

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

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

- **Aug 29-Sept 21:** Washington State 4-H Fair, Puyallup
- **Sept 1:** WSU Extension CLOSED in observance of Labor Day
- **Sept 7:** 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop (11 am) & New Club Leader Orientation, (12:30 pm), WSU Extension ofc, Elma RSVP at <https://forms.office.com/r/rgUttfPEuJ>
- **Sept 9 (TUESDAY):** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Sept 10:** 4-H Volunteer Essentials Workshop (9 am) & New Club Leader Orientation (10:30 am), WSU Extension ofc, Elma RSVP at <https://forms.office.com/r/rgUttfPEuJ>
- **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
- **Sept 30:** State 4-H Fair Still Life Entries Available for Pickup at WSU Extension office
- **Sept 30:** 4-H Award Nominations Due <https://forms.office.com/r/8fRqA3RmEy>
- **Sept 30:** 4-H Year Pin Requests Due <https://forms.office.com/r/ytx6mA7tTX>

- **Oct 1: NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS!**
- **Oct TBD: 4-H CLUB KICKOFF!**
- **Oct 5-11:** National 4-H Week
- **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 TUESDAY, September 9.

Join us at the next 4-H Council meeting on Thursday, September 18. 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, cat, 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!

YEAR PIN REQUESTS – Submit your Request by September 30

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!! <https://forms.office.com/r/ytx6mA7tTX>

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 30

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 30 and will be reviewed by the 4-H Council to select this year's recipients!

Awards will be announced at our fall recognition event. <https://forms.office.com/r/8fRqA3RmEy>

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

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> Workshops September 7 & 10



JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH 4-H

Get involved and give back to your community! Schedule other dates or RSVP at <https://forms.office.com/r/rgUttfPEuJ>

Sunday, September 7th

- Volunteer Essentials (11:00 am)
- Club Leader Orientation (12:30 pm)

WSU Extension office, Elma

Thank you for your interest in becoming an official 4-H Volunteer in our community! Join us for the next 4-H Volunteer Essentials workshops, scheduled to take place in person on Sunday, September 7 and 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.



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Wednesday, September 10th

- Volunteer Essentials (9:00 am)
- Club Leader Orientation (10:30 am)

WSU Extension office, Elma

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 Workshops, 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/> and <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/2024/09/4-h-council-seeks-committee-volunteers/>

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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Potential Projects & Tasks

- + 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 11/13 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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Potential Projects & Tasks

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- + 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

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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