

Walla Walla County Extension



4-H NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

October

- 1: End of Year Forms and Record Books Due, 5 pm
- 1-15: 4-H Online Re-enrollment open
- 3: Costume Workshop, 6 pm
- 4: 4-H Club Window Display Forms Due, 5 pm
- 5: Experience 4-H! at the Farmers Market, 9-1 pm
- 7-12: National 4-H Week!
- 10: Leaders' Council Meeting, 7 pm
- 15: 4-H Online Enrollment for New Members
- 23: STEM After School, 3:30-5 pm

November

- 13: STEM After School, 3:30-5 pm
- 14: Leaders' Council Meeting, 6 pm
- 14: Leaders Training: 4-H Policy & Finance, 7:30 pm
- 18: Livestock Judging Series-1, 6pm
- 21: Horticulture to Floriculture Workshop, 6 pm
- 24: Achievement Night, 5:30 pm

Walla Walla County 4-H member Enrollment opens Oct 15. Youth are NOT an official 4-H member until they complete their re-enrollment in 4-H Online at:
<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



Achievement Night

The 2023-24 4-H year has come to an end. Join us at the annual Walla Walla County 4-H Achievement night to help recognize our fantastic 4-H members, leaders and clubs!

- November 24, 2024
- 5:30 pm
- Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Building
- Bring a dessert to share. Pizza provided!

Upcoming Events

Fall & Winter Workshops

The heat of summer is fading and cool fall days are here. Join us for a series of fun and educational workshops highlighting a variety of project areas from flower arranging to goal setting. Come join in the fun and try something new.



Livestock Judging

We are excited to announce this new event for youth 8-18 years of age. The series will cover a livestock species each month. Youth will hone their evaluation and presentation skills, preparing them for local, regional and state livestock judging contests.



Fall Community Service Project Ideas

Leaves are turning spectacular colors and the crispness of fall is in the air! Fall is a great time of year to look around your neighborhood and identify how you may help others prepare for winter.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY 4-H ENROLLMENT

Adapted from Sandra Farley



The new 2024-25 4-H year is here! Leaders and members re-enroll today. Leaders MUST re-enroll before their club members can re-enroll.

How:

- login into your 4hOnline family profile at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
- Select the blue enroll button next to your name and complete the requested information for the 24-25 4-H year.
- If you are a returning family, DO NOT create a new profile.
- Need assistance? Call the Extension Office at 509-524-2685

When:

- 4hOnline opens for re-enrollment Oct. 1, 2024
- Please note that club leaders must re-enroll before club members are able to.

Accepting New Members?

Leaders be sure to let us know if you are able to accept new members. We have families in a variety of project areas eager to join 4-H. We want to help them find a club and benefit from the "learning by doing", model 4-H offers.

4-H Leaders Needed!

Walla Walla County 4-H is in need of adults willing to step into certified leader roles in all project areas. Have you thought about starting a new 4-H club or know someone who is interested? If you are interested in becoming a project leader or starting a new club reach out to Debbie or Sandra at 509-524-2685. New leader applications are available online or at the Extension Office.

Benefits of 4-H:

4-H is America's largest youth development organization and we empower young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

"KIDS BUILD LIFE SKILLS BY LEADING HANDS-ON PROJECTS IN AREAS LIKE SCIENCE, HEALTH, AGRICULTURE AND, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – HELPING THEM TO GROW CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE, RESILIENCE, AND COMPASSION. ADULT MENTORS PROVIDE A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY LEARN BY DOING."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

▶▶▶ COSTUME WORKSHOP

One of the best things that comes with October is a night full of candy and fun! Make sure you start the night out right by having the perfect costume planned. Join us to learn how you can use a number of skills you have gained from 4-H to make a stunning or spooky costume! Example costumes will be displayed to help visualize and inspire.

Date: October 3, 2024

Time: 6 pm-7:30 pm

Location: Walla Walla Extension Office

Who can Participate: All youth up to 12th grade

Presenter: Isabel Walker

Registration forms are due at the WSU Extension Office by October 2



▶▶▶ EXPERIENCE 4-H!

Join 4-H in sharing the many benefits of 4-H with our community. Take part in fun project based hands-on activities all while promoting 4-H!

Date: October 5, 2024

Time: 9 am-1 pm

Location: Downtown Walla Walla Farmers Market

Who can Participate: Youth 3rd-12th grade (must have completed 3rd grade)

Presenter: Walla Walla County 4-H Clubs and Leaders.



▶▶▶ STEM AFTER SCHOOL

Join us for a variety of exciting hands-on STEM challenges. These challenges will remain a mystery, so be prepared for anything!

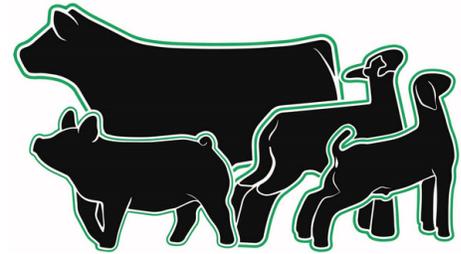
Date: Oct 23, Nov 13, Dec 18

Time: 3:30 pm-5 pm

Location: Walla Walla County Extension Office

Who can Participate: Youth 3rd-12 grade

Registration forms due 1 day prior to event. Limited space.



▶▶▶ LIVESTOCK JUDGING SERIES

This exciting opportunity will cover one livestock species (beef, sheep, swine, goats) each month. Youth will hone their evaluation and presentation skills preparing them for local, regional and the WA State 4-H judging contest. Participating youth will have access to online judging classes, tools and contest opportunities.

Date: Nov 18, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, March 10

Time: 6 pm-7:30 pm

Location: Walla Walla County Extension Office

Who can Participate: Youth 8-18 years of age

Presenter: Industry Producers

Registration forms are due at the WSU Extension Office by November 8.

Limited space.

▶▶▶ HORTICULTURE MEETS FLORICULTURE

Come learn about incorporating fruits and vegetables into your floral designs. Discover local plants that can be gleaned and used in seasonal displays and take your autumn centerpiece home for the holiday!

Date: Nov 21, 2024

Time: 6 pm- 8 pm

Location: Walla Walla County Extension Office

Who can Participate: Youth 4th-12th grade

Presenter: Katrina Lyons
Registration forms and a \$15 fee are due to the WSU Extension Office by November 8.



»»» SERVICE PROJECT ««« FALL IDEAS



Fall is often filled with friends, fun, and preparing for holidays. It can be easy to get distracted and forget about your service projects. As the community gives to 4-H, it is important to give back! To help clubs get some ideas rolling, we have found a few fun and seasonal activities to talk about. Please remember to submit a Pre-Event Form with details about any project you plan to do. Not sure if something will work for your service project? Contact the Extension Office at 509-524-2685 for further questions, ideas, or other additional help.



»»» FALL CLEAN UP

Just as the name implies, fall is the time of year when the leaves begin to change color and fall across the ground. While it is a pretty sight, it can also be a messy one. A great way to give back is to help out those in the community who may not have the time or ability to keep up with the work that comes with the changing seasons. Try finding someone who could use an extra hand and help them rake up leaves or clean up their yard of other debris.



AUTUMN GIFT BAGS ON THE GO «««

Autumn often involves fun goodie bags full of wonderful surprises! while many look forward to this, not everyone can take part as easily as others. Bring a little seasonal spirit to others by reaching out to a senior center or local hospital to arrange a time to drop off treat bags to residents or patients. Make it even more exciting by dressing up for the occasion! Make sure to follow any rules and regulations the center or hospital may have.



4-H AT THE FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

WALLA WALLA FAIR & FRONTIER DAYS

The 2024 edition of the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days is a wrap.

- Congratulations to all the 4-H member that entered their projects for the community to see. Your dedication and hard work was apparent in the quality of exhibits from still life in the Pavilion to small animals, livestock and horses in the barns. We look forward to your continued learning in the 2024-25 4-H year!
- Thank you to the 4-H members, leaders and county ambassadors for working together to create an award winning parade float! What a fun and colorful way to let the community know 4-H is here and providing an opportunity for area youth to learn by doing!
- A HUGE shoutout to the leaders that put in an enormous amount of hours encouraging, supporting and providing a safe environment for our county 4-H youth to thrive not only at the Fair but throughout the year!! We see you and appreciate you!



WASHINGTON STATE 4-H FAIR

Thank you to all who participated in the Washington State 4-H Fair in Puyallup. It is exciting to showcase Walla Walla County 4-H youth talents through their project work at the state level.

Congratulations State Fair Participants:

Angelo Michael
Angus Ryle
Anna Ortega
Ava Paloma
Brooklynn Butler
Cashlynn Butler
Keeley Preston
Marlaina Kreger
Raegan Leiferman
Samuel Fazzari
Siobhan Ryle
Stella Warwick
Vanora Ryle
Vanora Ryle
Warren Ryle
Zoie Preston



Walla Walla Fair Premium & Sale checks

If you sold a market animal at the Walla Walla Fair we will email you when sale checks are ready to pickup. Then follow these steps:

- WW Fair premium checks and buyer list will be MAILED to you.
- Write thank you cards to ALL your listed buyers.
- Bring completed, stamped and addressed thank you cards to the Extension Office and we will issue you the sale check.
- **No checks will be issued without the stamped and addresses thank you notes!**

TEEN OPPORTUNITIES



What to Expect

Teens 14-18 years of age can expect to learn and have fun with their peers at monthly county meetings, as they navigate this year's topic of "Pursue Justice: Be the Jury". Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed to prepare for the Walla Walla County delegation's role in the Olympia conference.

While at the conference teens will engage with other teens from across the state to share ideas, concerns and potential solutions to problems all while creating memories and new friendships. Financial support is available for teens through Leaders' Council to attend the conference. Past support has covered 50-80% of cost to attend and additional financial need scholarships available.

Know Your Government

Adapted from WSU Extension

What is KYG?

Know Your Government (KYG) is a civic education program with a four-year rotating topic: The Legislative System, The Judicial System, Elections and Party Platforms, and Politics and the Media. It is important to remember though, that KYG is much more than learning about how the Legislative process works.

A value of 4-H KYG is that it provides the opportunity for our delegates to explore new ideas and perspectives in a safe environment. We encourage delegates with different views to work together, not to change each other's minds, but to learn from each other. Encouraging discussion when people disagree and providing an opportunity to explore the issue in a non-threatening way demonstrates to the delegates that they can disagree on an issue but still work together. Ideally, these discussions will help delegates explore why they carry a certain belief and assist them in putting their own beliefs into practice. Remember, one of the intentional life skills we are focusing on this year is communication.

- **This year's topic** "Pursue Justice: Be the Jury"
- **Who can participate?** 4-H youth 14-18 years of age
- **How do I join?** Walla Walla County KYG will be starting soon!

Call Sandra at 509-524-2685 or email at sandra.farley@wsu.edu



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