club experiences and how you were involved in your community and school. Tell about how you have changed as a result of your 4-H experience. There should be something added since July.
- **Supplemental Information** – Related to your club, community or school; may contain pictures, news clippings or letters. This is limited to two sides of 1 page. All items should be dated with captions. Club/Teen Contracts are at the end of this section if applicable.

4-H Open House & Window Painting Contest

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

The “Paint the County Green” window painting contest will also be held in early October. Details for both events are being finalized, and will be sent to leaders when available.





Opportunities

Beyond the Call of Duty Award

One or two 4-Hers per club can receive the “Beyond the Call of Duty Award.” This is a special recognition for the 4-Her who helped inexperienced members and “pitched in” to make the best better. Leaders, 4-Hers, and parents can make nominations, but all should be channeled through the club leader in September. Winners will be announced during National 4-H Week. Submissions for the Beyond the Call of Duty Award are due to the Extension Office by September 21.

I’m TeRRiFiCC Award

One or two 4-Hers per club can receive the “I’m TeRRiFiCC Award” certificate. This is recognition for the 4-Her who demonstrated ethical behavior. The award recognizes the six pillars of character (Trustworthy, Respectful, Responsible, Fair, Caring, and a good Citizen). Leaders, 4-Hers, and parents can make nominations, but all should be channeled through the club leader. Nominations are due by September 21. Winners will be announced during National 4-H Week, October 4-10.

All-Star Achiever’s Award

Any 4-H’er may apply for this award by submitting two letters of recommendation with their record book and a photo to the Extension Office. Applicants will be interviewed as a part of the selection process. *Submissions for All-Star Achiever’s Award are due by September 28.*

The object of this award is to recognize outstanding 4-Hers in any project for their enthusiasm, energy, leadership, and project skills and to give the 4-Her experiences in applying for and interviewing for a future job.

4-H Council may award up to two individuals (if deserving). This will be awarded to one girl and one boy based on the criteria below. In the event that there is not a 4-Her worthy of this award for a boy or a girl, then the two top applicants (of either sex) may receive this award. There is a \$50 cash award, a total of \$100 budgeted. This can only be awarded one time per age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).

The selection process is based upon the following:

Record Book (40%)

- Show record book growth and well-rounded 4-H program. Should have participated in all four main areas of 4-H: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health
- Has made a contribution to the county 4-H program in the last year.
- Shows personal development, growth in citizenship, and community pride

Interview (40%)

- Ability to communicate; poise
- Knowledge of projects are demonstrated
- Indicates desire to continue in the 4-H program
- Shows involvement in and enthusiasm for 4-H

Recommendation (20%)

- Two letters of recommendation from anyone other than a relative. They should review the applicant’s 4-H background and growth and achievement during the current 4-H year. One can be from a leader, the other from any person in the community.

Mary Matthews Record Book Award

Besides the competition in September for Medals of Honor and Certificates of Achievement for Record Books, there is also a Mary Matthews record book award that awards a \$20.00 cash award to each of two juniors if deserving and \$20.00 for each of four intermediates and/or seniors if deserving.

Medal of Honor Competition

4-Hers are urged to complete and submit their record books for Medal of Honor competition. Books entered must have the top portion of the Medal of Honor judging form completed by listing the categories to be considered. Four medals can be awarded to Intermediate/Senior and two to Juniors in each project. Record books are due in the Extension Office by September 28 in order to be considered for Medal of Honor. Instructions and forms will be attached to each club’s record books when they are picked up at the Extension Office after August 10.

Washington State 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide

The Exhibitor Guide for the Washington State 4-H Fair is now available! The guide can be found at <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/fairs/state-4-h-fair/>.

4-H Forms and Policies Online

Many Kittitas County 4-H forms and policies are available on the Kittitas County Extension Website: <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/>.



Family & Consumer Science Information

Fashion Revue Contest

Fashion Revue is a fair activity, don’t forget to list it on your fair entry form. Packets are available at the Extension Office with information and forms to complete. All activities will be at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds. The schedule is as follows:

August 25 Basic Modeling Practice, 10:15 a.m.
August 28 Fashion Revue Judging, 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 7 Fashion Revue, 2:00 p.m.

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.

Shooting Sports Information

Shooting Sports Fair Dates

August 8	Air Rifle, 8:30 a.m., Air Pistol, 1 p.m., Kittitas Valley Rifle & Pistol Club
August 9	Shotgun, 9 a.m., Pomona Gun Club-Selah
August 15	Archery, 7:30 a.m., Cascade Field & Stream Range, 2380 Hayward Road, Cle Elum
August 29	.22 Smallbore Rifle, 8 a.m., .22 Smallbore Pistol 2 p.m., Cascade Field & Stream Range, 2380 Hayward Road, Cle Elum

Small Animal Information

Poultry & Rabbit Fair Schedule

Wednesday, September 2

1:00 p.m. - Mandatory Poultry Meeting in Poultry Barn
1:30 p.m. - Mandatory Rabbit & Cavy Meeting –Bloom
2:00-4:00 p.m. - Poultry Vet Check & Barn Duty sign up
2:00-3:00 p.m. - Rabbit Vet Check & Barn Duty sign up
5:00 p.m.—Poultry Breed Classes Begin.
**If vet check finishes early, judging may start as early as
4:00 p.m.**

Thursday, September 3

8:00 a.m.—Rabbit Fitting & Showing
9:00 a.m. Rabbit Breed Classes
10:00 a.m. - Poultry Fitting & Showing
3:00 p.m. - Small Animal Costume Contest
3:30 p.m.—Rabbit Agility
5:00 p.m. - Poultry Written Exam
5:30 p.m. - Poultry Agility

Friday, September 4

11:00 a.m. Market Poultry Silent Auction

Monday, September 7

1:00 p.m. Small Animal Round Robin

Please don't forget carpet squares!

Rabbit State 4-H Fair Participation

4-H Youth may qualify their Rabbit or Cavy at the Kittitas County Fair for State 4-H Fair in Puyallup September 18-21. Youth need to participate in showmanship and a type class with their Rabbit or Cavy at the Kittitas County Fair. Qualifiers shall be selected by Washington State 4-H Fair requirements in this order:

- 1) Blue in Showmanship, Blue Type Class
- 2) Blue in Showmanship, Red Type Class
- 3) Red in Showmanship, Blue Type Class

Red Showmanship/Red Type Class **does not** qualify for State 4-H Fair. White ribbons do not qualify for State. The Exhibitor must take the same animal that qualified at the County Fair to State 4-H Fair. Kittitas County has 10 allocations for State.

Dog Project Information

4-H Dog Project Dates

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.

Livestock Project Information

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be held **August 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Armory Room A.** Remaining meetings for 2025 are:

- Tuesday, September 15
- Tuesday, October 20
- Tuesday, November 17

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

Kittitas County Fair Entry Formation

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Printed copies of exhibitor information are available at the Fair Office. **Please be sure to get your entries completed by the deadline!**

Fair Livestock Haul-In Schedule

Wednesday, September 2

Swine 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Mixed Load –Swine & Halter Animal 10-10:30 a.m.

Sheep/Goats 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Beef/Dairy 12:00-2:00 p.m.

All animals are required to be **In Place** on the Fair-grounds as follows:

Swine 10:30 a.m.

Sheep/Goats 12:00 p.m.

Beef/Dairy 2:00 p.m.

**NO ANIMALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER
3 P.M.—NO EXCEPTIONS**

Weight Requirements for Market Animals

Lambs: 110 lbs Minimum

Goats: 70 lbs minimum

Standard Steers: 1150 lbs minimum

Miniature Steers: 650 lbs. minimum

Hogs: 230 lbs. – 310 lbs.

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 consistently 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 perpetual 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:

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

You may also choose whether you'd like your nominee 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 nominations help us honor the spirit of leadership and service that Mary embodied.



Horse Project Information

2nd Horse Judging Contest Results

Here are the judging scores in each division from the horse judging contest on June 28:

Junior

1. Emmie Brenning	220
2. Oaklyn Patterson	215
3. Lumi Lander	208
4. Addison Hein	200
5. Ashtyn Fritts	198

Intermediate

1. Ellie Hansen	235
2. Amelia Fritts	230
2. Josie Shearer	230
4. Lucie Ulrich	226
5. Piper Anderson	225
6. Rylie Root	223
7. Penny Anderson	222
8. Brooklyn Schirado	218
9. Macie Brenning	211
9. Kennedy Nelson	211
11. Christina Berg	191

Senior

1. Sophie Beedle	239
2. Elouise Eckland	229
3. Jalina Blackmore	228
4. Quinton McKean	227
5. Sophia Rawls	224
6. Hunter McKean	223
6. Annabelle Brenning	223
8. Cassie Gray	223
9. Shelby Hansen	215

Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair/Labor Day Fair Entries

Entries are open August 1-15. The [Exhibitor Guide](#) and information on [how to enter](#) are now available. While making your Fair entries, be sure to read the [General Exhibitors Information & Rules](#) and the [Livestock Guide](#).

Printed copies of exhibitor information are available at the Fair Office. **Please be sure to get your entries completed by the deadline!**

Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair Vet Check/Haul-In Schedule

The Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair **Vet Check and Haul-In will be on Thursday, August 20 from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. at the 5th Avenue Gate** for **ALL** Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair participants. Horses need to be in place at 9:00 a.m.

There will be a **required Safety Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 20 for all 4-H horse members, leaders, & parents in Bloom Pavilion.**

Qualifying for State 4-H Fair-Horse Division

Kittitas County can send the following number of representatives to the horse division of the State 4-H Fair:

Harness (Intermediate & Senior) – All Qualified Rides

Senior Performance/Dressage— 1

Senior Western Games — 2

Intermediate Performance— 2

Intermediate Western Games — 4

Selection for these allotments will be determined by the results of events during the Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair August 20-23. Participants shall be selected first in this order:

- 1) Blue in Showmanship, Blue in Type
- 2) Blue in Showmanship, Red in Type
- 3) Red in Showmanship, Blue in Type

Second, participants will then be selected for available slots as outlined in the Kittitas County Horse State Fair Qualifying Criteria requirements.

If you are a **senior** or **intermediate** and meet the qualifications, fill out a State Fair Application Form and return it to the Extension Office **by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7**. Forms were mailed July 15.

Washington State 4-H Fair Horse Dates

The Washington State 4-H Fair will be held September 4-27. Horse dates are:

Sept 9-12 Senior Dressage
Sept 10-14 Senior Performance
Sept. 12 Horse Judging Contest
Sept 16-19 Senior Western Games
Sept 19-21 Intermediate/Senior Harness/Small Equine
Sept 22-24 Intermediate Performance/Dressage
Sept 24-27 Intermediate Western Games

More details can be found in the [Exhibitor Guide](#) for the Washington State 4-H Fair.

2026 HORSE 4-H DATES

August 3	Monday Night Riding – Bloom Pavilion 6-8 pm
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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