

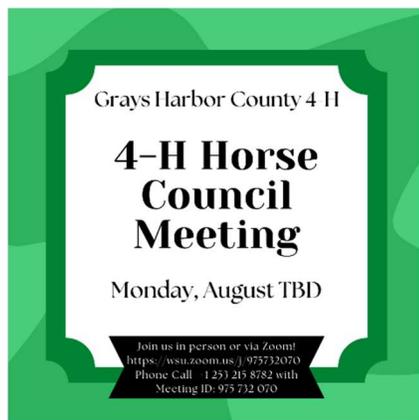
WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development News for August 2025

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

- **Aug 11 & 12:** State 4-H Fair Qualifying Still Life Entries Accepted at WSU Extension Office
- **Aug 11:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Aug TBA:** State 4-H Fair Animal Entry Meeting w/Carrie – Livestock * **Time & location TBA***
- **Aug 21:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Aug 25:** State 4-H Fair Qualifying Still Life Entries Accepted in Puyallup 1-6p
- **Aug 26:** State 4-H Fair Qualifying Still Life Entries Accepted in Puyallup 9a-6p
- **Aug 29-Sept 21:** Washington State 4-H Fair, Puyallup
- **Sept 1:** WSU Extension CLOSED in observance of Labor Day
- **Sept 10:** 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop & New Club Leader Orientation, 9am, WSU Extension ofc, Elma RSVP at <https://forms.office.com/r/rgUttfPEuJ>
- **Sept 15:** 4-H Award Nominations Due – watch for more information, coming soon!
- **Sept 15:** 4-H Year Pin Requests Due – watch for more information, coming soon!
- **Sept 18:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Sept 26:** 4-H Record Books Due for Review & Awards to the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Oct 1: NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS!**
- **Oct TBD: 4-H CLUB KICKOFF DATES YEAR BEGINS!**
- **Oct 6:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Oct 16:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>

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, August 11.

Join us at the next 4-H Council meeting on Thursday, August 21. 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.

STATE 4-H FAIR – August 29 - September 21

Congratulations to the 4-H members helping to represent Grays Harbor County at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup! If you are visiting the State 4-H Fair this year, say hello to our 30 local 4-H members exhibiting year-long accomplishments with their dog, sheep, goat, or horse projects.

Head upstairs in the pavilion to check out over 50 still life entries from local youth, including photos, paintings, drawings, creative arts, clothing, and educational posters! 4-H members will also be giving public presentations and more!

NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS OCTOBER 1

While the 4-H Online enrollment system is currently going through the annual update process to prepare for the October 1 start to the new 4-H year, youth members and adult volunteers will be able to begin the annual 4-H enrollment process at <https://v2.4honline.com/> in October, just in time for clubs begin meeting for the new 4-H year!

BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER - <https://forms.office.com/r/rgUttfPEuJ> Volunteer Workshops September 10

Thank you for your interest in becoming an official 4-H Volunteer in our community!

Join us for the next 4-H Volunteer Essentials workshop, scheduled to take place in person on Wednesday, September 10 at the WSU Extension office in Elma (34 Elma-McCleary Road). Please use the link below to let us know if you are interested in attending and allow 90 minutes for this hands-on session. You can also contact Tracie to schedule another date/time option.

Plan on learning more about volunteering with the 4-H Youth Development Program and connecting with other volunteers and 4-H staff! In September, we're also offering a New Club Leader Orientation to follow the Volunteer Essentials Workshop, so reach out if you are interested in attending one or both!

Additional opportunities: <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/>

YEAR PIN REQUESTS – Submit your Request by September 15

This year you are invited to request your 4-H Year Pin, which will be awarded along with other prizes at the annual Recognition event!! Watch for more information about the request process ... coming soon!

All Grays Harbor 4-H members who complete this process will receive their Year End Completion Pin.

4-H AWARD NOMINATION DUE – Nominate a youth member or adult volunteer September 15

It's almost time to submit your nominations for the 2024-2025 4-H year for an exceptional Grays Harbor County 4-H volunteer or member! All award nominations will be open until September 15 and will be reviewed by the 4-H Council to select this year's recipients! Awards will be announced at our fall recognition event. Watch for more information about the nomination process ... coming soon!

4-H RECORD BOOKS DUE - Friday, September 26



The Grays Harbor 4-H Council wants to recognize 4-H members who have completed a record book this year. Completed record books must be submitted to the WSU Extension office in Elma by Friday, September 26 to be reviewed by the record book committee and to be eligible for awards and prizes. Record Books will be reviewed using the scoresheets at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping and record books teach members valuable, lifelong skills in records, accounting, reporting, and written communication. In 4-H, youth have tracked their activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences, within their record books.

4-H Record Books serve a variety of purposes:

- They give members an opportunity to reflect on their yearly work where they can measure their achievements and growth in their 4-H career.
- They encourage members to set goals, develop plans to meet those goals, and shift gears in the face of challenges and obstacles.

Check out Tips for 4-H Record Keeping at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

4-H Record Books at <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/>

> for Level 1 documents, WSU Publications C0932 & C0933

> for Level 2 documents, WSU Publications C0934 & C0935

4-H RECOGNITION SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, November 13

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 the GHC Fairgrounds on November 13th!

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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