

Walla Walla County Extension



4-H NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

March

- 1: Burgess Scholarships Due
- 10: Blue Mountain Foundation Scholarship Application Due
- 10: Livestock Judging Series-3, 6 pm
- 12: Super Saturday Registration Due
- 13: Leaders' Council Meeting, 6 pm
- 15: 4-H Member College Scholarships Application Due
- 15: Enrollment Deadline to be eligible to show 4-H at WW Fair
- 18: Teen Leadership Club, 6 pm
- 22: Super Saturday, 9-2
- 29: WW Fair Beef Weigh-In
- 31: Public Presentation Contest Entry Forms Due

April Save the Dates

- 14-17 Public Presentation Contest A
- 19 Livestock Field Day

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>



Upcoming Events

Super Saturday

Join us for Super Saturday, an exciting annual event filled with fun hands-on workshops designed for kids in 1st to 12th grade! Bring a friend along, we can't wait to see you for a day packed with fun and learning! Don't worry, you don't need to be a member of 4-H to participate.



Livestock Judging

The Livestock Judging series continues 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.



March Community Service Project

The winter cold is fading away and spring is just around the corner. This seasonal transition offers clubs a wonderful opportunity to uplift their neighbors and community as we prepare for sunny days ahead.



Top Chef Wrap Up

Another year of the Top Chef contest is in the books! 4-H Food and Nutrition youth took to the kitchens to prepare a variety of scrumptious recipes, ranging from quick and easy lunches on the go to shrimp pad Thai and luscious lemon cakes. Not only did the participants put their culinary skills to the test, but they also expressed their creativity in a table-setting activity, featuring themes and menus inspired by Parisian flair, Oriental influences, and even Minecraft creativity. Thank you to all the youth, judges, and volunteers who made this event possible. Until 2026, let's get cooking, 4-H!



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4-H ENROLLMENT

Adapted from Sandra Farley



Last Call!

The 2024-25 4-H year is in full swing! We want to make sure everyone interested in 4-H has the opportunity to join, experience all 4-H has to offer, and participate in the Walla Walla Fair as a 4-H member.

How:

- Re-enroll: Log into your 4hOnline family profile at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
- New Enrollment: Connecting with 4-H club, create a family profile at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
- Need assistance? Call the Extension Office at 509-524-2685

When:

- Deadline to enroll in 4-H projects and enter 4-H classes in Walla Walla Fair, March 15, 2025

Accepting New Members?

Leaders, 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."

UPCOMING EVENTS

»»» SUPER SATURDAY

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.

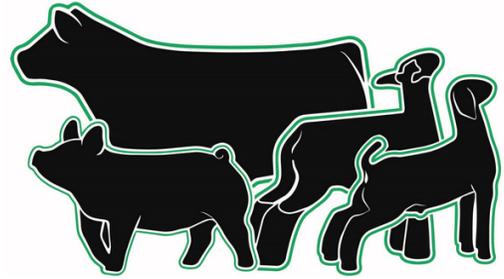
Date: March 22

Time: 8:45 am - 2:15 pm

Location: Blue Mountain Community Church

Who can Participate: All youth 1st -12 grade. You do NOT need to be a 4-H member to participate.

HAVE
FUN



»»» BEEF WEIGH-IN REGISTRATION

Are you planning on entering a market beef in the 205 Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days and selling in the Walla Walla County Cattlemen's Youth Market Sale? If so, you must pre-register for the upcoming weigh-in.

Date: March 29, 2025

Time: 8:00 am (click link for more info)

Location: Kibler Ranch

Pre-Registration Due: March 24, 2025

<https://forms.gle/TVdYGdQoKvXEoAFW8>

»»» PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS WORKSHOP

Don't miss this opportunity to boost your communication skills and make your public presentation unforgettable! You will learn how to choose a topic, deliver your presentation with confidence, create and use visual aids to add interest, and handle Q & A. Come prepared to participate in fun interactive activities and discover the power of your voice!

Date: March 26, 2025

Time: 6 pm-8 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: 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.

»»» 4-H LIVESTOCK DAY

Join us for fun, food, friends, learning and awards. Be ready to learn about livestock judging and project evaluation, compete in a beginner friendly contest and gain basic livestock industry knowledge. Top the day off with species specific showmanship demos and fitting tips.

Date: April 19, 2025

Time: 9 am -3 pm

Location: Milton Freewater Jr Show Grounds

Who can Participate: All youth 8-18 years of age.

Pre-registration required

Presenters: Industry Professionals



»» SERVICE PROJECT «« SPRING IDEAS



Spring time is growing closer! It is time to get out of hibernation mode and get ready for the new season. 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.



»» COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEAN UP

Planting season is upon us and those garden beds need to be prepped to bring in a bountiful harvest! Reach out to a neighbor or contact a community garden to see what you can do to assist them. Help pull out dead weeds, turn over the soil, and maybe even plant some seedlings! This is a great way to help others get those gardens started off right.



CLOSET CLEAN OUT ««

Spring cleaning is a tradition that can be easily turned into your next community service project. Have your family or others in the neighborhood take some time to clean out their closets and set aside gently used clothing that can be donated to a community organization such as a shelter or church.



SCHOLARSHIPS



High school seniors, listen up! It's crunch time. You're on the brink of a new chapter in your life, and the opportunities are endless, but first, you need to secure funding for your education. The good news is that there are plenty of scholarships out there just waiting for you to apply. The key is to be strategic and organized.

10 TIPS TO HELP YOU STAND OUT AND MAXIMIZE YOUR CHANCES OF BEING AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Adapted from Sandra Farley



1. Take a breath and realize you can do this!
2. Identify your unique strengths, skills, interests and experiences through 4-H that set you apart and make you stand out.
3. Search for scholarships that match your unique qualities. Your high school counselor and scholarship search tools can help you identify matches. Check out local and state 4-H scholarships.
4. Create a timeline for application deadlines. Prioritize scholarships that are a good fit for you.
5. Take advantage of common application-based scholarships that let you to apply for multiple scholarships in one go. The local Blue Mountain Community Foundation Online application is one.
6. Set aside regular time to work on applications. The more effort you put in, the greater your chances of success.
7. Keep all information in one folder. This includes essays, letters of recommendation, transcripts, completed FASFA with EFC, etc.
8. Complete applications as directed and pay attention to phrasing. This demonstrates your attention to detail and commitment.
9. Use your essay to tell a compelling story that sets you apart.
10. Don't procrastinate and proofread your work!

Applying for scholarships can be overwhelming, but by following these tips, you'll be well on your way to securing funding for your education. Remember, this is an exciting time in your life, and with the right preparation and effort, you can make it even more rewarding. Good luck!

[A scholarship list is available on the
Extension website](#)



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



Pizza provided in March

KYG 2025 in Review

Adapted from WSU 4-H Youth Development Program

The 2025 Know Your Government Conference took place over President's Weekend in Olympia, Washington. Walla Walla County 4-H sent four teen delegates and one Teen conference facilitator to participate in this year's conference, which focused on the topic "Pursue Justice: Be the Jury". The delegates acted as jurors in mock trials, which helped them understand the workings of the courtroom and recognize the biases we each carry while engaging with other teens from across the state to share ideas, concerns, and potential solutions to problems, all while creating memories and new friendships. In addition to intensive learning sessions, KYG delegates engaged in community service projects and explored our state capitol. All in all, it was a valuable experience and delegates look forward to returning next year to learn about the "Legislative System."

Looking forward to 2026, all enrolled 4-H teens, ages 14-18, are welcome to join the Walla Walla County delegation. Teens may attend at no cost through the generous support of Leaders Council, once they attend a Leaders Council meeting and share their experience.

- **2026 topic** "Legislative System"
- **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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