

Walla Walla County Extension



4-H NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

August

- 5: Walla Walla Fair Entries Due
- 5: Record Book Training Workshop
- 7: Modeling, Food & Clothing Judging Workshop
- 15: Fashion Revue & Creative Consumer Data Forms Due
- 19: Food & Clothing Judging, Fashion Revue Judging
- 22: Western Games
- 32: Shindig Fundraiser
- 23: Dog Classes, Cat Show, Colt Training
- 24: Public Fashion Revue
- 27-Sept 1: Walla Walla Fair

September

- 2: All Exhibits Released
- 4: 4-H State Fair Entries Due to Extension Office
- 6: County Ambassador Applications Due
- 12: Leaders Council Meeting

October

- 1: End of Year Forms & Record Books Due

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The G.O.A.T

Fair season is here, and so is the G.O.A.T as the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days celebrate its 158th year. Entries are open and due by August 5th.

Upcoming Events

Record Book Workshop

Year-end forms and record book deadlines are approaching faster than you think. Come join us August 5th, 10 am - noon at the Extension Office for an engaging workshop that will guide you through completing a winning record book from beginning to end.



Modeling, Food & Clothing Workshop

Join us for a quick, hands-on workshop preparing you for the upcoming Walla Walla Fair Fashion Revue and Food & Clothing Judging contest. Learn valuable tips to help you succeed.



Washington State 4-H Fair

The Washington State 4-H Fair is a collaborative community event showcasing and promoting the achievements and talents of youth as they work toward building their successful futures. Walla Walla County 4-H youth who receive a blue ribbon in a qualifying 4-H project event may be eligible to enter that exhibit at the State Fair.



Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days entries are open! Exhibitor Handbooks and entries are available online at:
<https://www.wallawallafairgrounds.com/p/fair>



WALLA WALLA COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS

Adapted from Sandra Farley



Have you ever consider joining the Walla Walla County 4-H Ambassador Team? Applications are now open and we highly encourage youth to submit their application to the Extension Office by September 6, 2024. The County Ambassador's role is to promote and represent 4-H in a positive way through cooperation, communication, leadership, and planning at the county level. You can witness the Walla Walla County 4-H Ambassadors in action at various events, including Experience 4-H, Ducky Derby, teen events, and contributing to Achievement Night. The Ambassadors recently organized a summer kick-off with 4-H in the Park at Pioneer Park. Attendees enjoyed creating tie-dye t-shirts, paracord bracelets, and more. This event is just one example of the outreach that the Walla Walla County 4-H Ambassadors provide to our local youth.

2023-24 Ambassadors:

Carly Newton, Jaden Olson, Siobhan Ryle, Joseph Newton, Johanna Brouillette

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RECORD BOOKS 101

Record books can seem overwhelming, but with a little planning and putting those plans into action, they can become an accurate record of your project and a fun reflection of your year of learning. As youth grow older, their record book and permanent record will collect the details and achievements of their time in 4-H.

WHAT ARE RECORD BOOKS AND WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

When 4-H youth reach their high school senior year, it can be quickly filled with excitement, stress, and deadlines. Seniors will realize their record book and permanent record are great references for activities, awards/achievements, community service, and leadership experience when completing scholarship or job applications, reliving some of the added stress of preparing for the next step in their education.

HOW DOES KEEPING AN ACCURATE RECORD BOOK BENEFIT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS?

WHERE DO I GET STARTED?

You are in luck! Join the Walla Walla County 4-H Record Book Workshop. This opportunity will help youth, parents, and leaders learn the steps to keeping accurate records and completing a winning record book. Bring your record book and project record supplies so we can help you update your information.

Date: Aug 5, 2024, 10 am - noon

Location: Extension Office

For more information and links to record books and supplemental records visit:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/wallawalla/4h/4-h-projects/record-books/>

SUMMER CAMP WRAP-UP

QUILT CAMP

Adapted from Walla Walla County Extension Summer Camps

The Walla Walla 4-H Quilt Camp celebrated its 20th year this June. A big thank you goes out to the many volunteers who generously gave their time and skills to support and mentor the young participants. Don't miss the chance to visit the Fair pavilion and admire the wonderful creations made by this year's camp attendees. We hope you will consider joining us for the June 2025 Quilt Camp.



FILM EDITING CAMP

Adapted from Walla Walla County Extension Summer Camps

Walla Walla County 4-H kicked off the July Summer Camps with the new Video Editing Camp. Campers learned how to use industry-leading editing software from a 4-H alumni and video production professional to creatively edit media content. Keep an eye out for camper videos entered in the Fairs QR Code Online Presentations department.



WATERCOLOR CAMP

Adapted from Walla Walla County Extension Summer Camps

Once again, area youth were treated to a wonderful week of artistic guidance by Joyce Anderson. Campers learned the basics of watercolor techniques, as well as the use of shapes, lines, and dots while allowing their imaginations to direct their art. Visit the Fair pavilion to view the work of these budding young artists.



CAKE CLASS

Adapted from Walla Walla County Extension Summer Camps

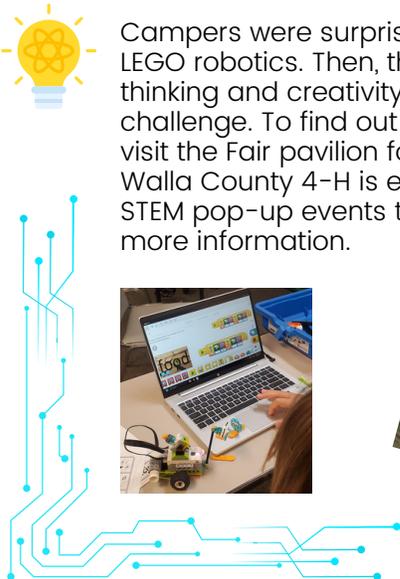
This week, young bakers had a great time exploring the art of making and decorating delicious cakes. They learned about different types of cakes and then got a chance to make their own from scratch. After baking, they had fun decorating their cakes in their own unique styles. Keep an eye out for entries from these talented young bakers in the Fairs Cake Decorating division.



STEM SURPRISE

Adapted from Walla Walla County Extension Summer Camps

Campers were surprised with two days of LEGO robotics. Then, they used their critical thinking and creativity in an epic egg-drop challenge. To find out the egg-drop results, visit the Fair pavilion for a full display. Walla Walla County 4-H is excited to offer additional STEM pop-up events this fall. Stay tuned for more information.





»» GETTING READY FOR «« THE G.O.A.T.

Summer break is in full swing, and so are preparations for the 158th Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days. Entries are open and due by August 5th. The Fair is a great opportunity to showcase your project, so be sure to enter today!

Important Dates: Please see the exhibitor handbook for details.

- Saturday, August 3, Pre-fair Livestock Judging
- Monday, August 5, Paper Entries Due, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm Exhibitor Office, or online by 11:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 15, Fashion Revue & Creative Consumer Data Forms Due (Extension Office)
- Monday, August 19, Clothing Modeling, Food & Clothing Judging
- Thursday, August 22,
 - Still Life Exhibit Entry
 - Horse Pre-fair meeting, Fitting & Showing, Western Games
- Friday, August 23,
 - Dog Classes
 - Cat Show
 - Horse Pre-Fair Colt Training
- Saturday, August 24, Public Fashion Revue
- Monday, August 26, Pick up barn posters and educational displays (the south end of the community center door will be open).
- Tuesday, August 27,
 - Floriculture, Rock Painting & Creature Feature Entry
 - Open Wool Show, Fleeces
 - Reptiles
 - All Livestock Haul in, Horticulture, Cereals & Forage Crops
- Wednesday - Sunday, Fair
- Monday, September 1, All Exhibits Released 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Check out the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days event tab for more information:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/wallawalla/2021/08/walla-walla-fair-and-frontier-days-2/>

HOW TO ENTER THE WASHINGTON STATE 4-H FAIR

Hey 4-H members! If you received a blue ribbon at the 2024 Top Chef Contest, May Public Presentations Contest, or the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days, you may be eligible to enter that exhibit into the Washington State 4-H Fair in Puyallup. Top Chef (Food Activity) and Public Presentations can be entered and scheduled now (virtual or in-person presentations are an option). For Walla Walla Fair items, entries are due online, and still life must be submitted to the extension office for shipping by Sept 5th, 4 p.m.. State fair entries will be done online by exhibitors. We're excited to see your blue ribbon project showcased at the State 4-H Fair!

For more information, please visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/fairs/state-4-h-fair/>.

PUYALLUP SEPTEMBER 2024



SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

COUNTY FAIRS CAN BE STRESSFUL AND EMOTIONAL FOR FAMILIES. PARENTS, YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR YOU CHILD BY LEADING BY EXAMPLE!

Consider being intentional in your acts at the fair in the following ways.

Honor the judging process:

Long-time judge, Kevin Gould, offered some sage advice about the judging process. He said, "Judges only see what is in front of them in the ring. Judges are doing the best they can and we need parents to respect the process". Remember that this is your child's opportunity to show what they have learned and practiced at home. Will everything go perfectly? Probably not because animals have a mind of their own sometimes, but as soon as your child is in the ring, you are a spectator.

As the class concludes, take the opportunity to listen and learn from the judge. They are the person getting paid for their opinion on that day. If you don't agree with their opinion, don't disparage the judge. Instead, take the opportunity to teach your child good conflict resolution skills and at the conclusion of the show, take your child and ask the judge why they placed a class a certain way. You still may not agree, but teaching your child that it is OK for people to have a difference of opinion is an invaluable lesson.

When the class is over, make sure to tell your child all the things they did right instead of focusing on what they did wrong. Every time they step in the show ring, it is a learning opportunity; treat it as such and help them grow and learn so they can continue to improve.

Always practice good sportsmanship in and out of the show ring:

Period. End of discussion. Every family in the barn has different resources, different experiences and different priorities. Model good sportsmanship by congratulating everyone, offering a kind word and practicing compassion and grace, even when it is hard to do.

Some great phrases to say are:

- "Good job! I can really tell you worked hard with your project and it shows!"
- "Wow, your animal really set up nicely!"
- "I know things didn't go as well as you would have hoped, but you did a great job keeping your composure! I admire that!"

We all have our own situations; you never know when a kind word makes all the difference in the world to someone else. Be kind and a good sport no matter what.

Encourage and support the program requirements:

Barn duty may be required in order to participate at the fair. Begrudging these tasks only sets a negative tone for things that are meant to help youth build their skill set. Instead, take the opportunity to teach your child that not everything in life is fun; sometimes we have to do the not so fun stuff in order to do the fun stuff. Encourage and support your child in these tasks. I can guarantee they are learning new things and creating memories while they are doing them, and sometimes those required things can turn out to be memorable experiences.

Always model a good attitude:

I guarantee someone or something will upset you or not go as you would hope during the fair. Remember that practicing patience, extending a lot of grace to others and paying attention to your own family's experience will eliminate unnecessary drama and hard feelings. Being intentional about finding the good in situations rather than the bad is a great life lesson to teach your child. Not everything is in your control, but you can always control how you respond. A fair experience is probably the highlight of your child's summer. Make sure to enjoy it with them, make memories and have it be a positive experience.

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Surviving the county fair: Tips for parents to help make the most of positive learning opportunities

Katie Ockert, Michigan State University Extension- July 10, 2019



WASHINGTON STATE 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE



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THE CONFERENCE

The 2024 Washington State 4-H Teen Conference was held June 24-27 on the beautiful Washington State University Campus, nestled in the hills of the Palouse. Attendees had the opportunity to select from an extensive list of workshops geared to help youth begin preparing for college applications, scholarship applications, choosing a college major, and choosing a career pathway. Additionally, participants selected one of many exciting tours ranging from WSU's Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Murrow College of Communication, the Planetarium, Ferdinands Creamery, the Bear and Raptor Center or many more.

CONFERENCE EXPERIENCES

The Walla Walla County 4-H organization sent four teenagers and a chaperone to this year's Teen Conference. Attendees had positive experiences, participating in interactive workshops, informative tours, and enjoying delicious ice cream. One of the teens was thrilled to reconnect with 4-H members from across the state who had attended the KYG (Know Your Government) event earlier this year. The attendees found value in getting a glimpse of what it would be like to live on a college campus and are grateful for the experience.



REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

Walla Walla County 4-H Leaders Council generously provided scholarships to all the attending teens. Teens, we encourage you to join us next year and consider attending the 2025 Washington State 4-H Teen Conference.

