

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for April 2025**

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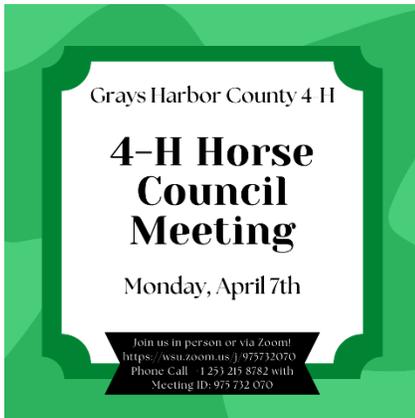
IMPORTANT DATES More events and info on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>

- **Mar 30:** 4-H Horse Judging Clinic Series (Part 1 of 3), 1-3p, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Apr 1:** 4-H Enrollment DUE for 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 Clinic 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 Equine Clinic Registration Due at <https://forms.office.com/r/3k9YE1X3Ks>
- **Apr 24:** **Record Book Workshop** hosted by GH 4-H Horse Council, **6p**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Apr 27:** 4-H Horse Judging Clinic 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 Horse Council Hosts Small Equine Clinic (1 of 3), **5p**, GHC Fairgrounds
- **Apr 30:** GH 4-H Council WSU Scholarship Applications Due
<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/4-h-scholarship-opportunities/>
- **May 1:** 4-H Projects can no longer be added to existing enrollments for 4-H fair eligibility
- **May 3:** **Record Book Workshop** hosted by GH 4-H Horse Council, **4:30p**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **May 5:** GH 4-H Horse Council Mtng, **6:30p**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/975732070>
- **May 9-10:** 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training, **Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp**
- **May 10 & 11:** GH 4-H Horse Council Hosts Hairy Horse Show, GHC Fairgrounds
- **May 14:** GH 4-H Horse Council Hosts Small Equine Clinic (2 of 3), **5p**, GHC Fairgrounds
- **May 15:** 4-H Market Livestock Recordkeeping Check-in, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **May 15:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30p**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **May 17:** GHYLA Animal Weigh-in & Tagging, GHC Fairgrounds
- **May 21:** Equine Trail Clinic Registration Due at <https://forms.office.com/r/SNTBC2qZvy>
- **May 26:** WSU Extension Office CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day
- **May 28:** GH 4-H Horse Council Hosts Small Equine Clinic (3 of 3), **5p**, GHC Fairgrounds
- **May 31:** GH 4-H Horse Council Hosts 4-H Trail Clinic (1 of 2), **1p**, **Ridge Creek Farm, Shelton**
- **June 2:** 4-H Market Livestock Recordkeeping Check-in, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **June 2:** GH 4-H Horse Council Mandatory Mtng, **6:30p**, WSU Ext ofc or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/975732070>
- **June 10:** GH 4-H Horse Council Hosts 4-H Trail Clinic (2 of 2), **6p**, GHC Fairgrounds, Elma

4-H ENROLLMENT DUE – April 1

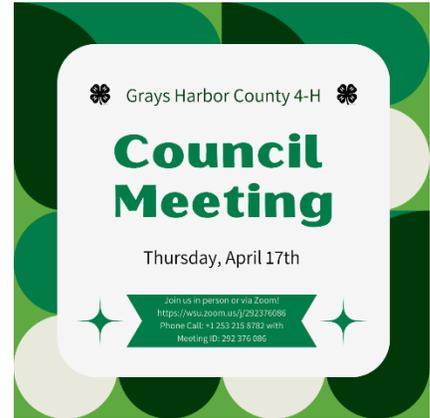
Online enrollment is now open for the 2024-2025 year at <https://v2.4honline.com/> and is due by April 1 for new members to be eligible to exhibit 4-H projects at the GHC Fair. Information about enrolling can be found online, and if you have any questions, please reach out to your club leader or Tracie.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

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, April 7.

Join us at the next 4-H Council meeting on Thursday, April 17. 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.

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

The Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction committee has finalized the auction participation rules for 2025, which are available 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 **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.

THANK YOU BAKERS for letting us know which treats you are planning to donate! We are looking forward to bidding on cookies, brownies, cinnamon rolls, and other specialty items made by 4-H members, volunteers, and community members! These will be such a sweet and exciting addition to the 4-H Bingo event!



There is still time to register (3/23), if you would like to consider helping the Grays Harbor 4-H Council by donating your favorite treats! Bake your favorite brownies, cookies, pie, cake, specialty item, etc. and register at <https://forms.office.com/r/Y9zrSi4kLf> Please include:

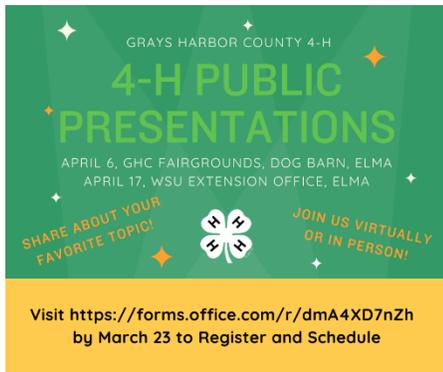
- > 1 Standalone Treat (Pie, Cake, etc.) OR 1 Dozen (12) Handheld Treats (cookies, brownies, etc.)
- > Disposable Container (or container that you aren't expecting back)
- > Recipe or Allergen List
- > Optional: Photo of the maker! (email to tracie.hanson@wsu.edu or andrea.kochrian@wsu.edu)



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!



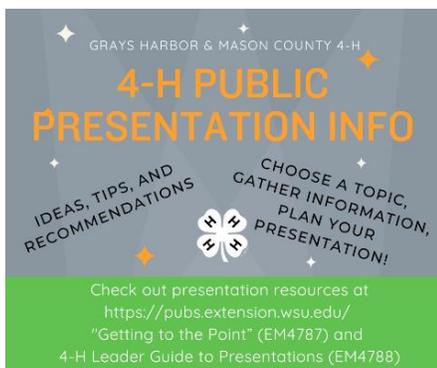
4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT - Register by March 23

Schedule your 4-H Public Presentation for the Spring event!

<https://forms.office.com/r/dmA4XD7nZh>

We're excited to hear about your favorite topics!

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>

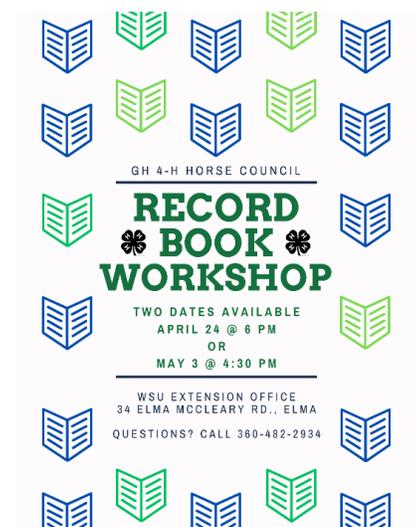
4-H RECORD BOOK WORKSHOPS – April 24 & May 3

The Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council is hosting two Record Book Workshops! All 4-H Members from Grays Harbor and Mason Counties are invited to attend.

April 24th at 6pm at the WSU Extension Office in Elma

May 3rd at 4:30pm at the WSU Extension Office in Elma

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



4-H EQUINE JUDGING CLINIC OPPORTUNITIES – March 30, April 13 & April 27 clinics



The Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council invites all Grays Harbor and Mason County 4-H members enrolled in the equine projects to learn about the Equine Judging Contest at the WSU Extension office in Elma.

These clinics will be a great opportunity for 4-H members from Grays Harbor and Mason Counties to learn about the equine judging contest since members will need to sign up for equine judging at the county fair in order to be eligible for state fair participation in the equine project.

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>



CAT MEMBERS INVITED TO THE ENCHANTED FOREST CAT SHOW – Kitsap County, May 3



Kitsap County 4-H 4 All Club invites all Washington 4-H Cat Project members to join us at our “Enchanted Forest” 4-H Cat Show on Saturday, May 3 at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Cat Barn. We’ll have contests for showmanship, cat type, cage decoration, costume, knowledge, breed ID, and equipment judging! Ribbons and fun for all!

Not a 4-H member, but interested in checking out some enchanting cats? This event is also open to the visiting public! Come see what Cat Project and 4-H is all about. Questions? Email: cat.tales4h@gmail.com
Registration form link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiZgV7z0XEtcfo_JYc0dMrWu5FAq0BJffqSsYKUudhUfcO3w/viwwform?fbclid=IwY2xjawJK4zpleHRuA2FibQjxMAABHbKl-xu4G76GHMBzZnhWmn1OhPYnGCTz-HGOEk2IEUGXqy_BvlhOWi3aqw_aem_mWVf6Jp5pIDiqUPSmKisTw

Facebook event page:

https://www.facebook.com/events/1002375531826752/?rdid=SSBVthwAOyw8q3Ze&share_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fshare%2F1XUT3X6otT%2F#



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

Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds
 32 Elma McCleary Rd
 Elma, WA 98541
 Dog Barn - Located behind the outdoor horse arena.

County Fair* State Fair Qualifying Event

Please bring a crate for your dog when not in the ring

🐾 Check In	8:00-8:45AM	<u>Classes Offered</u>
🐾 Show Briefing	8:45-9:00 AM	Showmanship
🐾 Showmanship	9:00 AM	Introduction to Obedience
🐾 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 at least two weeks prior to the event.

4-H DOG PROJECT PREFAIR CLINIC – Register by April 30
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<https://forms.office.com/r/ruucEuZiWG>
 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/>

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>

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 yrs 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/PGMFTiF56j>



GRAYS HARBOR 4-H HORSE COUNCIL PRESENTS
Open Hairy Horse Show

May 10- Performance
 May 11- Gaming

Office opens at 8 am, Showmanship begins at 9 am

TO REGISTER ONLINE VISIT:
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/PGMFTJF56J](https://forms.office.com/r/PGMFTJF56J)

Questions? Call (360) 482-2934

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GRAYS HARBOR 4-H HORSE COUNCIL PRESENTS
PREFAIR

📅 DATES	🕒 TIME
June 28- Performance June 29- Gaming	8:00 am- Office Opens 9:00 am- Showmanship

Register online at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/NYTTi2uXSz>

QUESTIONS ? Call us at 360-482-2934 for more information.

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- June 28 & 29 - PreFair Horse Show

(Early Registration Fee Ends 6/18) at <https://forms.office.com/r/NYTTi2uXSz>

4-H TRAIL CLINIC OPPORTUNITIES – Register by May 21 for May 31 & June 10 clinics



GRAYS HARBOR 4-H HORSE COUNCIL PRESENT
TRAIL CLASS CLINICS 🌸

Two dates available, two locations available!

- ✔ May 31, 1 pm @ Ridge Creek Farm
1301 SE Binn Swiger Rd., Shelton
- or
- ✔ June 10, 6 pm @ GH Fairgrounds

✔ \$25 per youth, per clinic.

Register at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/SNTBC2qZvY>

Questions? 360-482-2934

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Join us for one or both opportunities to learn about 4-H Equine Trail classes! These are Trail Clinic opportunities for Grays Harbor and Mason County 4-H members to qualify for fair participation in this discipline. \$25 per evening (*contact us in advance for financial assistance options)

Registrations due by Wednesday, May 21

Clinic 1 of 2: Saturday, May 31, 1 pm at Ridge Creek Farm in Shelton
 Clinic 2 of 2: Tuesday, June 10, 6 pm at the GHC Fairgrounds in Elma

For more information on the 4-H Horse Project, visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/>.



2025 STATE 4-H FAIR PATCH CONTEST

Every year a 4-H member's design is selected for the Washington State 4-H Fair Patch. Yours could be next! Don't wait to submit your design. The deadline for submission is May 15th.

Details are on the State 4-H Fair website at:

https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/fairs_trashed/state-4-h-fair/

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2025 WASHINGTON STATE 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE – Registration opens April 21 for the June 23-26 event

WASHINGTON STATE
4-H TEEN CONFERENCE
is a three-day conference with workshops and tours focused on career exploration, college readiness, leadership and life skill development for 8th - 12th grade youth & adult chaperones. This event will be held on the Pullman campus of Washington State University. Registration will be limited to 150 youth and will open April 21, 2025.
<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/stc/>

PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION MAY CONTACT THE WHITMAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT 509-397-6290. PLEASE REQUEST THE ACCOMMODATION AT LEAST 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE PROGRAM OTHERWISE WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATIONS ON SITE.

Washington State 4-H Teen Conference is a three-day conference experience at WSU Pullman with workshops and tours focused on career exploration, college readiness, leadership, and life skill development. The conference is open for 8th-12th grade youth and takes place June 23-26.

Registration will open on April 21, 2025, and is limited to 150 youth.

More information to follow at <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/stc>

“Growing Youth Opportunities”

FOOD PRESERVATION ONLINE TRAINING SERIES

Are you interested in learning more about how to preserve food? Join us for online classes for Food Preservation. Visit the QR code to register.

\$25 per training session

April 30 - Canning 101

May 7 - Fundamentals of Water Bath Canning

May 14 - Mastering Pressure Canning.

If you have questions, contact Stephanie Smith at steph.smith@wsu.edu



Food Preservation Online Training Series

Have you always wanted to learn how to safely preserve food but need help getting started? Are you a seasoned canner but have questions or want to know the latest information on safe canning? If so, then join us for a series of online canning workshops this spring!

April 30th Canning 101: Unlocking the Secrets Food Preservation

May 7th Fundamental of Water Bath Canning

May 14th Mastering Pressure Canning: Safely Preserve Food with Confidence

Fee is \$25 per training.

Trainings hosted on Zoom platform.

Please visit the QR to register!



You can register for one training or all the trainings. There are no prerequisites.

Questions contact steph.smith@wsu.edu or visit our site: <https://tinyurl.com/2nz3hy7m>



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.

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

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