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November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Hey Whatcom 4-H'ers! We're halfway through November and getting closer to Thanksgiving every day!

WSU Whatcom County Extension is thankful to the youth and volunteers that help make this program what it is. People working together for the benefit of kids in our community, with volunteers sharing their time and their passions, and sometimes compromising to create a shared vision that helps make the best better.

Attached you'll find this years member & volunteer guide. We have the calendar and things to look forward to in it! Below are some of the upcoming dates to look forward to!

1) Record Book Workshop - for kids and adults interested in learning more about record books! Each year our County Council awards \$15-\$30 for each red and blue ribbon earning record book that is submitted to the County for judging. Record Books are a great way to teach kids about project management and give them skills that they will carry forward with them into their adult lives. Many 4-H Alumni value their record books as both a way to remember their years in 4-H as well as a tool that's been useful in things like creating employment or getting into college. Our Record Book Workshop is this Saturday. Check out Page 9 of the handbook and RSVP or learn details at: [Whatcom 4-H: Record Book Workshop!](#)

2) If you're a new volunteer, or an existing one that would like to get connected and learn more, check out our Volunteer Training. This month we're in person at the Extension Office this Sunday from 2-4pm and talking about "The Learning Club". 4-H is the nation's largest positive youth development program, and we love to share ages and stages of youth development with our community. If you have enrolled to volunteer or are interested in helping and want to learn more, please feel free to join us! Sign up here [4-H Parents and Leaders: 2024-2025 Leadership Learning Series](#) and check out page 9 in the guide.

3) Cozy Caps for a Cause is Thursday November 21 at 6pm - Laurel Church! We would love to see you and your kids join us to sew hats to donate to the Opportunity Council. No sewing experience necessary, just a willingness to learn and share with the community. This is an annual service project that helps kids (and adults) learn new skills and helps bring warmth to people who need it. Youth members must have an adult on site, and we ask that you bring 1.5 yards of fleece. Kids take home a hat that they've helped sew. Flyer Attached, and see page 9 of the guide.

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4) As noted above, 4-H happens because of the people that step forward to work together to make it happen. Our volunteers are the best and we would like your help in showing them appreciation on December 2nd at 6pm. Volunteers and their families can sign up for a pizza dinner and we're looking for teenagers to come out and help serve pizza. Dinner is followed by our County Council Meeting at 7pm.

To sign up for pizza as a helper or a volunteer/family, visit [WSU Extension 4-H Program: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner](#) and see page 9 of the guide.

5) December 2nd also happens to be our County Council Meeting at 7pm directly after dinner at Laurel Church. We are accepting nominations for County Council President. Adult volunteers, or teenage youth members with an adult mentor are encouraged to apply. Contact the Extension Office for more information. See page 9 of the guide for Council Meeting dates. Also, remember, the County Council extended the Council Attendance Incentive. Clubs that send a representative each meeting will earn a donation of \$20 to their clubs for the next six meetings. The donations will be made by check or supplies at the next Achievement Night. Contact the Extension office for more information.

5) December 1 is a big date! We ask that returning volunteers and youth members re-enroll by December 1. Enrollment is done on 4-H Online. Additionally Club Financial Summaries, Inventories, and Club Update Surveys are due on DEC 1! If your club intends to be an active Whatcom County 4-H Club, make sure this is done. Reach out to the Extension Office if you need assistance. Also note that we cannot approve youth members to clubs that do not have an approved main club leader enrolled already. You may have a pending youth enrollment for this reason. Forms for clubs can be found here, [Club Financial Information | 4-H Youth Development Program | Washington State University](#) the Club Update Survey was emailed in October to all volunteers from last year. Remember, youth enrollment dues are \$30 if renewed before Feb 1, After Feb 1 a \$10 late fee is added.

We wish you a happy and thankful November and look forward to seeing you at our countywide events!

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