

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

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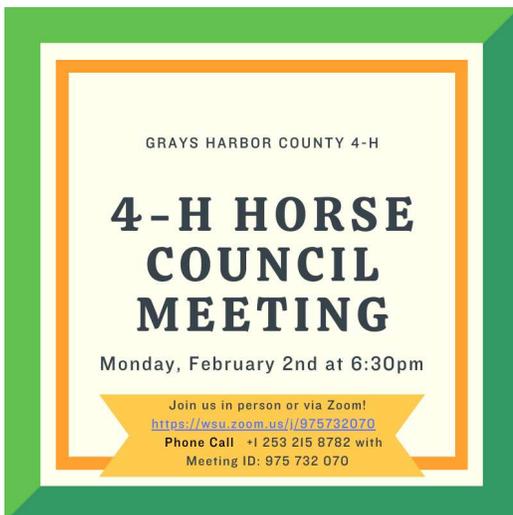
IMPORTANT DATES More events and info on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>

- **Dec 31:** News Blast will only be sent to 4-H members and families who have submitted updated profiles in 4-H Online
- **Feb 2:** GH 4-H Horse Council **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Ext. ofc, Elma
- **Feb 7:** 4-H Camp Counselor Training, **9 am – 4 pm** Panhandle 4-H Camp
- **Feb 10:** 4-H Fair Superintendent Soup Social & Mtng, **6:30 pm**, WSU Extension office, Elma
- **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
- **Mar 2:** GH 4-H Horse Council Mandatory Mtng, **6:30 pm** via Zoom or the WSU Ext. ofc, Elma
- **Mar 7:** 4-H Camp Counselor Training, **9 am – 4 pm** WSU Extension ofc, Shelton
- **Mar 7:** 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Applications Due to Falyn.Taylor@wsu.edu
- **Mar 15:** Grays Harbor Youth Livestock GHYLA Registration Due to Google Form ... link to be shared
- **Mar 15:** WSU 4-H Scholarship Due at <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/sge/scholarships/>
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- **Mar 25:** Record Book Workshop, **6 pm**, WSU Extension ofc, Elma
- **Apr 1:** 4-H Enrollment Due for new members to exhibit 4-H projects at county fair

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.

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

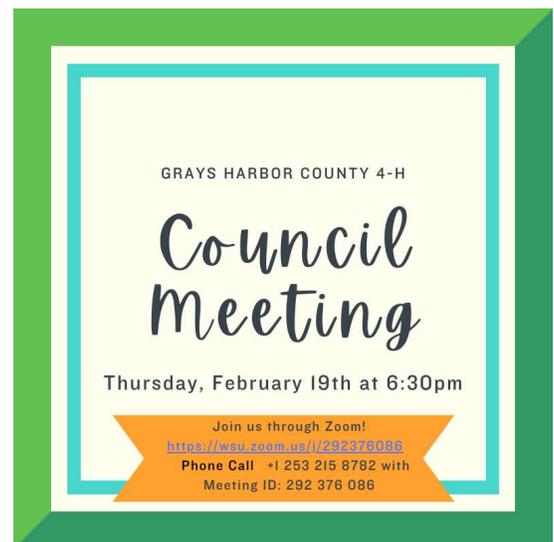


We would love to have you join us for the next Horse Council meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 2.

Join us at the next 4-H Council meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19.

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.



CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING 2026

MONTHLY Saturdays: 9-4 pm
 Feb. 7th: Panhandle Camp Dining Room
 March 7th: Mason County Extension Office
 June 13th: Grays Harbor Extension Office

APPLICATION Due March 7
 Turn-in to fatyn.taylor@wsu.edu

OVERNIGHTS May 8th & 9th

CAMP July 11 - 16, 2026

MASON & GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS IN 9-12 GRADE
Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of non-compliance may be reported through your local Extension Office. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who contact the 4-H program Coordinator at least two weeks prior to program start at PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541 or 360-482-2934.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING – Revised 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:

- **Feb. 7th** | 9 AM – 4 PM | *Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp*
- **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*

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 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

scan 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, February 25 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!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Apply for 2026

GRAYS HARBOR 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled in the GH 4-H Program, with at least three years of 4-H affiliation?

Applications are now available at <https://tinyurl.com/GH4-HScholarship>
 Due April 30

The Grays Harbor County 4-H Council is pleased to offer educational scholarships to graduating high school seniors currently enrolled in the Grays Harbor County 4-H Program. Applicants must have accumulated at least three years of 4-H affiliation.

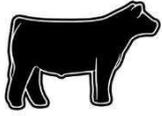
- **Grays Harbor 4-H Council Scholarship** (Due 4/30)
<https://tinyurl.com/GH4-HScholarship>

In addition, Washington State 4-H is pleased to offer multiple scholarships. Current and former Washington State 4-H members are eligible to apply.

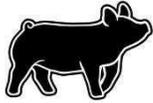
- **Washington State University 4-H Scholarship Opportunities** (Due 3/15)
<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/sge/scholarships/>



2026 UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days



BEEF
Saturday, March 7
Nez Perce Co. Fairgrounds



SWINE
Saturday, March 14
Asotin Co. Fairgrounds



SHEEP & GOAT
Saturday, March 21
University of Idaho

Tentative Schedule:

8:00 am	Registration Table Opens
8:45	Welcome
9:00-11:45	Morning Rotations
	- Meat Science or Breeding 101
	- Nutrition and Feeds
	- Health
	- Training and Showmanship
	Adults and Youth will be separated into different groups
11:45 - 12:15	Lunch Provided (Vandal Dog, chips, cookie, drink)
12:15-1:30	Afternoon Hands-on Stations
1:30 pm	Closing

Registration is open!

Cost: \$10/person

Register at:

bit.ly/clearwater_events



2026 UI/WSU YOUTH LIVESTOCK FIELD DAYS – Register Now for March Events

Hey 4-H families! We are here to share some great livestock learning opportunities hosted by other counties.

Upcoming Livestock Programs:

> Beef- Saturday, March 7 in Lewiston at the Nez Perce Co. Fairgrounds

> Swine- Saturday, March 14 in Asotin at the Asotin Co. Fairgrounds

> Sheep and Goat- Saturday, March 21 in Moscow at the University of Idaho

These are high quality events that have been very well attended by both youth and adults in the past. Registration fees are \$10 per individual and you can sign up

Persons with disabilities have the right to request reasonable accommodations. Please complete the accommodations form found at [this link](https://www.idaho.edu/extension/cv/rights) at least two weeks prior to the event: <https://www.idaho.edu/extension/cv/rights>



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at: <https://otc.cdc.nicusa.com/Public2.aspx?portal=id&organization=Clearwater%20County%20Extension%20-%20Adult%20Programming> University of Idaho and Washington State University Youth Livestock Field Days provide research-based information to 4-H and FFA members regarding the production, showing and marketing of youth livestock projects that meet or exceed livestock industry standards and consumer expectations. Space is limited, don't wait!

Register Now for a
4-H Market Livestock
Recordkeeping Check-in:
[https://forms.office.com/r/
Wmz2SzZPVZ](https://forms.office.com/r/Wmz2SzZPVZ)



Please sign up for a date
and time to stop by the
WSU Extension office in
Elma (options available
May 21 - June 25)!



4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT UPDATES –

4-H members (*Junior, Intermediate, and Senior ages*) planning to participate in the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction need to have **registration information submitted by March 15 to the Google form**, which will be posted as soon as it is available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/>

4-H members (*Junior, Intermediate, and Senior ages*) planning to participate in the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction **ALSO need to have their 4-H enrollment profiles updated by April 1** at <https://v2.4honline.com/>

Register at [2026 4-H Market Livestock Project - Recordkeeping Check-in – Fill out form](https://forms.office.com/r/Wmz2SzZPVZ) or

<https://forms.office.com/r/Wmz2SzZPVZ> 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 21 (1p - 6p)**

Monday, June 15 (9a - 3p) (3p - 6p)

➤ **Wednesday, June 17 (1p - 6p)**

Tuesday, June 23 (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 step in your agreement and participate in the market livestock auction with the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction. Record keeping resources will be sent via email to members.



WA STATE 4-H HORSE PROGRAM OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Please join for this month's WA 4-H Horse Program Open Office Hours on February 18th at 630 pm. No registration or RSVP is required for this - just open office hours for anyone who wants to connect with or ask questions to our state horse program. The zoom link works for each call in this series.

Meeting ID: 977 1426 2502

Questions? Contact Kim at 4h.equine@wsu.edu or 425-520-3908

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animals/horse/>

4-H DOG PROJECT PREFAIR CLINIC – Register by April 27 at <https://forms.office.com/r/DQuhvcVLSZ>

Grays Harbor & Mason County
4-H DOG PROGRAM PRE-FAIR

May 9, 2026
Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds
32 Elma McCleary Rd
Elma, WA 98541
Dog Barn - Located behind the outdoor horse arena.

County Fair* State Fair Qualifying Event

Please bring a crate for your dog when not in the ring

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Check in 8:30-8:45AM ☛ Show Briefing 8:45-9:00 AM ☛ Showmanship 9:00 AM ☛ Lunch Break ** 12:00-12:30 PM ☛ Obedience 12:30 PM 	<p><u>Classes Offered</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showmanship Introduction to Obedience Sub-Novice Obedience Beginner Novice Obedience Pre-Novice Obedience
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Registration Due by April 27, 2026
<https://forms.office.com/r/DQuhvcVLSZ>

*All dogs must be approved for fair. If you have not attended a training session in Elma, then you need to attend pre-fair to get approved to show at fair.
**Time allowing we will take a break for lunch

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CARRIE HOLCOMB
(360) 581-6860

While lunch is graciously provided for the day, plan to bring a lunch if you have any special dietary needs.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information, or reasonable accommodation need to contact Tracie Hanson at (360)482-2934 or tracie.hanson@wsu.edu at least two weeks prior to the event.

The 4-H Dog Project is hosting an opportunity for Grays Harbor and Mason County 4-H members to participate in an educational 4-H dog project clinic (*and complete the dog project clinic requirement for participation at the county fair*) at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. This event will take place in the Borden-Seabert Building (Dog Barn). ** Please note that a 4-H Horse Clinic/Show will also take place at the GHC Fairgrounds on this date, so allow extra time to find parking and walk your dogs past the arena to the Dog Barn.*

Saturday, May 9

8:30 am: Check-in begins

8:45 am: Show Briefing/Meeting

9:00 am: Showmanship Classes begin (*Required for 4-H members using this as a clinic opportunity*)

12 - 12:30 pm: Lunch Break (*If time allows*)

12:30 pm: Obedience Classes begin (*Required for 4-H members using this as a clinic opportunity*)

** Dogs will remain on leash at all times, except for those times when they are in the show ring for an obedience class that includes an off-leash component.

** Dress Code: 4-H Members participating in Dog Showmanship classes should wear neat, clean, and functional clothing that complement the dog. It should be appropriate for the event and not distract from the dog's presentation.

** Exhibitors will need to bring:

- > a crate for their dog to stay in during the show
- > collars and leashes for showmanship and obedience classes
- > a chair to sit next to crate (optional)

4-H ENROLLMENT DUE – April 1

Online enrollment is now open for the 2025-2026 year at <https://v2.4honline.com/> and is due by April 1 for new members to be eligible to exhibit 4-H projects at the GHC Fair. Information about enrolling can be found online, and if you have any questions, please reach out to your club leader or Tracie. <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

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.

4-H provides many opportunities for teens and 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.

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



For more info, contact:

tracie.hanson@wsu.edu or marylightfoot@aaawa.com

4-H GRAPHICS & SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

The 4-H Graphics & Social Media Team will partner with WSU Extension Staff and the GH 4-H Council throughout the year on a variety of projects and tasks.

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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



For more info, contact:

tracie.hanson@wsu.edu or marylightfoot@aaawa.com

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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- + Review 4-H member Record Books in consultation with other 4-H team members
- + 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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