



4-H Youth Development 2022-2023

4-H IN NUMBERS

50

youth were enrolled in Jefferson County 4-H during the 2022-2023 4-H year.

12

fabulous 4-H volunteers worked alongside youth. Volunteers are the heart of our 4-H community.

13

clubs were active in Jefferson County during the 2022-2023 4-H year.

"To Make the Best Better."



ISSUE

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

Throughout Jefferson County communities - suburban, urban or rural, all 4-H programs are guided by research-based curriculum where youth learn by doing. 4-H enables youth to foster the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world. These life skills include positive self-esteem, perseverance, effective communication, teamwork, leadership, healthy life choices, problem solving and so much more.

The structured out-of-school learning, leadership experiences, and adult mentoring that youth receive through their participation in 4-H plays a vital role in helping them achieve life-long success. 4-Hers are 4 times as likely to make contributions to their communities, and 2 times more likely to be civically active and to make healthier lifestyle choices.

RESPONSE

2022 continued to be a year of growth and transition for Jefferson County 4-H. As the restrictions of the covid pandemic eased and we all learned how to navigate virtual learning and strategies for social distancing, the 4-H community began to return. An essential component of 4-H programs, adult volunteers, became re-engaged, allowing clubs to expand and reach more youth in our communities.

We had a transition between coordinators - Sarah Pederson shifted to part time in May while an employment search was conducted. Anji Scalf was hired in late August.



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QUOTES



My favorite part of 4-H this year was building things like towers.

- Ollie, Brinnon Tryers ASP



My favorite part of 4-H this year was the cat show, participating in the parade, and helping at community events

- Gwen, Paws-N-Claws 4-H Cat Club



I was surprised how much I liked 4-H! This was my first year in 4-H, I really liked helping with Herdsmanship in the Cat Building and winning a Blue Ribbon for my artwork!

- Violet, Paws-N-Claws 4-H Cat Club



IMPACTS

CLUBS

Clubs Meetings were all meeting in-person during the 2022-2023 4-H year. Jefferson County 4-H Clubs engaged in National 4-H Day of Service in April 2023, they participated in the Port Townsend Rhody Parade, and individually continued to grow and learn in their project areas throughout the year. During the 2022-2023 4-H year Jefferson County community clubs had projects in Cavies, Horse, Cattle, Waterfowl, Sewing, Cooking, Crafting, Cats, Jewelry making, Goats, Sheep, Robotics and Art.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Brinnon 4-H Afterschool Program (ASP) resumed in October with our fabulous team of Yvette, Mike and Scott providing crafts, games, sports and other participant led activities in the gymnasium of Brinnon School.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR

Jefferson County Fair theme this year was "Enchantment in the Air". The weekend was a tremendous success. 4-Hers showed in Horse, Goat, Sheep, Cavy and Cat. They also made public presentations, engaged the community in 4-H In Action activities, and provided numerous hands-on activities for community members to engage with in the 4-H Youth Development building. The Cat building was presented with the coveted black and white Fair Commissioner's Award this year at the Jefferson County Fair!

Interest in 4-H program to continues to grow. New clubs are forming with projects in Reptiles, Llama - Alpaca - Camelids, and other community based multi-disciplinary clubs.