

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

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

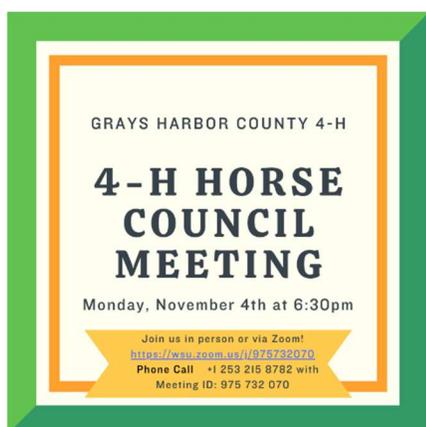
- **Oct 1: NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS!**
- **Nov 3:** "Celebrate Our Kids" Recognition & Awards Event, **1:00 pm**, GHC Fairgrounds **Dog Barn**
- **Nov 4:** GH 4-H Horse Council Mtng, **6:30p**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/975732070>
- **Nov 11:** WSU Extension office Closed in observance of Veterans Day
- **Nov 12:** WSU EP 14 Training Movie Night for Volunteers, **1pm & 6pm**, WSU Ext ofc, Elma
<https://forms.office.com/r/KU0nRiVH7A>
- **Nov 12:** 4-H Club Financial Audit Exchange & Review Party, **6pm**, WSU Ext ofc, Elma
<https://forms.office.com/r/netyi3Lxa6>
- **Nov 15:** Big Leaf Maple contest entries due <https://forms.gle/8REoya18bqj9kKiW7>
- **Nov 21:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Ext office (*join us in-person for a festive gathering!*)
- **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 2:** GH 4-H Horse Council Mtng, **6:30p**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/975732070>
- **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
- **Dec 31:** News Blast will only be sent to 4-H members and families who have submitted updated profiles in 4-H Online



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.

PLEASE NOTE: The GH 4-H News Blast will only be sent to 4-H members and families who have submitted updated profiles in 4-H Online as December wraps up.



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, November 4 and the next 4-H Council meeting on Thursday, November 21. 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.



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR KIDS - Sunday, November 3, 1pm
 GHC Fairgrounds in the Dog Barn (Borden-Seabert Bldg)

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!

NOTE the location change and join us for root beer floats in the Dog Barn

4-H VOLUNTEER MOVIE NIGHT – Tuesday, November 12, 1pm or 6pm



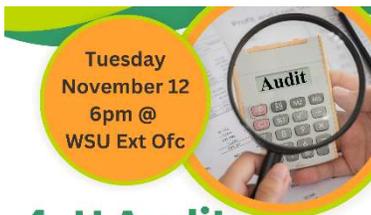
Join us at the WSU Extension office for a group viewing of the new online training that is required for 4-H volunteers BEFORE they can be approved to work on behalf of WSU for the new 4-H year. Once the training is finished, you'll be able to sign the training completion attestation and turn it in to Tracie.

We'll provide the popcorn for both the 1pm session and the 6pm session, taking place in person at the WSU Extension office in Elma at 34 Elma-McCleary Road. Each session is estimated to last from 60-90 minutes. If these dates don't work for your schedule, contact Tracie to schedule another option. RSVP for the session that works best for you at <https://forms.office.com/r/KUOnRiVH7A> or (360)482-2934.

The training can also be completed independently by logging in or creating a new profile on the Extension Foundation Campus.

- o This training can be found online at: <https://campus.extension.org/course/view.php?id=2576>
- o Grays Harbor County enrollment key: **EP14GRHA4H**

4-H AUDIT EXCHANGE & REVIEW PARTY – Tuesday, November 12, 6pm



Join us at the WSU Extension office for an opportunity to finalize your club's Annual Audit process. If your 4-H Club has completed the Annual Financial Summary and is ready to begin the annual audit process, 4-H volunteers and youth members are invited to connect with other 4-H clubs, trade forms, and complete audits before the 12/1 deadline.

We'll provide space to spread out at the WSU Extension office in Elma at 34 Elma-McCleary Road. RSVP if you would like to have one or more representatives participate at <https://forms.office.com/r/netyi3Lxa6> or call (360)482-2934.

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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.

BIG LEAF MAPLE CONTEST – Entries Due Friday, November 15 at <https://forms.gle/8REoya18bqj9kKiW7>

Big Leaf Maple Contest



Our native Big Leaf Maple trees (*Acer Macrophyllum*) are known for their huge leaves. We want to see the BIGGEST Maple leaf you can find this year!

The youth that finds the largest leaf will win a big leaf maple prize basket!

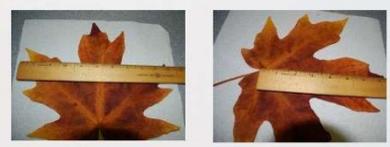
See the next page for more details and how to enter!

Find the biggest one you can and enter it to win a fabulous maple treat basket!

Check out the images for full contest details, how to enter and how to measure your leaf!

How to Measure your Leaf

Leaves should be measured across at the widest part and vertically from very top spike to the bottom of leaf where it meets stem...show both measurements (see photo below), as well as a photo of you holding your leaf!



Width Height

NACHO AVERAGE 4-H CLUB KICKOFF – Thank you!



Thank you to the 4-H club leaders, volunteers and families who connected in person for the "Nacho" Average 4-H Club Kickoff on Tuesday, November 15!

It was great to have fun, work together, and share updates!



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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- 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 annual 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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- 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