



## WSU 4-H Youth Development Thurston County 4-H 2025-26 Club List

**Thank you for your interest in Thurston County 4-H!** The new 4-H year starts October 1. (The 4-H year runs October 1 – September 30.) Joining 4-H early in the year offers more 4-H club choices as clubs can fill to capacity quickly.

Please follow these steps to join a Thurston County 4-H Club:

1. **Check 4-H age eligibility.** Thurston County 4-H is open to all youth who have reached their 5th birthday on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year through those who have not reached their 19th birthday on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year.  
\*Please review the details about 4-H Cloverbud age youth if you have a child aged 5 to 7.  
\*\*Please review the statement for Special Education youth aged 19 and older.
2. **Determine 4-H Project interests.** Most 4-H clubs in Thurston County are project-based clubs. 4-H project-based clubs focus on specific 4-H project interest areas when they gather as a club. For example, a youth wanting to care for and train a dog would join a 4-H club that offers the 4-H dog project. A **self-determined project** is one the 4-H member learns about and works on independently.
3. **Review the list of 4-H Clubs** to find a potential 4-H club to join. Look for a group that offers the 4-H project interest areas your child or children are interested in learning about. Contact the 4-H office at [tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us) if you would like help finding a club that best fits your school-age child's/children's interests and needs.
4. **Contact the club leader directly** to learn more about the club or clubs you are interested in joining. Each 4-H club is different, and you may find it helpful to ask questions before joining. Consider asking how often the club meets and where they meet, what 4-H projects (interest areas) they cover as a club (group learning) and which 4-H projects youth are working on independently (self-determined 4-H projects). You may also want to inquire if the club has youth members the same age as your child or children. Please note: some clubs do not offer 4-H Cloverbud age activities.
5. **AFTER** you have contacted a club leader and confirmed with the club leader your family would like to join, please officially enroll in the 4-H Club by going to 4-H Online (the online enrollment system). Use this link to access the 4-H Online Family Guidebook and video about using 4-H Online <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/member-resources/>. 4-H youth members must be enrolled in a 4-H Club via 4-H Online (online system) **by April 15** to be eligible for Thurston County Fair 4-H entry/exhibit. Please note: the 4-H Online enrollment system is closed to new members August 1 – September 30 each year.

<p><b>Black Sheep 4-H Club – Tenino</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Contact:  Cassie Tafoya  360-790-0194 (text preferred)  <a href="mailto:cassie0729@yahoo.com">cassie0729@yahoo.com</a>  4-H Projects:  Sheep, Market Lamb, Market Swine, Poultry,  Goats  Cloverbud</p>	<p><b>Blazing Saddles 4-H Club – Olympia/South Bay</b>  <b>OPEN</b>– Accepting new members  Contact:  Cherie Andreassen  <a href="mailto:larsandcherie@yahoo.com">larsandcherie@yahoo.com</a>  4-H Projects:  Horsemanship, Equine Science, Horseless Horse  (Self-Determined Creative Arts, Sewing, Photography)  Cloverbud age youth for Horseless Horse Project</p>
<p><b>Diamonds in the Ruff 4-H Club – Thurston Co. Fairgrounds</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Contact:  Rose Cecil  <a href="mailto:diamondsdog4h@gmail.com">diamondsdog4h@gmail.com</a>  4-H Projects: Dogs  No Cloverbud age youth</p>	<p><b>Flying Hoofs 4-H Club – Southeast Olympia</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Contact:  Kara Whitsell  <a href="mailto:kb10579@hotmail.com">kb10579@hotmail.com</a>  4-H Projects:  Horsemanship, Equine Science, Veterinary Science, Horseless Horse  Cloverbud age youth for Horseless Horse Project</p>
<p><b>Freedom Riders 4-H Club – Tumwater/South Union</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Contact:  JR Oakes  <a href="mailto:6oakes@gmail.com">6oakes@gmail.com</a>  4-H Projects:  Horsemanship, Equine Science, Horseless Horse; Cloverbud age youth for Horseless Horse Project</p>	<p><b>Helping Hounds 4-H Club – Olympia</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Hybrid 4-H Club (In-Person and Virtual)  Contact:  Natalee Andrews  <a href="mailto:drnatalee17@gmail.com">drnatalee17@gmail.com</a>  4-H Projects:  Main Project: Dog, Poultry, Cat  (Self-Determined Projects: Creative arts, photography, baking, gardening, sewing, fiber arts, knitting, crochet, beef breeding)  Yes, Cloverbud age youth</p>

<p><b>Jr. 12's 4-H Club – Yelm</b>  <b>FULL</b> – At Capacity/Closed to New Members  Contact:  Nicole Hernandez  (360) 451-5092 (text preferred)  <a href="mailto:nhernandez2612@gmail.com">nhernandez2612@gmail.com</a>  4-H Projects: Livestock  No Cloverbud age youth</p>	<p><b>Kolts &amp; Kitties 4-H Club Thurston – Yelm</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Contact:  Connie Medeiros,  <a href="mailto:mythicalmeadows@gmail.com">mythicalmeadows@gmail.com</a>  4-H Projects: Cats, Horse, Horseless Horse,  Performing Arts  Yes, Cloverbud age youth</p>
<p><b>Legacy 4-H Club – Tenino</b>  <b>FULL</b> – At capacity/closed to new members  Contact:  Jacob Gilbreath  <a href="mailto:jacobdgilbreath@gmail.com">jacobdgilbreath@gmail.com</a>  4-H Projects:  All animal projects except dogs and horses.  Homesteading operations, wood and metal  working, still life projects (static exhibits)  No Cloverbud age youth</p>	<p><b>Muttz-K-Teers 4-H Club – Thurston County  Fairgrounds</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Contact:  April Stanke  <a href="mailto:muttzkteers@gmail.com">muttzkteers@gmail.com</a>  4-H Projects:  Main Project: Dog  (Self-Determined photography, art, needle  arts, animal science)  Yes, Cloverbud age youth</p>
<p><b>Prairie Wranglers 4-H Club – Rainier</b>  <b>FULL</b> – At capacity/closed to new members  Contact:  Cass McElroy  cass9112@yahoo.com  4-H Projects: Livestock  (Self-Determined sewing)  Yes, Cloverbud age youth</p>	<p><b>T90 Herdsmen 4-H Club – Tenino</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Contact:  Jessy Platter  <a href="mailto:platterjessy@gmail.com">platterjessy@gmail.com</a>  4-H Projects:  Sheep, Rabbit and Poultry (Self-Determined,  photography)  Yes, Cloverbud age youth</p>

<p><b>The Spokes 4-H Club – Tenino</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Contact: Tammy Caskey  <a href="mailto:jtcaskey2014@yahoo.com">jtcaskey2014@yahoo.com</a>  4-H Projects:  Goat, Rabbit, Poultry (Self Determined non-animal/still life projects, cattle).  Yes, Cloverbud age youth</p>	<p><b>Thurston County 4-H Shooting Sports Club – (Archery World, Lacey; and Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club, Littlerock)</b>  <b>OPEN</b>– Accepting new members  Contact:  Mark Fleischer  <a href="mailto:tcssmark@icloud.com">tcssmark@icloud.com</a>  4-H Projects: Archery, Shotgun, Hunting Skills  <b>(Note: Enrollment will close on November 15)</b></p>
<p><b>Unlimited Hopes – Tumwater</b>  <b>FULL</b> – At capacity/closed to new members  Contact: Meghan Brannberg,  <a href="mailto:4HTumwater@gmail.com">4HTumwater@gmail.com</a>  4-H Projects: Small animals (cat, rabbit, cavy, poultry, and pocket pets), STEM/Robotics, and non-animal/still life projects such as creative arts, photography, and gardening. (Self-Determined – various)  Yes, Cloverbud age youth</p>	<p><b><u>Yelm Nerd Herd 4-H Club</u> – Yelm</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Contact:  Justin Wikoff  <a href="mailto:justin.wikoff@gmail.com">justin.wikoff@gmail.com</a>  4-H Projects:  Poultry, rabbit, goat, crafts, gardening, cavy, pocket pet, textiles  Yes, Cloverbud age youth</p>
<p><b>24 Carrots 4-H Club – Tumwater</b>  <b>FULL</b> – At capacity/closed to new members  Hybrid 4-H Club (In-person and virtual)  Contact:  Jenny Taylor  <a href="mailto:jenny4h@ymail.com">jenny4h@ymail.com</a>  4-H Projects:  Rabbit, Cavy, Cat, Poultry, Pocket Pets, Pack Goats, Dogs, Creative Arts  (Self-Determined projects photography, baking, and sewing)  Yes, Cloverbud age youth</p>	<p><b>24 Carrots Cattle Club – Tumwater</b>  <b>OPEN</b> – Accepting new members  Contact: Brooke Hicks  <a href="mailto:cowdogs3@yahoo.com">cowdogs3@yahoo.com</a>  4-H Projects: Beef, Market Beef</p>

Don't see a club that fits your family? Consider starting a new 4-H Club! Contact the 4-H Office at [tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us)

**4-H Age Divisions:**

Cloverbuds: 5 to 7 years of age

Junior: 8 to 10 years of age

Intermediate: 11 to 13 years of age

Senior: 14 to 18 years of age

**4-H Age Eligibility:**

Enrolled 4-H Youth Members must have reached their 8th birthday on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year to be eligible for:

- Competitive situations, including livestock shows or sales
- Enrollment in large animal projects including Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Alpaca/Llama, and Swine
- Enrollment in shooting sports projects
- Enrollment in projects using motorized vehicles
- Enrollment in food preservation projects

\*Cloverbuds may participate in age-appropriate activities and projects. Projects recommended for Cloverbuds youth may include: Dog, Cat, Poultry, Rabbit, Pygmy or Novelty Goat, Horseless Horse, Cavy, Exploring the World of Small Animals, Exploring Farm Animals, Discovery, Creative Arts, Performing Arts, Aerospace, Bicycle, Computer, Photography, Clothing, Just Outside the Door, and Exploring 4-H.

Cloverbuds **may not** participate in competitive activities.

- A novelty goat is defined as a small goat that is purebred or cross-bred lineage; is up to 23 inches in height and weighs no more than 65 pounds.
- Cloverbuds should demonstrate competence in exhibiting and caring for animal projects prior to exhibiting at fairs, shows, or similar events.

\*\*Special Education youth who have reached their 19th birthday (on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year) through those who have not reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday (on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year), may enroll with the approval of the WSU Extension 4-H faculty.

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Office closed on Mondays, T-F from 9 to 4 p.m.  
Please schedule ahead to meet with 4-H staff

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