

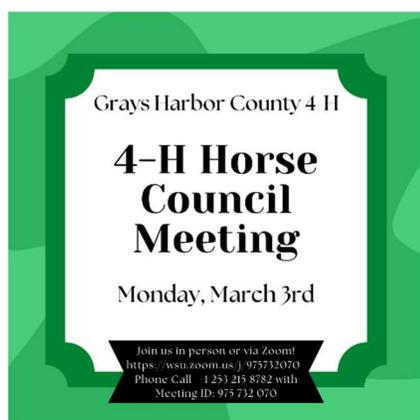
## WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development News for March 2025

Archived versions of the News Blast are available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/>

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

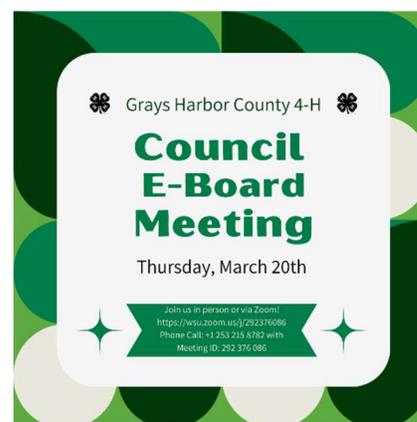
- **Mar 3:** GH 4-H Horse Council **Mandatory Mtng, 6:30p**, WSU Ext ofc or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/975732070>
- **Mar 15:** Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Registration Due to <https://forms.gle/xMN1z3QJVqWdiHP77>
- **Mar 15:** 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training, **10a – 2p**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Mar 15:** WSU Scholarship Applications Due  
<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/4-h-scholarship-opportunities/>
- **Mar 17:** GH 4-H Horse Council hosts **Showmanship Clinic, 5p**, GHC Fairgrounds Livestock Arena
- **Mar 20:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30p**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Mar 23:** Calling All Bakers! **Dessert Item Registration Due** <https://forms.office.com/r/Y9zrSi4kLf>
- **Mar 23:** Spring **Public Presentation Registration Due** <https://forms.office.com/r/dmA4XD7nZh>
- **Mar 30:** 4-H Horse **Judging Workshop Series (Part 1 of 3), 1-3p**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Apr 1:** 4-H Enrollment Due for new members to exhibit 4-H projects at county fair
- **Apr 6:** GH 4-H Council Hosts **Spring Bingo, Dessert Auction, 1-3p**, Dog Barn, GHC Fairgrounds, Elma
- **Apr 6:** GH 4-H Council Hosts **Spring Public Presentation Event, 1-5p**, Dog Barn, GHC Fairgrounds, Elma
- **Apr 7:** GH 4-H Horse Council Mtng, **6:30p**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/975732070>
- **Apr 13:** 4-H Horse **Judging Workshop Series (Part 2 of 3), 1-3p**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Apr 16:** GHC Fairgrounds Staff Host Volunteer Mtng, **6p**, GHC Fairgrounds Pavilion
- **Apr 17:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30p**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Apr 19:** 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training, **10a – 2p**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Apr 23:** Small Extension Clinic Registration Due at <https://forms.office.com/r/3k9YE1X3Ks>
- **Apr 27:** 4-H Horse **Judging Workshop Series (Part 3 of 3), 1-3p**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Apr 30:** GH 4-H Horse Certificates Due to WSU Extension office
- **Apr 30:** 4-H Dog Project Registration Due at <https://forms.office.com/r/ruucEuZiWG>
- **Apr 30:** GHYLA Mandatory Quality Assurance Mtng – Elma High School Library
- **Apr 30:** GH 4-H Council WSU Scholarship Applications Due  
<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/4-h-scholarship-opportunities/>

### 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, March 3. \*Remember that each club planning to have members exhibit their 4-H horse project at the county fair will need to have at least one representative attend this mandatory meeting.

Join us at the next 4-H Council meeting on Thursday, March 20.



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

## 2025 UI/WSU YOUTH LIVESTOCK FIELD DAYS – Register Now for March Events

University of Idaho and Washington State University Youth Livestock Field Days provide research-based information to 4-H and FFA members regarding the production, showing and marketing of youth livestock projects that meet or exceed livestock industry standards and consumer expectations.

Cost to attend is \$10 per person, for all youth and adults. Lunch is provided. Registrations can be submitted at [https://bit.ly/clearwater\\_events](https://bit.ly/clearwater_events) or <https://otc.cdc.nicusa.com/Public2.aspx?portal=id&organization=Clearwater%20County%20Extension%20-%20Adult%20Programming>

Space is limited, don't wait!

Event Dates and Registration Deadlines:

- Horse: March 8, registrations due March 1
- Advanced Field Day: March 15, registrations due March 8
- Swine: March 22, registrations due March 15

Event	Registration Due	Event Date	Location	Cost	Topic
<b>UI/WSU Youth Field Days - Livestock</b>	Saturday, March 8, 2025	3/15/2025 8a-1:30p	University of Idaho, Moscow, ID	\$10, Lunch provided	A variety of topics Advanced Animal Science
<b>UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days - Swine</b>	Saturday, March 15, 2025	3/22/2025 8a-1:30p	Lewiston, ID	\$10, Lunch provided	Hands-on stations, Animal Evaluation, Nutrition, Health, Training at home, etc.

## 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT UPDATES – GHYLA Rules Available Soon!

The Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction committee is finalizing the auction participation rules for 2025, which will be available soon for review at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/>.

4-H members (*Junior, Intermediate, and Senior ages*) planning to participate in the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction need to have **registration information submitted by March 15 to the Google form** at <https://forms.gle/xMN1z3QJVqWdiHP77>

This link is also available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/>

4-H members (*Junior, Intermediate, and Senior ages*) planning to participate in the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction **ALSO need to have their 4-H enrollment profiles updated by April 1** at <https://v2.4honline.com/>

Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/wu7KbBA3WC> to schedule a check-in for your 4-H Market Livestock Project recordkeeping progress, offered at the WSU Extension office in Elma on the following dates:

- **Thursday, May 15** (9a - 3p) (3p - 6p)                      **Monday, June 2** (9a - 3p) (3p - 6p)
- **Wednesday, June 18** (1p - 6p)                              **Tuesday, June 24** (9a - 3p) (3p - 6p)

Check in and show us how the recordkeeping component of your project has been progressing so that you can complete this step in your agreement and participate in the market livestock auction with the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction.

## 4-H EQUINE SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC – March 17



Horses optional for the final clinic in this series, from 5-7pm at the Livestock Arena on the GHC Fairgrounds. \$10/youth.

Contact the GH 4-H Horse Council on Facebook with questions or call (360)482-2934



## 4-H SMALL EQUINE CLINIC OPPORTUNITIES – Register by April 23 for April 30, May 14 & May 28 clinics

Join us for evenings of learning and showing what your ponies and minis can do! These are Small Equine Clinic opportunities to qualify for fair participation. \$25 per evening (\*contact us for financial assistance)

Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/3k9YE1X3Ks>

## CALLING ALL BAKERS! – Register by March 23

Register by Sunday, March 23 at <https://forms.office.com/r/Y9zrSi4kLf> to let us know which treat you are planning to donate so we can share our excitement with the community!



Please consider helping the Grays Harbor 4-H Council by donating your favorite treats! Bake your favorite brownies, cookies, pie, cake, specialty item, etc.

Please include:

- > 1 Standalone Treat (Pie, Cake, etc.) OR 1 Dozen (12) Handheld Treats (cookies, brownies, etc.)
- > Disposable Container (or container that you aren't expecting back)
- > Recipe or Allergen List
- > Optional: Photo of the maker! (email to [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) or [andrea.kochrian@wsu.edu](mailto:andrea.kochrian@wsu.edu))

Dessert items are needed by Sunday, April 6, with the Bingo event beginning at 1pm, with the option to arrange an earlier date if needed. Drop Off Items:

- > Friday, April 4 (10 am - 4 pm) at the WSU Extension Office, Elma
- > Sunday, April 6 (12:30 - 1pm) at the GHC Fairgrounds, Dog Barn, Elma (Bingo begins at 1pm)

\*\*\* Please allow additional time to find parking since the GHC Fairgrounds will be busy hosting a Swap Meet and WAHSET horse event this weekend.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents and for contributing a dessert item for the Grays Harbor 4-H Council Spring Bingo & Fundraiser!

> The Spring Bingo event will be held in the Dog Barn at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds (32 Elma-McCleary Road, Elma)

## 4-H ENROLLMENT DUE – April 1

Online enrollment is now open for the 2024-2025 year at <https://v2.4honline.com/> and is due by April 1 for new members to be eligible to exhibit 4-H projects at the GHC Fair. Information about enrolling can be found online, and if you have any questions, please reach out to your club leader or Tracie. <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

## GH 4-H SPRING BINGO & DESSERT AUCTION – April 6

B-I-N-G-O ... it's almost time to GO!

The Grays Harbor 4-H Council is looking forward to seeing you, your family, friends, and members of the community at the 4-H Spring Bingo and Dessert Auction fundraiser from 1-4 pm on Sunday, April 6 at the Borden-Seabert Exhibition Hall (Dog Barn) on the GHC Fairgrounds in Elma. Join us! There will be fun prizes for every round!

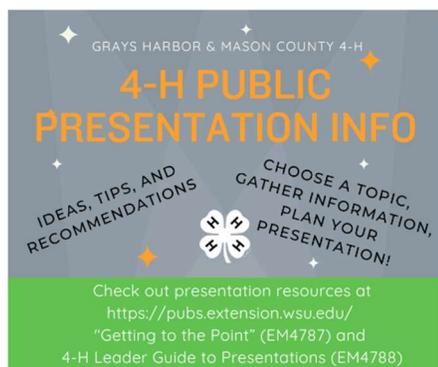


### 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT - Register by March 23

Register by March 23 to schedule your 4-H Public Presentation for the Spring event! <https://forms.office.com/r/dmA4XD7nZh>

We're excited to hear about your favorite topic!

4-H members have the option of scheduling a virtual presentation or an in-person presentation. The Spring Public Presentation event will take place at the Spring Bingo event in the Dog Barn on Sunday, April 6 or at the WSU Extension Office in Elma on Thursday, April 17.



### GETTING READY TO PRESENT - PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Learning how to communicate your thoughts and ideas to others is an important life skill and helpful as you prepare your 4-H Public Presentation. "Getting to the Point" is a publication full of ideas, recommendations, and tips for shaping your effective, organized, and successful presentation. Leaders may also want to review the 4-H Leader Guide, which defines the 4-H leader's role in presentations and has suggestions for how leaders can provide guidance for youth – from the beginner to seasoned presenters.

So...choose a subject, gather information, work out a plan, practice, and get ready to deliver a memorable presentation! "Getting to the Point" (WSU Publication EM4787) and 4-H Leader Guide (WSU Publication EM4788) are available at <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/>

In the meantime, check out a few 4-H Public Presentation videos at <https://youtu.be/Jrltb78Sfw0> and <https://youtu.be/WCPwmQ6G98g>

## GH 4-H HORSE COUNCIL HOSTS UPCOMING HORSE SHOW OPPORTUNITIES

The Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council invites enrolled 4-H members and community members (8 years old and above) to participate in the following equine opportunities at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma.

- May 10 & 11 – Hairy Horse Show (Early Registration Fee Ends 4/30) <https://forms.office.com/r/PgMFTjF56j> - Links will go live soon!
- June 28 & 29 - PreFair Horse Show (Early Registration Fee Ends 6/18) at <https://forms.office.com/r/NYTTi2uXSz> - Links will go live soon!

## 4-H DOG PROJECT PREFAIR CLINIC – Register by April 30



The flyer features a green circular background with a white 4-H clover logo at the top center. On either side of the clover are illustrations of a ginger and white cat and a black and white dog. The text is centered and reads: "Grays Harbor & Mason County 4-H DOG PROGRAM PRE-FAIR May 10, 2025". Below this, it lists the location: "Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds, 32 Elma McCleary Rd, Elma, WA 98541, Dog Barn - Located behind the outdoor horse arena." A green box on the left says "County Fair\* State Fair Qualifying Event". A green box on the right says "Please bring a crate for your dog when not in the ring". A table lists the schedule: Check In (8:00-8:45 AM), Show Briefing (8:45-9:00 AM), Showmanship (9:00 AM), Lunch Break (12:00-12:30 PM), and Obedience (12:30 M). A "Classes Offered" section lists Showmanship, Introduction to Obedience, Sub-Novice Obedience, and Beginner Novice Obedience. A green box states "Registration Due by April 30, 2025" with a link to the forms office. A note at the bottom left says "All dogs must be approved for fair..." and a note at the bottom right says "While lunch is graciously provided for the day, plan to bring a lunch if you have any special dietary needs." At the very bottom, it provides contact information for Tracie Hanson.

Grays Harbor & Mason County  
4-H DOG PROGRAM  
PRE-FAIR  
May 10, 2025

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🐾 Lunch Break **	12:00-12:30 PM	Sub-Novice Obedience
🐾 Obedience	12:30 M	Beginner Novice Obedience

Registration Due by April 30, 2025  
<https://forms.office.com/r/ruucEuZiWG>

\*All dogs must be approved for fair. If you have not attended a training session in Elma then you need to attend pre-fair to get approved to show at fair.  
\*\*Time allowing we will take a break for lunch

MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT  
CARRIE HOLCOMB  
(360) 581-6860

While lunch is graciously provided for the day, plan to bring a lunch if you have any special dietary needs.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information, or reasonable accommodation need to contact Tracie Hanson at (360)482-2934 or [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) at least two weeks prior to the event.

The 4-H Dog Project is hosting an opportunity for Grays Harbor and Mason County 4-H members to participate in an educational 4-H dog project clinic (*and complete the dog project clinic requirement for participation at the county fair*) at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. This event will take place in the Borden-Seabert Building (Dog Barn). *\* Please note that a 4-H Horse Clinic/Show will also take place at the GHC Fairgrounds on this date, so allow extra time to find parking and walk your dogs past the arena to the Dog Barn.*

### Saturday, May 10

8:00 am: Check-in begins

8:45 am: Show Briefing/Meeting

9:00 am: Showmanship Classes begin (*Required for 4-H members using this as a clinic opportunity*)

12 - 12:30 pm: Lunch Break (*If time allows*)

12:30 pm: Obedience Classes begin (*Required for 4-H members using this as a clinic opportunity*)

\*\* Dogs will remain on leash at all times, except for those times when they are in the show ring for an obedience class that includes an off-leash component.

\*\* Exhibitors will need to bring:

> a crate for their dog to stay in during the show

> collars and leashes for showmanship and obedience classes

> a chair to sit next to crate (optional)

\*\* Dress Code: 4-H Members participating in Dog Showmanship classes should wear neat, clean, and functional clothing that complements the dog. It should be appropriate for the event and not distract from the dog's presentation.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Grays Harbor County 4-H Council is pleased to offer educational scholarships to graduating high school seniors currently enrolled in the Grays Harbor County 4-H Program. Applicants must have accumulated at least three years of 4-H affiliation.

- **Grays Harbor 4-H Council Scholarship** (Due 4/30)

<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/4-h-scholarship-opportunities/>

In addition, Washington State 4-H is pleased to offer multiple scholarships. Current and former Washington State 4-H members are eligible to apply.

- **Washington State University 4-H Scholarship Opportunities** (Due 3/15)

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>

Another local opportunity for those 4-H members (and other youth) who have been involved in the Grays Harbor County Fair as an exhibitor in the prior year's Fair is the

- **Grays Harbor County Fair Board Scholarship** (Due 5/2)

<https://www.ghcfairgrounds.com/p/about/our-team/fairboard>

*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](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu) at least two weeks prior to the event.*

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