

Walla Walla County Extension



4-H NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

December

- 1: End of Year Forms Due, 5 pm
- 1: 4-H Online Re-enrollment
- 7: Parade of Lights, 5:30 pm
- 9: Livestock Judging Series-2, 6 pm
- 12: Leaders Training- All Topics, 5:30 pm
- 18: STEM After School, 3:30-5 pm
- 18: KYG meeting, 5:30 pm
- 19: Winter Centerpiece Class, 6 pm

January

- 1: 4-H Member College Scholarships Application Opens
- 7: Club Officer & Record Book Training, 6:00 pm
- 9: Leaders' Council Meeting, 6 pm
- 9: Leaders Training: Risk Management, 7:30 pm
- 13: Livestock Judging Series-3, 6 pm
- 15: STEM After School, 3:30-5 pm
- 29: Top Chef Clinic, 6 pm
- 31: WSU Scholarship Applications (due)

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 a close, and we celebrated in style by presenting over 160 awards and acknowledgments for the accomplishments of our county youth, leaders, and volunteers. Be sure to check out the list of award winners, and see which awards you can strive for in this upcoming 4-H year.

Upcoming Events

Winter Workshops

Join us for a series of fun and educational workshops highlighting a variety of project areas from flower arranging, record keeping and culinary skills, to goal setting. Come join in the fun and try something new.



Livestock Judging

The Livestock Judging series began with enthusiastic 4-H members and parents. Aimed at youth aged 8 to 18, it will showcase a different livestock species each month, helping participants improve their evaluation and presentation skills for upcoming contests.



Winter Community Service Project Ideas

Soon snowflakes will fall and many of our community neighbors and friends may find themselves indoors and unable to safely get out and visit others. Winter is a great time for clubs to consider how they can spread holiday cheer to those around them.



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

PARADE OF LIGHTS

Join in the fun of decorating, and riding on the Walla Walla County 4-H Parade of Lights float. Hot Chocolate and yummy treats will be ready to help you keep warm and enjoy celebrating the Holiday season with your 4-H friends.

Date: December 7, 2024

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Walla Walla Extension Office

Who can Participate: All Walla Walla County 4-H Members and Leaders



WINTER CENTERPIECES

Come learn about incorporating items from your outside surroundings into your floral designs. Discover local plants that can be gleaned and used in seasonal displays and take your winter centerpiece home for the holiday!

Date: December 19, 2024

Time: 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Walla Walla County Extension Office

Who can Participate: Youth 4th-12th grade (must have completed 3rd grade)

Presenter: Katrina Lyons of Blue Mnt. Herd

STEM AFTER SCHOOL

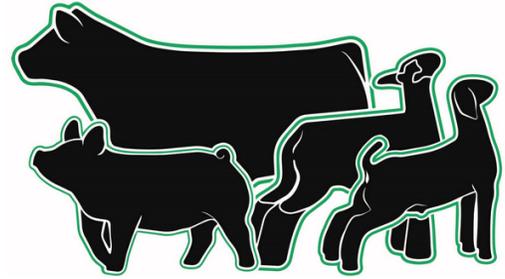
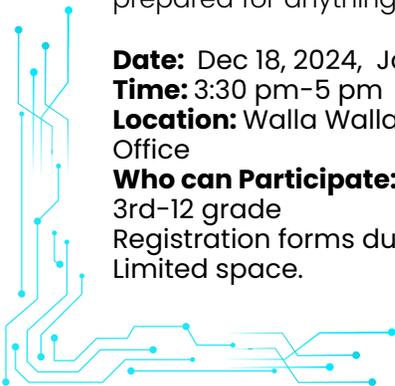
Join us for a variety of exciting hands-on STEM challenges. These challenges will remain a mystery, so be prepared for anything!

Date: Dec 18, 2024, January 15, 2025

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 continues covering 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: 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
One time registration is required for the series. Limited space.

OFFICER AND RECORD BOOK TRAINING

Join us for tips to complete an award winning record book. You will also learn the roles and responsibilities of club officers and how to run an efficient meeting, all while having fun with other 4-H members.

Date: January 7, 2025

Time: 6 pm– 8 pm

Location: Walla Walla County Extension Office

Who can Participate: Youth 4th-12th grade

Presenter: Walla Walla County 4-H Staff
County Ambassadors



»»» SERVICE PROJECT «««

WINTER IDEAS

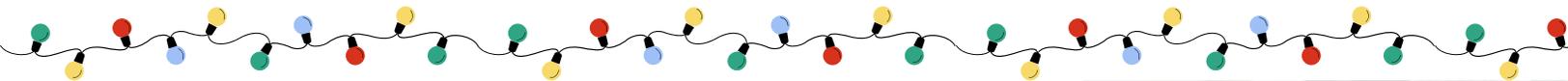


Winter is often filled with friends, fun, and preparing for holidays. It can be easy to get distracted and forget about your service projects. As the community gives to 4-H, it is important to give back! To help clubs get some ideas rolling, we have found a few fun and seasonal activities to talk about. 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.



»»» **FOOD, TOY, AND GIFT DRIVE**

Winter is known as the season of giving, making it the perfect time to help others around us. Many families may be struggling during this time, but you can help ease the load. Plan a collection day or spot in which you can have others donate things such as food, toys, or other gifts. These items can then be given directly to those who need them or given to another community organization to distribute. Little things can make all the difference!



HOLIDAY MEAL VOLUNTEERING «««

As the weather gets colder, people will start to gather more inside. Many community centers will be hosting lunches and dinners during this time and they are often looking for help! Reach out to a local senior center or homeless shelter to see how you can help them bring warm meals and a sense of community to those who especially need it during this time of year.



4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



WALLA WALLA COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

The 2024 edition of the annual Walla Walla 4-H Achievement Night has concluded. 4-H families, friends, and community supporters gathered to celebrate the hard work, perseverance, and accomplishments of our county's 4-H youth members, leaders, and volunteers. Over 160 awards and acknowledgments were presented throughout the evening. We would like to extend our gratitude to the many supporters of 4-H who made this event possible. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of the 2024-2025 year next fall!

4-H Clubs Awards

Congratulations to the clubs that excelled in promoting the spirit of 4-H throughout the year!

Clubs of the Year:

- Dry Creek 4-H
- Mill Creek Wranglers
- Barnyard Champs



National 4-H Week Window Display Winners:

- Clever Clovers, 1st
- Feathers, Hares & Hooves, 2nd
- Dry Creek, tie 3rd
- Creatin Critters, tie 3rd

Outstanding 4-H Member of the Year

Outstanding 4-H Member Jr.: Wyatt Parrish
Angelo Michael
Brinley Drury

Outstanding 4-H Member Int.: Halcyon Mains
Emma Lyons
Jadyn Tompkins

Outstanding 4-H Member Sr.: Heidi Scott
Jaden Olson,
Jacob Brouillette,

Project Medal Winners

Emma Lyons- Dairy Goat, Market Goat
Elizabeth Paine- Crafts, Breeding & Market Sheep
Eva Michael- Market Sheep
Jillian Saylor- Horse, Dairy Goat
Johanna Brouillette- Breeding & Market Sheep
Jacob Brouillette- Breeding & Market Sheep
Oaklee Adams- Swine
Bailey Lyons- Market Sheep
Angelo Michael- Market Sheep

Public Presentation Winners

Beef Sr: Max Cox- Breeding Methods in Cattle
Cat Sr.: Mica Hartman- Therapy Cats
Crafts Int.: Elizabeth Paine- Look! Flowers!
Dog Int.: Kinsley Timmons- Canine CPR
Food & Nutrition Jr.: Blake Bowe- Peanut Free
Goat Int.: Emma Lyons- Who's Your G.O.A.T. Daddy?
Horse Int.: Jillian Saylor- Wrap It Up
Horse Sr.: Kayla Lohr- Intramuscular or Intravenous
Plant Science Sr.: Carly Newton- Plant Propagation
Pocket Pets Int.: Connor Olson- Rat Myths
Pocket Pets Sr.: Jaden Olson- Is a Rat Right for You?
Poultry Jr.: Penelope Crumpacker- Egg Laying Cycle
Poultry Team: Kloey Maxted & Baretta Fogarty- Fermented
Chicken Food
Rabbit Int.: Halcyon Mains- I'm Not Stargazing I have E.
Cuniculi
Sheep Jr. Angelo Michael- Feeding Your Market Lamb
Sheep Sr.: Dominic Fazzari- Tail Docking Controversy
Sheep Team: Stella Warwick & Sam Fazzari- How to Choose
a Market Lamb
Small Engines Int.: Cole Michael- Small Engines
Judges Choice: Johanna Brouillette,
Kynzie Huze,
Siobhan Ryle,
Joslyn Bowe,
Juniper Lyons,
Bailey Lyons

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Record Book Awards

Jr. Honorable Mention; Oaklee Adams
 Jr. Honorable Mention: Angelo Michael
 Jr. Honorable Mention: Bailey Lyons

Int. Top Record Book: Emma Lyons
 Int. Honorable Mention: Elizabeth Paine
 Int. Honorable Mention: Jillian Sayler
 Jr. Top Record Book: Eva Michael

Sr. Top Record Book: Johanna Brouillette
 Sr. Honorable Mention: Jacob Brouillette

Club Books

Secretary's Book Top Award: Kynzie Huse, Thundering Hoofbeats
 Treasurer's Book Top Award: Madi Huse, Thundering Hoofbeats
 Treasurer's Book Honorable Mention: Elizabeth Paine, Barnyard Champs

Special Achievement Medals of Honor

Agriculture Achievement: Emma Lyons
 General Achievement: Elizabeth Paine, Jillian Sayler, Johanna Brouillette
 Public Speaking: Elizabeth Paine, Johanna Brouillette

Decade 4-H Members

Makenna Barron
 Diego Caso
 Macy Chvatal
 Jake Hellberg-Wilson
 Kynzie Huse
 Leah Ruthven
 Lucinda Weaver
 Helen Hellberg-Wilson
 Jaden Olson
 Carly Newton



Leader Awards

Alumni Award: Cristi Crawford
 Appreciation Award: Walla Walla Electric
 Dedication Award: Jeanie Fulton and Connie Vinti
 Inspirational Award: Harvey Cardwell
 Leader Booster Award: Traci Huse and Chelsy Groat
 New Leader Award: Melissa Michael
 President's Award: Melissa Newton



TEEN OPPORTUNITIES



»»» New Teen Leadership Club

We are excited to announce the Walla Walla Teen Leadership Club, which is open to all teens aged 13 to 18. This club will focus on opportunities for citizenship and leadership at the local level. Additionally, state-level opportunities will be available through this club, such as the "Know Your Government" program and the Washington State 4-H Teen Conference.

Join other teens from Walla Walla County for monthly gatherings where you can have fun, serve your community and learn new skills from community leaders. These experiences will help boost your leadership abilities and prepare you for your future.

When: 3rd Tuesday of the month

Where: Extension Office Meeting Room

Time: 6:00 pm

How to Join: 509-524-2685 or email at wallawalla.4h@wsu.edu

What is KYG?

Adapted from WSU 4-H Youth Development Program

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.

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, held in Olympia February 15-17, 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.

Teens can attend at no cost through the generous support of Leaders Council, once they attend a Leaders Council meeting and share their experience.

- **This year's topic** "Pursue Justice: Be the Jury"
- **Who can participate?** 4-H youth 14-18 years of age
- **How do I join?** Call 509-524-2685 or email wallawalla.4h@wsu.edu



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TOP CHEF

»»» Top Chef Workshop and Contest

Top Chef is an annual event that allows youth enrolled in 4-H Food and Nutrition projects an opportunity to show off their cooking, baking, and table-setting skills. Youth member contestants will receive a ribbon and premium, while Cloverbuds will receive a ribbon and prize. Those who receive a blue ribbon are also eligible to compete at the Washington State 4-H Fair in September and may receive additional awards at our Annual Walla Walla Achievement Night.

The **2025 Top Chef Contest** will be from the 20th - 25th of February. Pre-registration and enrollment in a Food & Nutrition project is required. Use the Google form listed below to sign up!

If you have any questions, contact the Extension Office at 509-524-2685 or the 4-H Coordinator by email at sandra.farley@wsu.edu

Top Chef Contest Registration: <https://forms.gle/CAzi1ps9bf8oZP6M6>

What classes are available?:

- **Table Setting**
- **Lunch on The Go**
- **Quick Fix Meal**
- **Quick Bread and Yeast Bread**
- **Exploring Foods Around the World**
- **Favorite Foods**
- **Food for All Occasions**



Not in a food-related Project? You can still come to the **Top Chef Workshop** and have fun exploring the world of food projects through hands-on food activities!

When: January 29, 2025

Where: Extension Office Meeting Room

Time: 6 pm-7:30 pm

Registration: <https://forms.gle/12rqSgebAsnBR43ZA>



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