

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development News for January 2026

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

- **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 3:** 4-H Camp Counselor Training, **9 am – 4 pm** WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Jan 5:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Jan 12:** 4-H Fair Cmte Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or
- **Jan 15:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Jan 19:** WSU Extension office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **Jan 28:** Record Book Workshop, **6 pm**, WSU Extension ofc, Elma
- **Jan TBD:** GHC Fairgrounds hosts Volunteer Meeting, **6 pm**, GHC Fairgrounds Pavilion
- **Feb 2:** GH 4-H Horse Council Parent & Vol Safety Mtng, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Ext. ofc, Elma
- **Feb 10:** 4-H Fair Superintendent Soup Social & Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Feb 10:** 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Applications Due to Falyn.Taylor@wsu.edu
- **Feb 16:** GH County office Closed in observance of Presidents Day
- **Feb 19:** GH 4-H Council Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office or <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/292376086>
- **Feb 25:** Record Book Workshop, **6 pm**, WSU Extension ofc, Elma

NEWS BLAST UPDATES

Now that December is wrapped up, 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 for the current 4-H year.

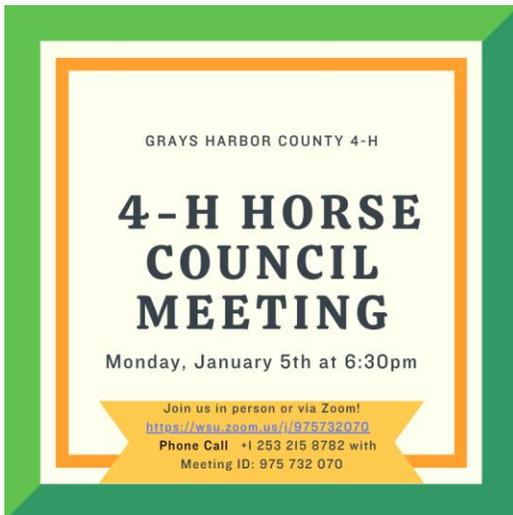
PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN – Thank you!



Thanks to everyone who supported the Winter Paper Clover campaign at Tractor Supply Company, which directly benefits 4-H youth for 4-H camp and leadership activities.

A big bouquet of clovers to Tractor Supply Company for their continued partnership with 4-H to help our youth become [#BeyondReady](#)

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

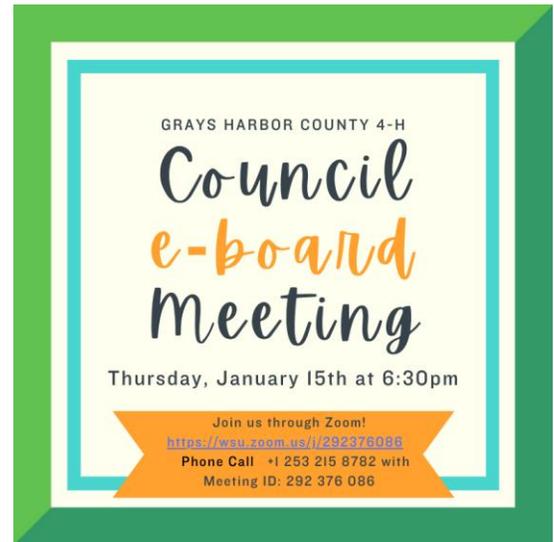


We would love to have you join us for the next Horse Council meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 5.

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

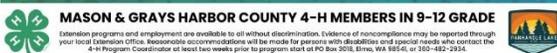


A poster for 4-H Camp Counselor Training 2026. It has a blue and green background. The text includes: "CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING 2026", "MONTHLY Saturdays: 9-4pm", "March 7th: Mason County Extension Office", "June 13th: Grays Harbor Extension Office", "APPLICATION Due Feb 10", "Turn-in to falyntaylor@wsu.edu", "OVERNIGHTS Jan. 2nd - 4th", "May 8th & 9th", "CAMP July 11 - 16, 2026".

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING – Save the Dates!

The team of 4-H Members (9-12th grade) and adults are already working together to plan and facilitate a fantastic summer camp for 2026!

The first overnight training of the year is the biggest opportunity for new and returning camp counselors to meet their training hours requirements. Questions or conflicts should be directed to **Camp Director Blayne** or **Counselor Coordinator Kevin**. Finally, remember that you are not allowed to attend any further training until you have been enrolled in 4-HOnline. <https://4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



Monthly Counselor Trainings:

- ~~Jan. 2nd-4th | Overnight Training | 6 PM Friday drop-off – 11 AM Sunday pickup~~
- **Jan. 3rd | 9 AM – 4 PM | Grays Harbor Extension Office in Elma (Updated to single-day, in-person training)**
- **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**

WA STATE 4-H EQUINE SCIENCE & HORSEMANSHIP SERIES – Registration is Open Now

Mark January 26th on your calendar for the next session in the 4-H Equine Science and Horsemanship Series! The meetings are held on Zoom, every fourth Monday of the month through March, so a few sessions remain! PLEASE NOTE: The link to join the zoom and a suggested supply list will be sent to the email address you provided one week prior to the session (3rd Monday).

Register with at <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animals/horse/> or email kim.baker@wsu.edu.



4-H HAS HEART

4-H members and clubs interested in making handmade Valentines for nursing home residents, veterans, Senior Citizen, meals on wheels clients, hospice patients or more can sign up to participate and help get over 100,000 Valentines delivered across the United States and Canada.

SIGN UP: bit.ly/4HhasHeart

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
Its Starts With A Project.
And Ends With A Record Book.

At the WSU extension office
6pm to 8pm on the following Wednesdays.

- October 22nd, 2025
- November 17th, 2025
- January 28th, 2026
- February 25th, 2026
- March 25th, 2026
- April 22nd, 2026
- May 27th, 2026
- June 24th, 2026
- July 15th, 2026

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A poster for 4-H Record Book Workshops. It features the 4-H logo, a horse head logo, and a record book icon. The text describes the workshops, their schedule, and provides a QR code for resources.

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP SERIES – each month

Was your New Year’s resolution to improve your Record Book this year? Then you are in luck! The Record Book Workshop continues Wednesday, January 28 from 6–8 PM at the WSU Extension Office in Elma! Come start the new year strong 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!

Record books are a great way for 4-H members to document their project progress and look back at all they have accomplished. Record Books may also be submitted for review and judging at the end of the 4-H year for a chance to earn an award at the annual recognition event!

NEW LOOK FOR 4-H ONLINE LANDING PAGE

With 2026 underway, there is a new landing page for the 4-H Online enrollment system. Following the original link (<https://v2.4honline.com/>) will now bring you to a landing page where returning families can select the “Sign In” button at the top of the page, and new families can select the “Sign Up” button at the top of the page to create an account for the first time. Returning families can also start at the sign-in page if preferred at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

4-H Online Enrollment 5,000,000+ members enrolling

Fully Integrated 4-H Management System

4-H Online is a comprehensive management system that brings together all levels of 4-H operations from member enrollment and project tracking to event registration and volunteer management. 4-H Online provides complete digital solutions for clubs, counties, and state organizations. Features include animal management, health screenings, financial processing, communication tools, and advanced reporting capabilities that keep the entire 4-H community connected and engaged.

Key Features

A screenshot of the 4-H Online Enrollment landing page. It features a green header with the 4-H Online logo and the text '4-H Online Enrollment' and '5,000,000+ members enrolling'. Below the header, there is a section titled 'Fully Integrated 4-H Management System' with a brief description of the system's capabilities. To the right of the text is a photograph of four young people in 4-H attire. At the bottom, there are 'Sign In' and 'Learn More' buttons.

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. Archived copies of “Grays Harbor County 4-H News” are available at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/>