

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

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

- **Nov 28 – Dec 14:** Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign
- **Dec 1:** 4-H Club Renewal, Event Registrations & Annual Financial Documents Due
- **Dec 1:** 4-H Re-Enrollment Due for Returning 4-H members and volunteers
- **Dec 1:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Dec 6:** 4-H Camp Counselor Training, 9 am – 4pm, WSU Extension ofc, Elma
- **Dec 17:** Record Book Workshop, **6 pm**, WSU Extension ofc, Elma
- **Dec 18:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Dec 24 & 25:** WSU Extension office Closed in observance of Christmas
- **Dec 31:** News Blast will only be sent to 4-H members and families who have submitted updated profiles in 4-H Online
- **Jan 1:** WSU Extension office Closed in observance of New Year's Day
- **Jan 2-4:** 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp
- **Jan 5:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Jan 15:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Jan 28:** Record Book Workshop, **6 pm**, WSU Extension ofc, Elma



RE-ENROLL BY DECEMBER 1

Returning members: re-enrollment deadline is December 1 for all programs including fair & summer camp.

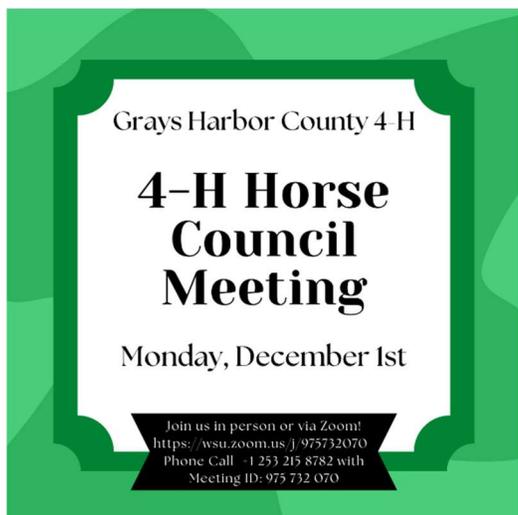
Welcome to the new 4-H year! We are excited for you to join this year - Enrollment for the 2025-2026 year is open for all. Please log in to your 4-H Online account to submit your yearly enrollment: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

PLEASE NOTE: The GH 4-H News Blast will only be sent to 4-H members and families who have submitted updated profiles in 4-H Online as December wraps up.



RECOGNITION EVENT "CELEBRATE OUR KIDS" - Thanks to everyone who joined the GH 4-H Council to "Celebrate Our Kids" at the annual recognition event on November 13th and a sweet thanks to all the 4-H members and community members who donated your favorite dessert treat! The dessert auction and spaghetti dinner made for a fun and festive way to recognize 4-H youth members and adult volunteers for all the great things that have been learned and explored this year!

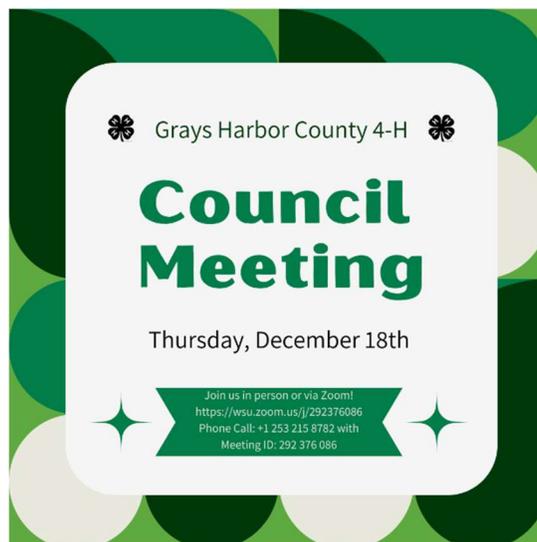
4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS – Join Us Digitally or In Person



We would love to have you join us for the next Horse Council meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 1.

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



4-H CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING – Save the Dates!

4-H Members in 9-12th grade ... it's almost time for camp counselor training! Join the team of youth and adults working together to plan and facilitate a fantastic summer camp experience for 2026! Join us on December 6 at the WSU Extension office in Elma to have fun and learn more about the upcoming opportunities to complete the training process required!

This meeting is for new and returning camp counselors!

Enroll now at <https://v2.4honline.com/> and add the club named "4-H Camp Counselors and Volunteers."



Monthly Counselor Trainings:

- **Dec. 6th** | 9 AM – 4 PM | *Grays Harbor Extension Office in Elma*
- **Jan. 2nd–4th** | *Overnight Training* | 6 PM Friday drop-off – 11 AM Sunday pickup
- **Mar. 7th** | 9 AM – 4 PM | *Mason County Extension Office in Shelton*
- **May 8th–9th** | *Overnight Training* | 6 PM Friday drop-off – Saturday pickup (TBA PM)
- **June 13th** | 9 AM – 4 PM | *Grays Harbor Extension Office in Elma*

A poster for 4-H Record Book Workshops. It features the 4-H logo and text: "Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council & Grays Harbor 4-H Council will be holding 4-H Record Book Workshops Monthly for all 4-H Youth enrolled in Mason and Grays Harbor County. It Starts With A Project, And Ends With A Record Book." It includes a QR code and a list of dates: "At the WSU extension office 6pm to 8pm on the following Wednesdays. October 22nd, 2025; November 19th, 2025; December 17th, 2025; January 28th, 2026; February 25th, 2026; March 25th, 2026; April 22nd, 2026; May 27th, 2026; June 24th, 2026; July 15th, 2026." There is also a "scan for resources" QR code.

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP SERIES – join us one Wednesday each month

The Record Book Workshop continues Wednesday, December 17 from 6–8 PM at the WSU Extension Office in Elma! Come get those pages started and learn tips and tricks to get ready for the new 4-H year!

Thank you to the 4-H Council and 4-H Horse Council for hosting this ongoing series!

PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN – Save the Date! November 28-December 14 at Tractor Supply



Since 2010, @tractorsupply has partnered with 4-H to prepare youth to be ready for work and life. The success of the Paper Clover campaign has raised more than \$24 million to impact local youth with the technical skills and life skills that prepare them for whatever comes their way.

100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth for 4-H camp and leadership activities. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 80,000 students by providing them with hands-on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

We thank Tractor Supply for their continued partnership with 4-H to help our youth become [#BeyondReady](#)

This year's Paper Clover Campaigns begins November 28th and runs through December 14th, both online and in-store at Aberdeen and other locations.

Additional volunteer 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/>

If you are interested in these roles or would like to learn more, visit

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contact GH 4-H Council President, Mary, at marylightfoot@aaawa.com or

contact 4-H Program Coordinator, Tracie, at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

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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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 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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- 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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- 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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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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