

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for October 2024**

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IMPORTANT DATES More events and info on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>

- **Oct 1: NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS!**
- **Oct 3:** 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop, **10a**, WSU Extension office
- **Oct 7:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, **6:30p**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/975732070>
- **Oct 7-12:** National 4-H Week
(NOTE: Tractor Supply paper clover campaign is not during National 4-H Week. It is Nov. 29 – Dec. 15)
- **Oct 7 - Nov 15:** Big leaf maple contest
- **Oct 15:** 4-H Club Kickoff Meeting, **6:00p**, WSU Extension office
(at least one representative from each club must attend to begin the 4-H year!)
- **Oct 17:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Nov 3:** “Celebrate Our Kids” Recognition & Awards Event, **1:00 pm**, GHC Fairgrounds Pavilion
- **Nov 11:** WSU Extension office Closed in observance of Veterans Day
- **Nov 21:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Nov 28 & 29:** WSU Extension office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving
- **Nov 29 – Dec 15:** Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign
- **Dec 1:** 4-H Club Renewal & Annual Financial Documents Due
- **Dec 1:** 4-H Re-Enrollment Due for Returning 4-H members and volunteers
- **Dec 19:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Dec 24 & 25:** WSU Extension office Closed in observance of Christmas



WELCOME TO THE NEW 4-H YEAR! Re-enroll by December 1
Welcome to the new 4-H year! We are excited for you to join this year - Enrollment for the 2024-2025 year is open for all. Please log in to your 4-H Online account to submit your yearly enrollment: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

Returning members: re-enrollment deadline is December 1 for all programs including fair & summer camp.



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 Monday, October 7 and the next 4-H Council meeting on Thursday, October 17. We hope that you will add attendance at 4-H Council meetings to your plans.

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. 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 link at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>
Connect with Tracie to test the system in advance.

4-H RECOGNITION SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, November 3, Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds Pavilion
The Grays Harbor 4-H Council wants to recognize 4-H members for all the great things that have been learned and explored this year! We are so proud of each 4-H member and look forward to celebrating the completion of the 4-H year with you at a Recognition event at 1 pm on Sunday, November 3rd!

STATE 4-H FAIR – 2024

Congratulations to the 4-H members who represented Grays Harbor County at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup! There were 30 local 4-H members exhibiting year-long accomplishments with their cat, sheep, goat, or horse projects, as well as 50 still life entries from local youth, including photos, paintings, drawings, creative arts, clothing, and educational posters! 4-H members also participated in judging contests, knowledge/quiz bowls, public presentations, and more!



NACHO AVERAGE 4-H CLUB KICKOFF

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
BUILD YOUR NACHOS. 6 PM
MEETING BEGINS. 6:15

AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CLUB MUST ATTEND TO BE ACTIVE AND GET UPDATES FOR THE NEW 4-H YEAR

CHIPS AND CHEESE WILL BE PROVIDED!
BRING A TOPPING OF YOUR CHOICE
AND RSVP AT (360)482-2934 OR
TRACIE.HANSON@WSU.EDU
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/DWT489VSZJ](https://forms.office.com/r/dWt489vSZj)

The poster features a green bowl filled with nachos, a green 4-H logo, and a background with a teal and green gradient.

NACHO AVERAGE 4-H CLUB KICKOFF – Tuesday, October 15
With the new 4-H year underway, we are looking forward to connecting in person with 4-H Club Leaders and Volunteers for "Nacho" Average 4-H Club Kickoff on Tuesday, October 15. Join us at 6 pm in the WSU Extension office in Elma for nachos and updates! While at least one representative from each club must attend for the club to be active this year, more are welcome!
Thank you for submitting your RSVP by October 10 at <https://forms.office.com/r/dWt489vSZj> ... or call or email Tracie to RSVP



JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH 4-H

Get involved and give back to your community! RSVP at <https://forms.office.com/r/rgUttfPEu>

October 3
WSU Extension office
10:00 am, Elma

The poster features a green 4-H logo at the top, a photo of hands stacked together, and an orange background at the bottom.

BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER – Thursday, October 3
RSVP for the volunteer orientation scheduled for Thursday, October 3 and join us for the 10 am session at <https://forms.office.com/r/rgUttfPEu> to learn more about volunteering with the 4-H Youth Development Program and connecting with other volunteers and 4-H staff!
Schedule other session options if needed.

Adults interested in becoming official 4-H volunteers are encouraged to check out the application located at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/> which outlines the steps to becoming a 4-H volunteer in Grays Harbor County, and includes links to the online modules for adults interested in supporting an existing 4-H Club or a new 4-H Club.

Seeking 4-H Council Committee Members

4-H provides many opportunities for adult volunteers to act as thoughtful, fun mentors to our youth! While roles and duties can be customized to fit your interests, potential options are described below.

Committee Options

- + Support planning, scheduling, and coordinating educational workshops and events
- + Engage with 4-H youth and adults to support and facilitate 4-H activities/programs
- + Coordinate and confirm event logistics with adult volunteers and youth members
- + Support education of volunteers and participants
- + Find and secure event venues and digital meeting options as needed
- + Create promotional materials and graphics
- + Organize committee meeting notes



For more info, contact:

tracie.hanson@wsu.edu or marylightfoot@aaawa.com

4-H VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – Teen 4-H Members or Adults Welcome - This could be you!

The Grays Harbor 4-H Council is seeking adults, teen 4-H members, or teen-adult teams to join our team in a variety of leadership roles, committees, and specific tasks.

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4-H Graphics & Social Media Team

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Potential Projects & Tasks

- + Design and create promotional materials and graphics using Canva and similar design platforms to create a variety of digital and hard copy resources
- + Coordinate and confirm event logistics with 4-H volunteers and WSU Extension staff
- + Develop timelines and schedules for sharing promotional materials and graphics on a variety of digital platforms and community events
- + Engage with 4-H youth members and adult volunteers to support education and facilitate 4-H activities/programs



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4-H GRAPHICS & SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

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4-H Council Recognition Committee

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Potential Projects & Tasks

- + Support planning, scheduling, and coordinating annual recognition events
- + Engage with 4-H youth and adults to educate and support award applications
- + Coordinate and confirm event logistics with 4-H members, volunteers and WSU staff
- + Support education of volunteers and participants
- + Find and secure event venues and digital meeting options as needed
- + Create promotional materials, certificates, graphics and award recipient slide show
- + Inventory of pins and awards



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4-H RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

The 4-H Recognition Committee will partner with the GH 4-H Council volunteers to focus on the following tasks for a few weeks throughout October in preparation for the 11/3 Celebrate Our Kids event.

- > Support planning, scheduling, and coordinating annual recognition events
- > Engage with 4-H youth and adults to educate and support award applications
- > Coordinate and confirm event logistics w/4-H members, volunteers & WSU staff
- > Support education of volunteers and participants
- > Find/secure event venues & digital meeting options as needed
- > Take an inventory of pins and awards

> Create promotional materials, certificates, graphics, and slide shows featuring award recipients

4-H Record Book Review Team

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Potential Projects & Tasks

- ⊕ Review 4-H member Record Books in consultation with other 4-H team members
- ⊕ Complete a GH 4-H Council scoresheet for each member's entry
- ⊕ Meet with the 4-H Record Book Team to review scoresheets
- ⊕ Support education of 4-H volunteers, members, and families
- ⊕ Find and secure event venues and digital meeting options as needed
- ⊕ Create promotional materials and graphics
- ⊕ Present awards at the annual recognition event (early Fall)



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If you are interested in these roles or would like to learn more, visit

<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/2024/09/4-h-council-seeks-committee-volunteers/> or

contact GH 4-H Council President, Mary, at marylightfoot@aaawa.com or

contact 4-H Program Coordinator, Tracie, at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

4-H teaches life skills that lead young people to become self-directing, positive, contributing members of our society. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact Tracie Hanson at PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541, (360)482-2934, tracie.hanson@wsu.edu at least two weeks prior to the event. Our county is partnering with neighboring counties—the Constellation group of Mason, Pacific, Lewis, Thurston, etc., to send out e-newsletters. Some articles are from other counties, and include helpful information or invitations to participate in local, regional, or statewide events. Please read carefully. "These notices are provided for informational purposes only, and do not imply any endorsement of a particular brand or product."

Disclaimer: By posting the above "free to a good home" information, WSU Grays Harbor County Extension 4-H does not endorse or give approval for any of these free animals to be used as 4-H project animals. Contact the animal owners at your own risk.

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Grays Harbor County Extension.

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