



CLOVER REPORT



Skamania County 4-H Newsletter
DECEMBER 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1st – Club Paperwork Due
- December 3rd – Suggestions for Fair Theme Due!
- December 19th – Forest Youth Success Holiday Hop-Around (Fairgrounds 1p-4p)
- December 24th – 27th – Christmas Holiday, Office Closed
- December 31st – Preferred enrollment deadline
- January 13th – Volunteer Training- Club Finances (Zoom, 7:00p)
- February 7th – Leader’s Council (Hegewald Center, 6:30p)



TIME TO ENROLL

in 4-H!



DON'T DELAY!

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QUICK CLICKS

- Virtual 4-H+ Activities [here](#)
- State 4-H Newsletter [here](#)
- National 4-H newsletter [here](#)
- Virtual 4-H Resources [here](#)
- 4-H Curriculum [here](#)
- Leader Resource Page [here](#)
- Like us on Facebook [here](#)
- View Projects & Publications Guide [here](#)
- WA State 4-H Projects List [here](#)
- County Extension Website [here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader’s Council has moved their next meeting from the standard first Monday of the quarter to the first Monday in February as a result of the holidays. At this time, the meeting is planned for both in person and via Zoom.

The 4-H office will be closed over the holidays so that staff may enjoy time with their family. We hope that you enjoy the time with your loved ones and know we’re blessed to have you as part of our 4-H family!

Reminder: Enroll First!

Before participating in any 4-H meetings, activities, or events, be sure to officially enroll in the system.

If you are in need of assistance for the enrollment fee, please complete our quick and easy application & do not enter a credit card in the 4honline system:

https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2mDtbxBzWfwSRAq



4-H GROWS HERE

LOCAL OFFERINGS

FYS Holiday Hop-Around

You're invited!

The Forest Youth Success Club invites you to join us for a fun afternoon of FYS activities. Bring your friends and family to complete challenges, enjoy snacks and earn prizes!

Sunday, December 19th 1-4 PM
 Skamania County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
 710 SW Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson WA
 Contact (509) 427-3932 or fys@scsd303.org for info



The FYS club is open to 8th-12th graders in Skamania County and meets the 3rd Sunday of every month.

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Art & Math Project Kits!

We have several Art & Math Grab & Go Project Kits available for free. If you are looking for some activities for winter break, or want a 4-H inspired gift, contact the 4-H office to pick up one of these great kits in Stevenson!



4-H Leader Series

Join us for virtual trainings designed to make operating a 4-H club a piece of cake!

Join Us!
JANUARY
13th @
7:00pm
 Managing Club Finances

Youth Treasurers are encouraged to join us!

More trainings in...
February, March, & April

Open to all 4-H Volunteers in Clark, Skamania, & Klickitat Counties

LEARN A LOT, MEET OTHER 4-H VOLUNTEERS, & ADD SKILLS TO YOUR 4-H TOOLBOX!

This month we will tackle how to manage finances for your 4-H club. We'll look at the benefit of fundraising, best practices for managing money, and review the state 4-H policies and procedures related to having club funds. This training is perfect for adult club volunteers and youth officers!

Be sure to register to receive the secure zoom link:
<https://wsu.zoom.us/j/7wudOmpqzluHdYcGq25f>
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January Topic: Managing Club Finances

This virtual training is designed for adult volunteers and youth officers who want to know more about keeping track of club funds. Whether you already have a bank account or are thinking about getting started, this one hour training will provide a great overview of the do's & don'ts for fundraising and book keeping. Register today!

Making the best, better!

4-H VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



INTEREST IN 4-H IS HIGH! WE NEED MORE CLUB LEADERS & PROJECT LEADERS!

CONTACT THE 4-H OFFICE TO LEARN ABOUT THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS!

Scholarships Available!

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to local students for continuing education. 4-H member students may be eligible for some of these opportunities.

BLUE RIBBON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 WILL BE OPEN NOVEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 21, 2022.

Go to

<https://www.thefair.com/foundation/scholarships/>

and click any of the scholarships listed to see specific qualifications, or apply directly

at: <https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com>

Incredible Years Be Extraordinary for Your Kids

This parent enrichment course focuses on strengthening parenting skills and effective strategies for managing children's expected and unexpected behaviors.

Program Begins on January 12th
Wednesday Morning Program at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Program at 6:15 p.m.
Stevenson, WA

Four Main Program Topics

- Strengthen Children's School Readiness, Social, and Emotional Regulation Skills
- Understand the Power of Using Praise and Incentives to Encourage Cooperative Behavior
- Understand and Have Support Implementing a Positive Discipline Program
- Understand and Have Support Handling Misbehaviors



The Incredible Years® is an evidence-based, proven effective program lead by a trained facilitator. This FREE program is for parents of children ages 2-8 years.

MORE INFORMATION/REGISTRATION:

www.onepreventionalliance.com
karen.douglass@esd112.org 360-952-3330



Virtual 4-H Knitting Club

Come Knit With Us!

The first Saturday
of each month
December 2021 - March 2022
@ 4:30 p.m. PST

Knitting together is much more fun than knitting alone! Together we share encouragement, knowledge, stories and opportunities. We also celebrate knitting successes.

Bring your knitting and join us!

Basic knitting skills required



For more information, contact Toni Gwin at tgwin@wsu.edu

Explore 4-H!



#Opportunity4All
#FindYourSpark

teen advocates needed

Interested in becoming an advocate for suicide prevention?
Join our WSU 4-H teen task force!



As a member of this group, you will have the opportunity to attend training and workshops related to suicide prevention, help WSU faculty plan community outreach events, and build a suicide prevention social media campaign with national reach. Teens will be mentored by three WSU faculty members and community partners with expertise in prevention science, social work, and adolescent development.

Faculty mentors will work with you as we tackle this difficult subject together and engage with our communities.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY TODAY!



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Active in the New 4-H Year

4-H Certified Volunteers and Clubs must complete a few steps before they can be considered active for the 4-H year.

For Volunteers: Enroll in 4honline, complete your background check if needed, and have your COVID vaccination verified or receive an exemption

For Clubs: Have a certified leader who meets the above requirements, send a volunteer to attend Kick Off, verify projects offered in 4honline, & complete annual club paperwork



2022 ARGENTINA EXCHANGE

Travel on a **GROUP EXCHANGE** and
immerse yourself in another culture!



Introducing our newest Outbound Exchange Program!

Develop your global perspectives and cross-cultural understanding while participating in **group activities** in and near Córdoba, Argentina.

STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Dates:** June 29—July 17, 2022
- Capacity:** 15 delegates maximum, 5 delegates minimum
- Cost:** \$1,895 + airfare estimate (\$1,300 - \$2,000) + \$50 travel agent fee
(Airfare varies based upon applicant's location)



Delegates will stay in group accommodations in **Córdoba, Argentina** (arranged by Argentina 4-H) for the duration of the program. Each day, participants will engage in a variety of **structured group activities** facilitated by Argentina 4-H, including cultural excursions, Spanish language activities, and participation in local 4-H activities. This program model will allow participants to lead, learn, and grow as a cohort throughout their international experience. Particular emphasis will be placed on soccer and orchestra, two of Argentina 4-H's primary youth activities.

Program Activities

- ⇒ Overnight National Departure Orientation in U.S. gateway city
- ⇒ Arrival & departure orientations in Córdoba
- ⇒ Group Spanish language instruction in the mornings
- ⇒ Participation in local 4-H activities, including both music & soccer
- ⇒ Sightseeing & cultural excursions
- ⇒ Multi-day 4-H camp in Argentine countryside

Program Timeline

- January 15:** Application & \$1,000 first deposit due
- February:** States' 4-H notifies applicant of acceptance
- March 15:** \$1,000 second deposit due to States' 4-H Office
- March 15:** Medical form & Passport due to States' 4-H Office
- April:** States' 4-H issues air tickets
- Early Spring:** State-level orientations
- May 1:** Third and final deposit due to States' 4-H Office
- Late Spring:** National orientation for all Argentina delegates
- June 29:** Students fly to a U.S. gateway city for National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

Skamania County Christmas Basket Program

During the holiday season many families struggle with financial hardship. The Christmas Basket Program delivers food and toys to the families who reside in Skamania County. Please consider who you know and spend 5 minutes filling out this form even if that person you thought of is you. This simple action may brighten and otherwise stressful holiday. The link to the form is below and all nominations are anonymous

<https://forms.gle/Xj6ZbH84tFvkXv2d6>



HEAD



HANDS



HEART



HEALTH

We're here if you need us!

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REMINDER! 📢

Annual Club
Paperwork
was due
Dec. 1st!

CONTACT THE 4-H OFFICE
IF YOU NEED SUPPORT!

AROUND THE OFFICE



It's hard to believe December is here! I've enjoyed reconnecting with our clubs and our volunteers ever since fair and it's been a joy and a pleasure to come up with a variety of programs and opportunities for our 4-H youth. This year has certainly presented it's challenges, but I'm looking forward to what 2022 will bring for the Skamania County 4-H program. We are in a period of growth, and I am thankful for the commitment our 4-H volunteers and families have shown to our program. I will be taking some time off over the holidays, and I hope you have a restful and enjoyable winter break!