

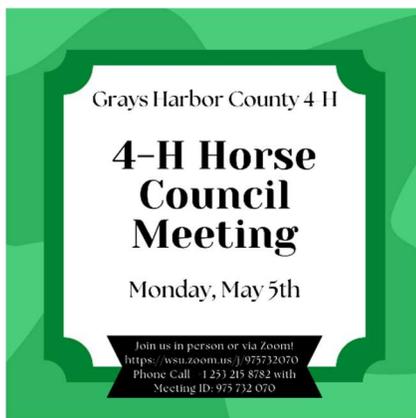
WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development News for May 2025

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

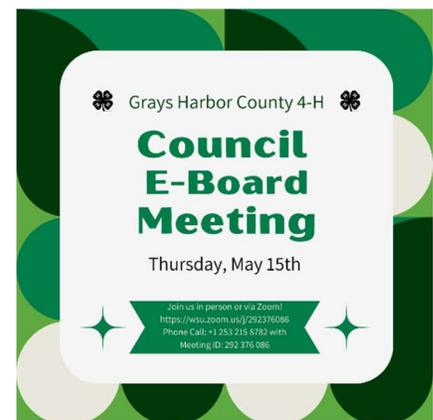
- **May 1:** 4-H Projects can no longer be added to existing enrollments for 4-H fair eligibility
- **May 3: Record Book Workshop** hosted by GH 4-H Horse Council, **4:30p**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **May 5:** GH 4-H Horse Council Mtng, **6:30p**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/975732070>
- **May 9-10:** 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training, **Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp**
- **May 10:** Grays Harbor & Mason County 4-H Hosts Dog Project PreFair Event, GHC Fairgrounds
- **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 2:** FairEntry Opens for 4-H members to submit 4-H Project Entries for Grays Harbor County Fair
- **June 10:** GH 4-H Horse Council Hosts 4-H Trail Clinic (**2 of 2**), **6p**, GHC Fairgrounds, Elma
- **June 18:** 4-H Market Livestock Recordkeeping Check-in, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **June 18:** GHC Fairgrounds Staff Host Volunteer Mtng, **6:30p**, GHC Fairgrounds Pavilion
- **June 19:** WSU Extension Office CLOSED in observance of Juneteenth
- **June 19:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30p**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **June 24:** 4-H Market Livestock Recordkeeping Check-in, WSU Extension office, Elma

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, May 5.

Join us at the next 4-H Council meeting on Thursday, May 15. 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 – Sign up for your Required Recordkeeping Check-in!

4-H members (*Junior, Intermediate, and Senior ages*) who registered to participate in the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction must also 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)
- **Wednesday, June 18** (1p - 6p)
- Monday, June 2** (9a - 3p) (3p - 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 required step in your agreement and participate in the market livestock auction with the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction.

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/>.

THANK YOU, BAKERS, for sharing your specialty items with 4-H members, volunteers, and community members! These were such a sweet and exciting addition to the 4-H Bingo event this Spring!



It was wonderful seeing so many 4-H members, clubs, families, friends, and community members!



SEEKING HOST FAMILIES for the 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SUMMER INBOUND PROGRAM (Japan) hosting dates Friday July 25 through Sunday August 17

The application can be found here <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Screening process involves background checks, references and a home visit.

Delegates are placed with a youth host sibling in the home of the same gender and up to a four-year age difference. Volunteer host families must speak English in the home. The youth profiles are available upon request. Japanese delegates will be experiencing their program orientations in Ellensburg. Host families will need to pick up/drop off there. (*all delegates are to be placed in Washington State*)

Thank you and please let me know if you have questions (carolyn.russo@wsu.edu).

-Carolyn

4-H RECORD BOOK WORKSHOPS –May 3

The Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council is hosting the second of two Record Book Workshops on May 3rd at 4:30pm at the WSU Extension Office in Elma! All 4-H Members from Grays Harbor and Mason Counties are invited to attend.

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



SMALL EQUINE CLINICS



4-H SMALL EQUINE CLINIC OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to the 4-H members who joined us for the first of three 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>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Other local scholarship opportunities for 4-H members (and other youth)

- **Grays Harbor County Fair Board Scholarship** (Due 5/2)
<https://www.ghcfairgrounds.com/p/about/our-team/fairboard>
- **WSU Master Gardeners of Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties** (Due 5/31)
<https://pnwmg.mastergardenerfoundation.org/index.php?gf-download=2025%2F04%2F2025-Master-Gardener-Don-Tapio-Scholarship-Application-Instructions.pdf&form-id=2&field-id=14&hash=3e3fc48280f606cffe34840fed27108c17804f71b064e7bf0d7721a3f71a5f4>

Are you a graduating senior (including home-school and alternative school seniors) attending school in Grays Harbor or Pacific County? Will you be furthering your education in horticulture, life sciences, or other related fields? Consider applying for the 2025 Master Gardener Don Tapio Scholarship being offered by the Master Gardener Foundation of Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties. Completed applications can be dropped off or mailed to the WSU Extension office in Elma.

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

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 Basics: Preserving Summer's Flavors
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>



You could be wearing **YOUR DESIGN** next year!

Each year, a 4-H member's design is selected for the Washington State 4-H Fair Patch!

Enter yours today at:
<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/fairs/state-4-h-fair/>

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/

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

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/> .

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication for program information, or reasonable accommodation need to contact Tracie Hanson at the information listed above at least two weeks prior to the event.

GH 4-H HORSE COUNCIL HOSTS UPCOMING HORSE SHOW OPPORTUNITIES

The Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council invites enrolled 4-H 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>



- June 28 & 29 - PreFair Horse Show
(Early Registration Fee Ends 6/18) at <https://forms.office.com/r/NYTTi2uXSz>

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY - Due before May 8



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 WYTHMAN 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.

This year there is a very limited number of grant funds available to cover the registration and travel fees for three actively enrolled Grays Harbor and Mason County 4-H teens who are interested in attending.

Grays Harbor and Mason County 4-H members who are interested in this first-come, first-served opportunity should submit their information below as soon as possible (no later than noon on Thursday, May 8) at <https://forms.office.com/r/RirdX3SQCS> and plan to attend local orientation events in May and early June.

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 4-H youth and takes place from June 23-26.

Once members are confirmed, we will help you navigate the event registration process in 4-H Online. For more information about workshops, tour descriptions and schedules visit: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/stc/>

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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