

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development

News for September 2026

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Grays Harbor County 4-H

Upcoming Events

SEPT-NOV **2026**

SEPT 4-27	State 4-H Fair in Puyallup Congrats to 50 4-H members representing Grays Harbor County with their animal projects, photos, art, posters, presentations, food entries, and more!	OCT 9	4-H Record Books Due Submit to the WSU Extension office in Elma to be reviewed & eligible for awards and prizes. Scoresheets at https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/
SEPT 17	4-H Council Mtng 6:30p WSU Extension, Ofc, Elma, or via Zoom at https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086 w/planning at 5:30p	OCT 11	4-H Year Pin Request Due 4-H members and their family submit a request to be recognized at the Celebrate Our Kids event in November https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/ytx6mA7tTX
SEPT 23	4-H Volunteer Workshops 4:30p, Volunteer Essentials for new volunteers 5:45p, Club Orientation, WSU Extension Ofc, Elma RSVP at https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/rgUttfPEuJ	OCT 11	4-H Award Nomination Due Nominate 4-H members and volunteers to be recognized at the Celebrate Our Kids event in November. Link opens soon at https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/ytx6mA7tTX
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OCT 1	New 4-H Year Begins & Annual Enrollment Opens Submit enrollment info at https://v2.4honline.com/	NOV 12	Celebrate Our Kids 6:00p GHC Fairgrounds, Elma, Annual Recognition Event RSVP by 11/1 https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/xiLuS7VzbE
OCT 5	Horse Council Mtng 6:30p, WSU Extension Ofc, Elma or Zoom at https://wsu.zoom.us/j/975732070	DEC 1	4-H Re-Enrollment Due Returning members and volunteers submit enrollment info at https://v2.4honline.com/ for all programs including fair and summer camp.
OCT 6	4-H Club Kickoff 6:00p, WSU Extension Ofc, Elma – RSVP at https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/dWt489vSZj At least one rep per club must attend to be active for the year.	DEC 1	New Year Club Info Due 4-H club volunteers, members, and families work together to gather information, refine goals and firm up plans and schedules for the year.

→ [HTTPS://EXTENSION.WSU.EDU/GRAYSHARBOR/4-H/INFO/](https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/) @GRAYSHARBOR4H

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TEACHES LIFE SKILLS THAT LEAD YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME SELF-DIRECTING, POSITIVE, CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. WSU EXTENSION PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. EVIDENCE OF NONCOMPLIANCE MAY BE REPORTED THROUGH YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE.

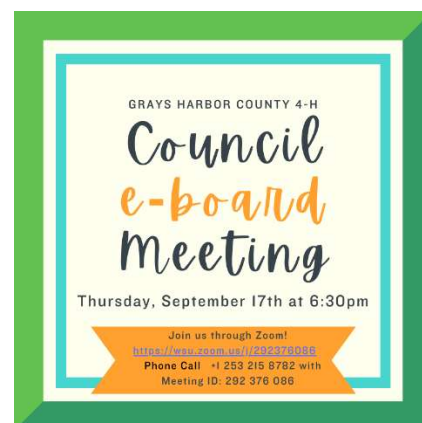
- **Sept 4-27:** State 4-H Fair, Puyallup
- **Sept 7:** WSU Extension ofc CLOSED in observance of Labor Day
- **Sept 8 (TUESDAY):** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Sept 17:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086> join at 5:30 pm for a review of the Constitution & Bylaws, strategic planning, and snacks!
- **Sept 23:** 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop (4:30p) & Club Leader Orientation, (5:45p), WSU Extension ofc, Elma – RSVP at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/rgUttfPEuJ>
- **Sept 27:** 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop (1:00p) & Club Leader Orientation, (2:30p), WSU Extension ofc, Elma – RSVP at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/rgUttfPEuJ>
- **Sept 28 & 29:** State 4-H Fair Still Life Entries Collected in Puyallup – return to WSU Ext. offices in Oct
- **Oct 1: NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS!**
- **Oct 4-10:** National 4-H Week
- **Oct 5:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Oct 6: 4-H CLUB KICKOFF!** Nacho Average Club Kickoff, **6:00 pm**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Oct 9:** 4-H Record Books Due for Review & Awards to the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Oct 11:** 4-H Year Pin Requests Due <https://forms.office.com/r/ytx6mA7tTX>
- **Oct 11:** 4-H Award Nominations Due <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/8fRqA3RmEy> (form will open 9/11)
- **Oct 15:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Nov TBD:** 4-H Audit Party
- **Nov 12:** Celebrate Our Kids recognition event, 6:00 pm, GHC Fairgrounds Pavilion

4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS – Join Us Digitally or In Person



We would love to have you join us for the next Horse Council meeting at 6:30 pm on TUESDAY, September 8.

Join us at the next 4-H Council meeting on Thursday, September 17. These meetings are the best way to share your ideas, get up to the minute information and help shape the direction of YOUR 4-H program. Join at 5:30 pm for a review of the Constitution & Bylaws, strategic planning, and snacks!



The meetings will be held in person with the option to join remotely, and you can join us via Zoom or with a phone call if you have a Zoom account by clicking the links above or available at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/> Connect with Tracie to test the system in advance.

STATE 4-H FAIR – September 4 - September 27

Congratulations to the 4-H members helping to represent Grays Harbor County at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup! 30 local 4-H members exhibiting year-long accomplishments with their dog, sheep, goat, or horse projects and over 50 still life entries are displayed in the still life building from local youth, including photos, paintings, drawings, creative arts, clothing, and educational posters! 4-H members will also be giving public presentations and more! Head upstairs in the pavilion to check it out.

BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER - Workshops September 23 & 27



Thank you for your interest in becoming an official 4-H Volunteer in our community! Join us for the next 4-H Volunteer Essentials workshops, scheduled to take place in person on Wednesday, September 23 and Sunday, September 27 at the WSU Extension office in Elma (34 Elma-McCleary Road). Please use the following link <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/rgUttfPEu> to let us know if you are interested in attending and allow 90 minutes for this hands-on session. You can also contact Tracie to schedule another date/time option.

Plan on learning more about volunteering with the 4-H Youth Development Program and connecting with other volunteers and 4-H staff! <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/> and <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/2024/09/4-h-council-seeks-committee-volunteers/>



NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS OCTOBER 1

While the 4-H Online enrollment system is currently going through the annual update process to prepare for the October 1 start to the new 4-H year, youth members and adult volunteers will be able to begin the annual 4-H enrollment process at <https://v2.4honline.com/> in October, just in time for clubs begin meeting for the new 4-H year!

RE-ENROLL BY DECEMBER 1

Returning members: re-enrollment deadline is December 1 for all programs including fair & summer camp. We are excited for you to join this year - Enrollment for the 2026-2027 year will open for all on October 1, when you will be able to log in to your 4-H Online account to submit your yearly enrollment: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

4-H RECORD BOOKS DUE - Friday, October 9



The Grays Harbor 4-H Council wants to recognize 4-H members who have completed a record book this year. Completed record books must be submitted to the WSU Extension office in Elma by Friday, October 9 to be reviewed by the record book committee and to be eligible for awards and prizes. Record Books will be reviewed using the scoresheets at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping and record books teach members valuable, lifelong skills in records, accounting, reporting, and written communication. In 4-H, youth have tracked their activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences, within their record books.

4-H Record Books serve a variety of purposes:

- They give members an opportunity to reflect on their yearly work where they can measure their achievements and growth in their 4-H career.
- They encourage members to set goals, develop plans to meet those goals, and shift gears in the face of challenges and obstacles.

Check out Tips for 4-H Record Keeping at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

4-H Record Books at <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/>

> for Level 1 documents, WSU Publications C0932 & C0933

> for Level 2 documents, WSU Publications C0934 & C0935

YEAR PIN REQUESTS – Submit your Request by October 11

This year you are invited to request your 4-H Year Pin, which will be awarded along with other prizes at the annual Recognition event!! <https://forms.office.com/r/ytx6mA7tTX>

All Grays Harbor 4-H members who complete this process will receive their Year End Completion Pin.

4-H AWARD NOMINATION DUE – Nominate a youth member or adult volunteer by October 11

It's almost time to submit your nominations for the 2025-2026 4-H year for an exceptional Grays Harbor County 4-H volunteer or member! All award nominations will be open from September 11 until October 11 and will be reviewed by the 4-H Council to select this year's recipients! Awards will be announced at our fall recognition event. <https://forms.office.com/r/8fRqA3RmEy>