

Thurston County 4-H

2026 Calendar

(25-26 4-H year is 10/01/25 - 09/30/26)



Photograph by Everett S., Junior 4-H Member, First Place Junior

Welcome to the 2025-2026 4-H Year!

Our local 4-H clubs are helping to build a ready generation in a world of change. 4-H equips youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today. Becoming **Beyond Ready** encompasses opportunities and experiences, connections and discovery, shaping youth into their true and authentic selves.

Please use this calendar as a tool to help your family plan 4-H involvement, track activities, and to meet eligibility deadlines (such as County Fair Entry deadlines). You can personalize the calendar by adding your individual 4-H club activities and meetings.

At the time of production, the dates in this calendar were correct. Please confirm meeting dates, times, and locations as schedules sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather or illness. If North Thurston Public Schools has school district closures due to extreme weather, please expect in-person 4-H activities held at the WSU Extension Office and/or Thurston County Fairgrounds will be cancelled as well. Also, be aware that some planning meetings, committee meetings, and 4-H Council meetings are conducted via Zoom. Please contact the WSU Extension Thurston County 4-H Office (4-H Office) if you are not receiving announcements via 4-H Online with meeting details and Zoom links.

Have questions? Want to RSVP for an activity? Need to request an accommodation? Would you like to learn more about 4-H and 4-H volunteering? Contact the Washington State University (WSU) Extension Thurston County 4-H Office!

The best email to use first is:

tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us



4-H Office location and mailing address:

3054 Carpenter Road SE

Olympia, WA 98503

tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us

(360) 867-2157

<https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/youth/>

Washington State University Extension
Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program
Office closed on Mondays, T-F from 9 to 4 p.m.
Please schedule ahead to meet with 4-H staff

Photo above: Hayden and Everett, 24 Carrots 4-H Club. Photo by S. Guirguis WSDA.

To be in the know, we recommend the following:

- Enter 4-H reminders in your cell phone or personal calendar.
- Read the weekly **Washington State 4-H Tuesday News** that is sent out via 4-H Online email every Tuesday.
- Read county-level announcements and reminders sent out via 4-H Online email and/or from 4-H staff.
- Be sure to check your Spam or Junk Mail email folder for emails from 4-H Online.
- If you are new to 4-H, attend an [Introduction to 4-H Zoom Presentation](#) (aka 4-H Orientation) for volunteers and families.
- Talk to your 4-H Club Leader and ask about parent/guardian participation. Often it is helpful for parents to attend club and/or project meetings so you can support 4-H project work practice and completion at home.
- Interested in County and/or State Fair? Consider fair schedules when planning family vacations and work leave requests so you are available to support your child or children while exhibiting.
- Read the **Thurston County Fair Exhibitor Guide** rules and entry instructions.
- Read the **State 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide** (for youth who qualify for State 4-H Fair participation).
- Read the **Washington State 4-H Policies** found on the Washington State 4-H website.
- Please contact the 4-H Office at least two weeks prior to events/activities to request a disability accommodation.
- Facebook users can follow the [Explore 4-H with WSU Extension](#) and [WSU Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program](#) pages for announcements and opportunities.
- For Thurston County specific resources and forms visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/youth/>
- For Washington State 4-H policies, resources, and forms visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>

Washington State University (WSU), U.S. Department of Agriculture and Thurston County cooperating. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. If you have a disability for which you seek an accommodation, please notify the WSU Extension Office 14 days prior to the event. 360-867-2157 or tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us



Above photo: Caiden with pup Scarlet, new 4-H Trail Dog Project practice.



Photograph by Amelia A., Senior 4-H Member

January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>4-H Office Closed New Years Day</i>	2 <i>Teen Bowling night RSVP to the 4-H Office</i>	3
4	5 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	6	7 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	8 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	9	10
11	12 <i>Dog Committee 7 p.m.</i>	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Sewing project with Love Covers, 12:00- 2:00 p.m. (RSVP required)</i>
18	19 <i>4-H Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday</i>	20	21	22 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m. Petersen Barn Committee 7 p.m.</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>4-H Council Mtg. 7 p.m.</i>	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Deadline for returning members to reenroll to avoid a late fee</i>

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Photograph by Arthur K., Intermediate 4-H Member

February 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Late fee begins for returning members to reenroll.</i>	2 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	3	4 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	5	6	7
8	9 <i>Dog Committee 7 p.m.</i>	10	11 <i>Fair Office Hosted Fair Superintendent Meeting, 6:30 pm</i>	12 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	13 <i>4-H Know Your Government (KYG) Teen Conference</i>	14 <i>4-H Know Your Government (KYG) Teen Conference</i>
15 <i>4-H Know Your Government (KYG) Teen Conference</i>	16 <i>4-H Office Closed Presidents' Day 4-H KYG Teen Conference</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <i>4-H Council Mtg. 7 p.m.</i>	24	25	26 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	27	28
New Members - New 4-H Club members joining after February 1, will be provided a coupon code to avoid late enrollment fees. Please contact the 4-H Office for details.						

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Photograph by Martin T., Intermediate 4-H Member

Reminders -

- State 4-H College Scholarships due **March 15**
- 4-H Online Enrollment deadline for Thurston County Fair participation is **April 15**
- TCYMAS Steer Intent to Sell forms due **April 30**
- **Upload due!** All horse and dog ID information in 4-H Online by **May 1**
- TCYMAS Intent to Sell forms (all species but steers) due **June 1**
- **Upload due!** All animal ID information, besides horse and dog, in 4-H Online by **June 1**

Important - Youth members still looking to purchase market animals should review the TCYMAS rules and Washington State 4-H Policies regarding animal care and management requirements to ensure you take possession of the project animal or animals by the necessary dates and deadlines.



Beyond Ready

March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	3	4 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	5	6	7
8	9 <i>Dog Committee 7 p.m.</i>	10	11	12 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	13	14
15 <i>4-H scholarships due in 4-HOnline.</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Sewing project with Love Covers, 12:00- 2:00 p.m. (RSVP required)</i>
22	23 <i>4-H Council Mtg. 7 p.m.</i>	24	25	26 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	27	28
29	30	31				

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Photograph by Hadley H., Intermediate 4-H Member



**Beyond
Ready**

April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	7 Spring Break 4/6 to 4/10 - Tentative	8	9 4-H Day Camp <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	10	11
12	13 <i>Dog Committee 7 p.m.</i>	14	15 <i>4-H Online Enrollment & 4-H Project Add/Change Deadline</i>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>Fair Office Hosted Fair Superintendent Meeting, 6:30 pm</i>	23 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Petersen Barn Committee 7 p.m.</i>	24	25
26	27 <i>4-H Council & Appreciation dinner 6:30 p.m.</i>	28	29	30 <i>TCYMAS Intent to Sell due for steers</i>		

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Photograph by Sierra L., Intermediate 4-H Member, First Place Intermediate

May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Upload due! Animal ID data due in 4-H Online for Dog & Horse</i>	2
3	4 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	5	6 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	7 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	8	9
10	11 <i>Dog Committee 7 p.m.</i>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>4-H Council Mtg. 7 p.m.</i>	19	20	21 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>4-H Office Closed Memorial Day Holiday</i>	26	27	28	29	30 31

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Photograph by Jackson B., Junior 4-H Member

June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6/1/26 - Upload due! All project animals, besides dog/horse, ID info. due in 4-H Online	1 Intent to Sell due to TCYMAS for all species but steers Horse Committee 7 p.m.	2	3 Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.	4	5	6
7	8 Dog Committee 7 p.m.	9	10	11 Robotics 6:30 p.m.	12	13
14	15 Photos due to TCYMAS for website	16	17	18	19 4-H Office Closed Juneteenth Holiday	20
21	22 Tentative State 4-H Teen Conference, Washington State University Pullman Campus 4-H Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	23	24	25 Robotics 6:30 p.m.	26	27
29	30					

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Photograph by Clara P., Intermediate 4-H Member

July 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	2	3 <i>4-H Office Closed July 4th Holiday</i>	4 <i>Tumwater Parade</i>
5	6 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	7	8	9 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	10	11 <i>Horse Performance Pre-Fair</i>
12 <i>Horse Gaming Pre-Fair</i>	13 <i>4-H Council Mtg. 6 p.m. followed by Fair Supt. Mtg. 6:30 p.m.</i>	14	15 <i>4-H Co. Fair Animal Entries Due in Fair Entry system. Submit requests for accommodations.</i>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>Still Life Entry 3:00-8:00 p.m. Sharp Building, TCF</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Enter 4-H Foods (Baked/Preserved), 5:00-7:00 p.m., Sharp Building, TCF</i>	29 <i>Enter 4-H Plant Science/Gardening 4:00-7:00 p.m., Sharp Building, TCF Animal Haul-In</i>	30 Thurston County Fair Thursday, July 30-Sunday, August 2 Please read TCF Exhibitor's Guide for rules, details and entry/event times. All requests for disability accommodations for county fair due by June 15.	31	



Photograph by Amelia A., Senior 4-H Member, First Place Senior

August 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Thurston County Fair Thursday, July 30 - Sunday, August 2 Please read TCF Exhibitor's Guide for rules, details and entry/event times.			1
2 <i>Still Life Exhibit Pick up 7:00 p.m. Sharp Building, TCF</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <i>4-H Council Mtg. 7 p.m.</i>	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>TBD State 4-H Fair Still Life Drop Off</i>					

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Photograph by Joanne K., Senior 4-H Member

September 2026



Hold the date - Anticipate the State 4-H Fair at the Washington State Fair, September 4 to 27.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>4-H Showcase Promotional Weekend at the State Fair. Volunteers needed!</i>	5
6 <i>4-H Showcase Promotional Weekend at the State Fair. Volunteers needed!</i>	7 <i>4-H Office Closed Labor Day</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>Last day of the 25-26 4-H year.</i>			

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Photograph by Logan D., Junior 4-H Member

October 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>4-H Online open for Enrollment.</i> First day of the 26-27 4-H year.	2	3
4	5 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	6	7 National 4-H Week 10/4-10/10 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Dog Committee 7 p.m.</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Petersen Barn Committee 7 p.m.</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>4-H Council Mtg 7 p.m.</i>	27	28	29	30	31 

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Photograph by Owen S., Cloverbud 4-H Member

November 2026



Tentative: Tractor Supply 4-H Clover Days Campaign 11/27-12/13. Email the 4-H Office if your club would like to promote 4-H at your local store.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>NO Horse Mtg.</i>	3	4 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	5	6	7
8	9 <i>Dog Committee 7 p.m.</i>	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day Holiday</i>	12 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <i>4-H Council Mtg. 7 p.m.</i>	24	25	26 <i>4-H Office Closed Thanksgiving</i>	27 <i>Tractor Supply Clover Days Begins 4-H Office Closed Native American Heritage Day</i>	28
29	30					

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Photograph by Collin T., Intermediate 4-H Member

December 2026



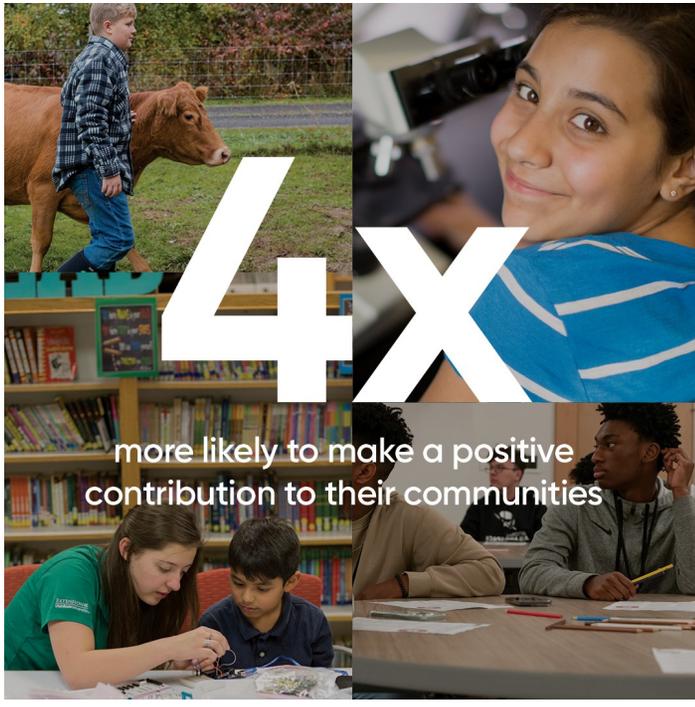
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Deadline 4-H Club and Committee Financial Reports for 25-26 year due 12/01/26</i>	2 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	8	9	10 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	11	12
13	14 <i>No Dog meeting</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>No Council meeting</i>	22	23	24 <i>4-H Office Closed Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>4-H Office Closed Christmas Holiday</i>	26
27	28 <i>Tentative - Winter Break Camp, Registration Required</i>	29	30	31		

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You are invited to participate in 4-H Council meetings to be part of the county-wide 4-H decision-making and program planning! Officially enrolled volunteers and teen leaders have voting privileges.

Help the 4-H Council Make the Best Better!



Thurston County 4-H Council

Please e-mail tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us for full details and/or Zoom links.

4-H Council - Monthly 4-H Council (County-Wide Advisory Board) meetings are typically held the 4th Monday of the month via Zoom and sometimes in-person. Watch for announcements/invites to in-person meetings with dinner which often request an RSVP to help with food orders.

Project Committees

Horse Committee - Monthly committee meetings for horse club leaders, horse fair superintendents, and teen leaders to coordinate/plan horse events. Meetings are held at the WSU Extension 4-H Office the first Monday of the month unless otherwise announced.

Dog Committee - Monthly committee meetings for dog club leaders, dog fair superintendents, and teen leaders to coordinate/plan dog events. Meetings are held at the WSU Extension 4-H Office the second Monday of the month unless otherwise announced.

Petersen Barn Committee - Quarterly committee meetings for small animal (cat, rabbit, cavy, pocket pets, and poultry) club leaders, Petersen Barn fair superintendents, and teen leaders to coordinate/plan Petersen Barn events. Meetings are normally held via Zoom, quarterly, on Thursday evenings unless otherwise announced.

Partner Organization Meetings

Thurston County Fair Board - Monthly Fair Board meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of the month in Heritage Hall unless otherwise announced.

Note: The Fair Board is not a 4-H entity but rather a partner organization. Contact the Fair Office for more details (360) 786-5453.

Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale (TCYMAS) - Please reach out to the TCYMAS Committee at tcymas@gmail.com if you are interested in meeting details. Note: TCYMAS is not a 4-H entity but rather a partner organization. Submit Notice of Intent and photos directly to TCYMAS.

County-Level Project Learning Opportunities

Did you know 4-H club members from ANY 4-H club in Thurston County may participate in a variety of county-level project learning opportunities? Watch for 4-H Online email blast announcements or please e-mail tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us for full details and/or Zoom links.

**Note: Meeting dates may change.
Please double check before attending.**

Reminder - Be sure to enroll by **April 15**, in any project(s) youth want to participate in and exhibit at the Thurston County Fair. Returning 4-H club members must re-enroll by **January 31, 2026**, to avoid an enrollment late fee. Changes to 4-H project choices may be made through April 15.

Robotics Project - Meeting at the WSU Extension Thurston County 4-H Office usually on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Small Animal Projects (cats, rabbits, cavies, and poultry) - Watch for the “Last Chance Clinic” details (to be held Saturday, June 20, 2026).

Gardening Project - watch for details in the spring

Beekeeping Project - watch for details in the new year (2026)

Sewing Project - Love Covers is a non-profit organization that shares their skills and space with our 4-H youth. Meeting dates: January 17, 12-2; March 21, 12-2.

Watch for **4-H Online emails** for additional project opportunities!



4-H Beekeeping project members preparing the 4-H hive for winter

Offer a Workshop or Project Learning Opportunity!

Please contact the 4-H Office if you would like to offer a one-time or series of 4-H project learning opportunities to Thurston County 4-H youth members. 4-H volunteers and 4-H Teen Leaders are encouraged to share their skills and interests with 4-H members at the WSU Extension Thurston County 4-H office. It may also be possible to arrange fairgrounds facility access for 4-H project work.

**We also welcome Guest Presenters!
Submit your learning opportunity proposal today!**

Helpful Links

Thurston County Specific Links:

Thurston County 4-H <https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/youth/>

WSU Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/WSUThurstonCounty4H/>

Thurston County 4-H on Instagram
<https://www.instagram.com/thurstoncounty4h/?hl=en@thurstoncounty4h>

TCYMAS Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale <https://www.tcyamas.org/>

Thurston County Fair Exhibitor Information
<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/thurston-county-fair-exhibitors-information>

Other Links:

Washington State 4-H Website <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>

Washington State 4-H accommodations request form
<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/reasonable-accommodation-request-form/>

Washington State 4-H Fair <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/fairs/state-4-h-fair/>

Explore 4-H with WSU Extension on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Explore4HWSUExtension/>

Puyallup Spring Youth Fair (still life, rabbits, and NWJLS) <https://www.thefair.com/get-involved/competitive-exhibits/>

Northwest Junior Livestock Show (NWJLS) <https://nwjls.com/>

SW Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis Spring Youth Fair <https://www.springyouthfair.org/>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals – YQCA (online training for food animal projects) <https://yqcaprogram.org>

Note: This program will provide youth with the skills to produce a safe and wholesome product from an animal that was raised humanely while enriching their life-skills through thoughtful content.

Washington State Fair (all competitive events/4-H and Open Class/Junior Poultry Expo)
<https://www.thefair.com/get-involved/competitive-exhibits/>



2025 Thurston County 4-H Livestock Judging Teams

Why are Fairs so Important to 4-H?

County fairs are the most recognizable element of the local 4-H program. According to Michigan State University Extension, fair is a culmination of many weeks, months or even a year's worth of learning, creating and discovering through 4-H experiences. For years there have been many different opinions about the purpose of county fairs in regard to the 4-H program.

It may not be the fair itself that is so important to the program, but the entire package. When a youth raises an animal, for example, whether it is for market or for show, they have to care for, work with and learn about that animal. The opportunity to show it at the fair is the driving force that motivates them to get up early, go out and work with their animal, to watch a DVD on how to show the animal, to go to club meetings and so forth. The youth may take good care of their animal because they are a caring person, but most people wouldn't deny that the youth put in that extra effort knowing they are going to show it at the fair.



Archery project members at the Thurston County Fair



4-H Pack Goat Challenge pre-fair contest at the Rotary Duck Dash

This can also be true for non-animal projects. Youth may love to take pictures, but the idea of bringing those photos to the fair to be judged may encourage them to learn more. Through lessons with a project leader or a conversation with a photography judge, youth may learn how to use proper light, crop a photo, find the focal point within the photo and much more.

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2025 State 4-H Fair Cat Project Exhibitors

Now the question is, are these things important to youth development? Is it important we teach youth how to raise an animal and show it? Is it important to teach them how to take good photographs if that isn't going to be their career? While these are nice bonuses to our program, most staff would argue they are not the goal of the program. They are, however, hooks we use to get to the real purpose of teaching life skills.

Through 4-H projects, youth may learn leadership as they take on roles within their club such as club officer or chair of a committee. They may learn empathy or understanding as they learn about others' challenges or about youth from another part of the community. Youth learn teamwork and character building as they work together with their club toward common goals.

Youth who raise animals may learn self-discipline and responsibility as they take care of a living thing that depends on them every day for their welfare. During the judging process, a youth may have to explain their project to a judge, which helps to develop their social and interview skills. During times of disappointment or excitement, they will learn things such as good sportsmanship, managing their feelings or being concerned for others.

Many times the youth don't even realize all the great things they have learned until they reflect back on their experience in 4-H when they are older. Many will admit that their 4-H experiences helped them to develop their leadership skills and become more well-rounded citizens that are able to see the bigger picture.

Certainly everything one does in life teaches life skills, which in turn help people to develop and mature as citizens within a community. Through 4-H, however, volunteers and staff can help youth to develop more of these skills earlier in life, assist them to be successful, to be able to face challenges head-on and to persevere.

So the next time you have the opportunity to visit a county fair, take it and be sure to look at all the 4-H projects. When you see the innovative, creative and outright impressive projects, think of how much more they actually mean and the path the youth has traveled to get the project finished.

Source: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/why_are_fairs_so_important_to_4_h



2025 Thurston County Fair Turkey Showmanship

4-H Achievement Awards

Award recipients are recognized annually in the fall at the Thurston County 4-H Achievement Afternoon. See details below to apply or nominate someone for an award.



All Around Exhibitor (recognizing a well-rounded exhibitor)	Recognizes youth who exhibit both animal and still life project at the TCF and participate in contests/activities.	No application necessary - award recipients determined by Fair Entry data.	One award per Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories.
4-H Club Award (recognizing a well-rounded club)	Recognizes clubs with active 4-H membership and who participate in service and 4-H promotional activities.	Club Leader submits an application by the awards application deadline.	First, second, and third place small and large clubs selected for recognition.
College Scholarships - State and County-level awards	Recognizes graduating 4-H member high school seniors to help pay for college or trade school.	4-H Seniors submit an online application via 4-H Online enrollment system by March 15 each year.	Scholarships awarded based on merit and funds available.
Extra Mile 4-H'er	Recognizes youth who have shown outstanding 4-H club involvement, leadership, community service, and participation in activities beyond the club level.	Anyone can submit a nomination by the awards application deadline.	One award per Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories.
4-H Family of the Year	Recognizes a 4-H family who has gone the extra-mile for the Thurston County 4-H Program.	Anyone can submit a nomination by the awards application deadline.	One 4-H Family selected.
Friend of 4-H	Recognizes a business, organization, or individual supporter who has gone the extra-mile for the local 4-H Program.	Anyone can submit a nomination by the awards application deadline.	One Friend of 4-H selected.
Most Improved 4-H Member	Recognizes a 4-H member who has shown outstanding growth in knowledge and 4-H involvement.	Anyone can submit a nomination by the awards application deadline.	One award per Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories. If Cloverbud members are nominated, all Cloverbuds will receive the same recognition.
Record Book and Project Awards	Recognizes 4-H members for record keeping skills and project achievements.	4-H member submits a completed Record Book documenting project work and 4-H involvement.	Awards to all age levels. Project pins to youth who meet project completion standard for the year.
Rookie of the Year	Recognizes a first year 4-H member for project work and involvement.	Anyone can submit a nomination by the awards application deadline.	One award per Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories. If Cloverbud members are nominated, all Cloverbuds will receive the same recognition.
Secretary Book, Treasurers Book, Historian scrapbook, or Club Reporter Newsletters/Social Media posts	Recognizes club officers for keeping good records and carrying out officer duties.	Club officer submits the appropriate records or item to be evaluated by the awards application deadline.	One award per Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories for each type of officer position.
Leader of the Year/Teen Leader of the Year	Recognizes volunteers/teens leaders for their dedication and service to 4-H.	Nominations made by the September 4-H Council meeting. Voted on by the 4-H Council.	One award per category

4-H Contacts - For 4-H members and families



My 4-H Club Name: _____
My Main 4-H Club Leader: _____

- My 4-H _____ Project Leader: _____
- My 4-H _____ Project Leader: _____
- My 4-H _____ Project Leader: _____
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4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



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