



WELCOME TO KLICKITAT 4-H!

Getting started:

1. Email Abby Brandt at abbyb@klickitatcounty.org and tell her which projects your kids are interested in and what area of the county you live in. We have over 15 clubs in Klickitat County. Each 4-H club offers different projects. Some of them offer many, some only offer one. Abby will email you back with some options for clubs that offer the projects that you are interested in and are located near you.
2. After you receive an email back from Abby, you will need to contact the general leaders of the club(s). Some questions you might ask them are: when they meet, where they meet, what their bylaws i.e. club requirements are, how many kids are in the club, what the ages of the kids are, etc. We also recommend attending a club meeting before making an official decision.
3. Once you have decided on a club, you will need to create an account on 4HOnline. There is a guide with instructions on how to do this. Your club leader will be able to walk you through this process. Contact the WSU Klickitat County Extension Office for help.
4. There is a \$25 Washington State 4-H Fee for all members. This fee is per member per year. It does not matter how many clubs or projects your child is enrolled in, the fee remains \$25. We have scholarships available to help cover this fee for those in need. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please fill out a fee assistance form and email it to Abby at abbyb@klickitatcounty.org. Youth's enrollment will not be approved until youth are enrolled in 4HOnline and payment is received or scholarship for has been recorded.
5. The 4-H year begins annually on October 1st. The preferred date to get re-enrolled in 4-H is December 1st.
6. 4-H enrollment is open year round. However, the last day to enroll in any project with the ability to show as a 4-H member at the Klickitat County Fair is May 1st.
7. If your project has a pre-show weigh-in day BEFORE the May 1st deadline, for example Beef, Goat, Sheep, or Swine, you must be an active 4-H Member by the date of that weigh-in event. The Calendar of events are listed in each Clover Report and on the WSU Klickitat County Extension Website.

8. Important Terms:

Project – An activity or subject area that a youth may choose to participate in.

Club – A group of at least five youth from three or more families with at least one adult volunteer leading the study of project areas. They must meet at least six hours throughout the year and have youth club officers. 4-H Clubs are youth led, with volunteers providing organizational support and guidance as needed.

Volunteer – Any adult who has completed the WSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Application Process. They have been screened and trained to equip them for their specific role. Any adult can be a 4-H Volunteer!

Approved – Someone who has completed all of the required steps to participate in the Washington State 4-H Program.

Active – A youth or adult who has been approved by 4-H Staff in 4HOnline.

Pending – A youth or adult who is waiting on 4-H Staff approval in 4HOnline. This means that payment (for a youth) has not been received or that at least one step in the Volunteer Application Process has not been completed.

Enrolled – A youth or adult who shows an Active status in 4HOnline.

New Member – Someone (adult or youth) who has not participated in Klickitat County 4-H Programming before.

Fair – The county Fair is an optional opportunity for young people to showcase their year-round educational experience. Many 4-H members choose to exhibit at the County Fair; however, Fair participation is not required for 4-H members. Youth whose projects qualify, may participate at the Washington 4-H State Fair in Puyallup.

This document serves as the 4-H Policy unique to Klickitat County 4-H. This document does not replace but adds to and restates part of the Washington State 4-H Policy.

*Underlined items are hyperlinks to outside documents

