



2024-2025

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Welcome to Whatcom 4-H!

Whether you're a returning member or brand new, we're glad to have you in the Whatcom 4-H community! We're looking forward to a fun-filled year ahead with opportunities for our youth to learn, share and grow from.

This guide and the website will be your primary source of information. Remember that dates are subject to change so always confirm important dates with you leaders or the Extension office.

How to Connect

Did you know that our Whatcom County 4-H Program serves approximately 550 youth and adult members?

From the littlest Cloverbuds to our veteran volunteers with 45 years of 4-H experience, we have a wealth of members that make this program a success. Our positive youth development program works best when people come together and bring ideas to life and make opportunities happen! We know that life is busy and it can be a challenge to get connected on a larger scale outside of your club. Below are some of the best ways to know what's happening in 4-H:

Whatcom 4-H website:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/whatcom/4h>

Currently being updated, the website is your first stop to find the calendar, members guide & 4-H Information.

Find us on Facebook:

The official WSU Extension 4-H page posts relevant information periodically

www.facebook.com/whatcom4h

The Whatcom 4-H Community Page is a place to ask questions to others. It is a public facing page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/52217609277>

Visit, call or email the WSU Extension Office:

600 Dupont St Ste A

Bellingham, WA 98225

Lynda Williams, Program Coordination

(360)778-5817 or Lynda.Williams@wsu.edu

LET'S GET
CONNECTED

2024-2025 CALENDAR

Due to the advanced planning of future dates, all dates for events are subject to change. Always check for updates in the newsletter, email or on our Facebook group.

Confirm project specific deadlines with club leaders.

OCTOBER 2024

- Oct 1 * Enrollment opens on 4-H Online! <https://v2.4honline.com/>
- Oct 6 Whatcom 4-H Horse Clubs Fun Show Herman Miller Park 10:00am
- Oct 6-12 * National 4-H Week – check for local events.
- Oct 7* Whatcom 4-H Council Business Meeting 7:00pm Laurel Church
- Oct 8 Leaders Circle 6:30pm Getting ready for the new 2024-2025 year
Laurel Church
- Oct 22 Volunteer Training: The Safe Club Zoom 6:30-8:00pm
- Oct 24 ** Horse Leader's Meeting 6:30pm Herman Miller Park

NOVEMBER 2024

- Nov 8 ** Achievement Night, Laurel Church 6:30pm
- Nov 11 * Veterans Day Extension Office Closed
- Nov 16 Youth Workshop: Let's Get Started with Record Books! 2:00-4:00pm
Laurel Church
- Nov 17 Volunteer Training: The Learning Club 2:00-4:00pm Extension Office
- Nov 21* Countywide Service Project: Sewing Hats to Donate
162 W Laurel Rd Time TBD and will be announced in email
- Nov 21* Horse Leader's Meeting 7:00pm Herman Miller Park
- Nov 22-24 Teen Summit – Camp Casey/Coupeville WA Register in 4-H Online
- Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Break (Extension Office Closed).

DECEMBER 2024

- Dec 1 * Re-enrollment Deadline and Annual Financial Summaries Due!
- Dec 2 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6:00pm Laurel Church
- Dec 2 * Whatcom 4-H Council Business Meeting 7:00pm Laurel Church
- Dec 14 KYG Registration Open on 4-H Online
- Dec 19 KYG Info Meeting on Zoom - Email Extension for link
- Dec 25 & 26 Christmas Break (Extension Office Closed).
- Dec ?** Horse Leader's Meeting Location & Time TBD.



JANUARY 2025

- Jan 1 4-H Scholarship Applications open
- Jan 6* Public Presentation Registration is Open <https://v2.4honline.com/>
- Jan 11* Public Presentation Skills Clinic Time 10:30-12:30pm Laurel Church
- Jan 12 KYG Pre-Conference meeting. Tentative date.
- Jan 13 Volunteer Training: The Organized Club Zoom 6:30-8:00pm
- Jan 13 KYG Registration and Hotel Booking Closes
- Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday observed (Extension Closed)
- Jan 25 Country Living Expo skagit.wsu.edu/countrylivingexpo
- Jan 27 Public Presentation Judges Training 6:30-8:00pm Laurel Church
- Jan 30 ** Horse Leaders Meeting – 7:00pm Herman Miller Park
- Jan 31 Equine Project Enrollment Deadline

FEBRUARY 2025

Feb 1 LATE FEE OF \$10 ADDED TO ENROLLMENT DUES IN 4-H ONLINE

- Feb 3* Whatcom 4-H Council Business Meeting 7:00pm Laurel Church
- Feb 6 **The Welcoming Club – In person Location & Time TBD**
- Feb 15 Registration closes for County Public Presentation Contest
- Feb 15-17 KYG Conference Feb17-19th Olympia, WA
- Feb 17 President's Day (Extension Office Closed)
- Feb 22 * Public Presentations 10am-3:00pm Laurel Church
- Feb 24* Public Presentations 5:00-9:00pm Laurel Church
- Feb 27 ** Horse Leaders Meeting – 7:00pm Herman Miller Park
- Feb 27 Sewing & Stitchery Expo, <https://sewexpo.com> Fairgrounds in Puyallup Feb 27-Mar 2nd

MARCH 2025

- Mar 3 Horse Judging Kelly Park Stables 6:30pm
- Mar 15* DEADLINE: WSU State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
<http://extension.wsu.edu/4-H/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>
- Mar 15 Check Lynden Junior Livestock Show for Tags and agreement forms and Deadline dates Contact: <https://www.lyndenjrlivestock.org/>
- Mar 25 Volunteer Training: The Successful Club Zoom 6:30-8:00pm
- Mar 27 ** Horse Leader's Meeting, 7:00pm Herman Miller Park
- Mar 30 Youth in Action Awards Application Due
<https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/#!application>

APRIL 2025

- Apr 1 DEADLINE: Washington State Dairy Endowment Scholarship Application Due <http://extension.wsu.edu/4-H/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>
- Apr 1 DEADLINE: Whatcom 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- Apr 7* Whatcom 4-H Council Business Meeting, 7:00pm Laurel Church
- Apr 11/12 Whatcom Youth Fair <https://whatcomcountyyouthfair.com/>
- Apr 11-16 * National 4-H Conference starts 11-16th Arlington, Virginia
- Apr 17 ** Horse Leader's Meeting, 7pm Herman Miller Park
- Apr 15 **Fair 101 for New 4-H Families** 6:30-8:00pm Laurel Church
- Apr 17-20 ? Northwest Junior Livestock Show, at Puyallup Spring Fair, Puyallup WA – Check these dates as they weren't posted as of 10/7/24 <https://nwjls.com/>
- Apr 23 Volunteer Training: The Safe – Zoom 6:30-8:00pm
- Apr 25-27 Horse Clubs 1st County Qualifying Show

MAY 2024

- May 1 Equine Projects Deadline for Enrollment & Horse Certificates Due
- May 1** Puget Sound Jr. Livestock Show Entry Deadline pugetsoundjuniorlivestock.org**Check for planning meeting dates
- May 5 Horse Judging Herman Miller Park 6:30pm
- May 20 Volunteer Training: The Organized Club – Zoom 6:30-8:00pm
- May 22** Horse Leader's Meeting 7:00pm Herman Miller Park
- May 23-26* Festival of Flags: Greenacres Memorial Park, Corner of Northwest & Axton Roads, Ferndale, 1:00-4:00pm Service Opportunity. **Tentative Dates
- May 26 Memorial Day Observed (Extension Office Closed)

JUNE 2025

- June 1* 4-H Enrollment Deadline for Participation in NWWA Fair
****Enrollment by this date DOES NOT guarantee that project eligibility. Certain projects have additional deadlines and/or qualifying events that need to be met.***
- June 1 Dairy Certificates Due in the Extension Office
- June 2 * Whatcom 4-H Council Business Meeting 7:00pm Laurel Church
- June 5-7* Puget Sound Junior Livestock Show and Sale Skagit County Fairgrounds
- June 19 Juneteenth Observed (Extension Office Closed).
- June 19 ** Horse Leader's Meeting 7:00pm Herman Miller Park
- June 28-30** 2nd Whatcom County Horse Qualifier for fair, NWWA Fair, Lynden



JULY 2025

July 4 Fourth of July Holiday (Extension Office Closed).

July 8 ** NWWA Fair Animal, 4-H posters, and 4-H photography Entries due ONLINE

July 24 NWWA Fair Still Life Entries Due ONLINE

July 24 ** Horse Leader's Meeting 7:00pm Herman Miller Park

*** Horse Record Books due in July – check with Club Leaders to confirm date!

AUGUST 2025

Aug 1 Nominations for State 4-H Awards due - Volunteer Excellence, Friend of 4-H, Alumni of the Year and Volunteer's Staff Award

Aug 4 * Whatcom 4-H Council Business Meeting, 7:00pm, Location TBD

Aug 7-16 * Northwest Washington Fair, Lynden, WA

Aug 16 ** Clover Parade, NWWA Fair, 11:00am, Lynden (tentative date/time)

SEPTEMBER 2025

Aug 29- Sept 21 State Fair, Puyallup (Closed on Tuesdays)

Schedule see <http://extension.wsu.edu/4-H/fairs/state-4-h-fair/>

Sept 1 State Ambassador Applications due

Sept 1 Labor Day Holiday (Extension Office Closed)

Sept 25** Horse Leader's Meeting 7:00pm Herman Miller Park

Sept 30 * Record Books and Awards Applications/Nominations due in Extension Office by 4:00pm. Apply for an award <http://whatcom.wsu.edu/4-H/awards.html>

Dates marked with * are required in all record book calendars.

Dates marked with ** are required in Horse project record book calendars.

CALENDAR AS OF 10/7/2024 This calendar is a guideline. All dates and locations should be confirmed by parents and volunteers to check for changes throughout the year.

Addresses of Common Meeting Locations:

Laurel Church 162 W. Laurel Rd Bellingham

Herman Miller Park 1385 E Hemmi Rd Everson

NW WA Fair/Lynden Fairgrounds 1775 Front St Lynden

WSU Extension Office 600 Dupont St Ste A Bellingham

Leaders: The 4-H Whatcom County Council voted to extend the council meeting attendance incentive!

Make sure to send a club representative to each council meeting and earn a \$20 donation per meeting to your club. Contact Extension for details

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The 4-H Program Year begins on October 1! Returning members and volunteers should re-enroll by Dec 1!

4-H is a year-round positive youth development program. Enroll on time to make sure our child can fully benefit.

**Enroll at
<https://v2.4honline.com/>**

Tips on 4-H Enrolling in 4-H!

- 1) Start by setting up your family profile, and then add youth or volunteer memberships
- 2) Select your club! If you are adding a second club, please contact the Extension Office for assistance
- 3) The annual Enrollment fee is \$30 before Feb 1 and a \$10 late fee is added on Feb 1.
- 4) Wellpoint (previously Amerigroup) is once again covering the state 4-H Enrollment Fee of \$25 for members of their plans. Contact Extension Office for assistance applying the coupon.
- 5) The Whatcom 4-H Council offers Financial Assistance of up to 50% of the enrollment fee. To apply complete the assistance request form: https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2093/2017/03/4h_assistance_application3.pdf
- 5) Make sure you add in all of the projects that you think your youth would like to try. If you need help adding projects after enrollment contact the Extension Office.
- 6) Enrollment can be paid by cash or check, in person or by mail. Credit/Debit card payments are processed online. If you are requesting financial assistance or a late fee waiver, you MUST chose the cash/check option as we are unable to change or reverse charges to your debit/credit card. Enrollment dues are non-refundable



Volunteers Make 4-H Happen!

4-H is a family activity. Youth will benefit the most when family is involved in this positive youth development program. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of the program and to be successful and happy, they need your support! Not everyone has to be a 'Leader'. There are plenty of ways you can assist in your child's club.

- Help organize a meeting
- Run a fundraiser
- Take photos of activities
- Help with bookkeeping
- Share your skills
- Communicate Club plans to others
- Help new families learn about the club and feel welcome
- Mentor a youth leader
- Ask your leader how you can help!

If you are regularly helping provide youth programming, please enroll as a Volunteer. You can also enroll as a volunteer that helps out with county events, like public presentations.

The steps to become a WSU Extension Certified 4-H Volunteer are as follows:

- Contact the Extension Office and let us know you would like to volunteer
- Successfully complete a Background Check
- Send in a Volunteer Application form:
https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2022/09/Volunteer-Application-Form-COMBINED_Fillable.pdf
- Complete an interview and reference checks
- Complete 4 self-paced online learning modules (20-60 minutes each)
- Enroll in 4-H Online as a volunteer
- Complete five Volunteer Trainings over the course of two years with Whatcom County Extension (3 Zoom, 2 in person 1-2hrs each)

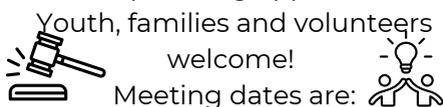


Know someone who would be interested in starting a club?
Contact Extension!

Things to look forward for in 2024-25

Whatcom 4-H Council Meetings

Come and help shape the future of Whatcom County 4-H and learn about upcoming opportunities!



Youth, families and volunteers welcome!

Meeting dates are:

Oct 7, Dec 2, Feb 3, Apr 7, Jun 2
Aug 4 at Laurel Church

National 4-H Week



Show off your 4-H spirit and
From Oct 6-12th



Kiwanis STEAM Expo

Saturday Nov 2nd 11-3pm
Lynden Fairgrounds

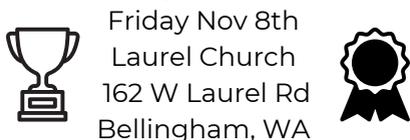


Come out and explore chemistry
with some Mad Science
experiments and Whatcom 4-H!

Whatcom 4-H Achievement Night

Celebrate the hard work from the
2023-24 year and get connected with
our communities!

Bring a potluck dessert to share at
6pm, the program starts at 7pm!



Friday Nov 8th
Laurel Church
162 W Laurel Rd
Bellingham, WA

Record Book Workshop

Come out and learn tips and tricks
for making a Blue Ribbon Record
Book!

Whether you're new to record books
or want to hone your skills, this
workshop will help get the 2024-25
year started right!



Nov 16th 2-4pm
Laurel Church



Make Cozy Caps for a Cause

Whatcom 4-H youth and their
families are invited to come and help
with our annual hat sewing service
project! No experience needed! Hats
to be donated to cold weather
shelters! Not a drop off event.

Evening of Nov 21, check your email
for time!



Laurel Church



Leader Appreciation Dinner

Dec 2 6pm!

Volunteers are invited to our annual
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner! We
need teen youth members to help
serve pizza and to say thank you to
our hardworking leaders!



Laurel Church
Bellingham, WA



Contact Extension to sign up!

Things to look forward for in 2024-25



Know Your Government Teen Opportunity

Pursue Justice: Be the Jury
February 15 – 17, 2025 • Olympia,
WA



Event website



**County Delegation forms and
meets in January! Contact
Extension office for more info!**

Public Presentations Skills Workshop



January 11, 2025
10:30-12:30



Laurel Church

Whether you're a presentation
Pro or learning the ropes, come
out, ask questions, get tips and
have fun exploring the power of
presentations!

Public Presentations



February 22 10:30-3
February 24 5-9
Laurel Church

Registration opens January 6 in 4-H
Online!

Our County Public Presentations
Contest is a valuable 4-H experience!
Watch your email for details.

Scholarship Applications!

State 4-H Applications due

March 15

County due April 1



[http://extension.wsu.edu/4-
H/youth/scholarship-opportunities/](http://extension.wsu.edu/4-H/youth/scholarship-opportunities/)

[http://extension.wsu.edu/4-
H/youth/scholarship-opportunities/](http://extension.wsu.edu/4-H/youth/scholarship-opportunities/)

Whatcom County Youth Fair

April 11 & 12



Whatcom Youth Fair Website

While not a 4-H event, the Whatcom
County Youth Fair is an invaluable
opportunity for kids to come out and
learn new skills! You'll find plenty of
4-H'ers and their families there to
have fun with!

Fair 101!

Families new to 4-H or any families
with questions are invited to come
out and get a crash course on all
things "Fair"! Ask questions and
learn what to expect as a family, and
about how the Fair helps support
Positive Youth Development

April 15

6:30-8

Laurel Church



Things to look forward for in 2024-25

June 1

4-H is a year-long positive youth development program. It is more than just a "Fair" program, it's based on belonging, mastery, independence and generosity year round effort that we all work towards. **Enrollment opens Oct 1.** For most* projects, enrollment needs to happen by June 1 in order to participate in the Fair,

July



NW Washington Fair Entries Due Online

Animal entries are due by July 8
Still Life Entries are due by July 24

Check the Fair website early for premium guides! Superintendents contact info is listed and they are great about answering questions!

Get ready to have fun, work hard and compete at the NW Washington Fair August 7-16

And if you're not done with Fair season, learn more about how you can attend the Washington State Fair!

August 29 - September 21

Awards & Accolades for your hard work in the 2024-2025 4-H year!

Know a 4-H'er who has worked extra hard? Want to show a volunteer that you see how hard they work?

Youth Member & Volunteer Award Applications & Record Books are due to Extension by September 30!

Check out

<https://extension.wsu.edu/whatcom/4h-awards/>

And that's just some of the things going on in 4-H this year!

Dates are subject to change. Bad weather and illness may impact programming so always confirm dates/times/locations.

The primary method of communication is through email. We are updating the website and that will be the alternate information source.

If you don't open your Whatcom 4-H emails, you may miss out on valuable information. Always feel free to contact the Extension office with questions. WSU Is an Equal Opportunity provider.

*Projects have varying requirements for Fair Participation, Enrollment by June 1 does not guarantee that a project is eligible for Fair

The 2025 4-H Leadership Learning Calendar for Club Leaders, Project Leaders, and Parents



2024-2025 Leadership Learning Series
This is a sign up sheet for the entire series of 2024-2025 Leadership Workshops. Some in-person...
@4hspokane.com



Learning the latest tips and tricks for working with youth is good for everyone. Most of these trainings repeat annually. Please get them all checked off within your first two years. You are welcome to attend any trainings that interest you as often as you like. We have on-line and in person training opportunities this year

The Leadership Circle October 8, 2024 6:30 – 8:00 Laurel Church

Leadership is what we do. There are lots of theories and many different kinds of leaders, knowing the different ways people lead gives you an edge on helping young leaders develop to their full potential. Come share traditional and non-traditional approaches to leadership development.

The Safe Club (1.5 hrs) ZOOM October 22, 2024 6:30 – 8PM April 23, 2025 6:30 - 8:00 PM

For Club and Project Leaders Experience is sometimes a hard teacher but in 4-H we completely believe in learning by doing! Creating a safe space for experience to be our guide means knowing the policies and protections provided by WSU for 4-H volunteers.

The Learning Club (1.5 hrs) (in person)
Skagit: November 6, 2024 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Whatcom: November 17, 2024 2:00 – 4:00 PM
for Club Leaders, Project Leaders, and Parents
In order to help young people master their experiences, we need to understand motivation and some of the developmental principles of growth. Learn the methods through which young people are empowered across the nation! Held at your local Extension office.

The Organized Club (1.5 hrs) ZOOM January 13, 2025 6:30 – 8:00 PM May 20, 2025 6:30 – 8:00 PM

For Club Leaders and Project Leaders Your success as a club leader will depend a lot on how you organize and communicate. In this workshop we cover calendars, record books and financial management.

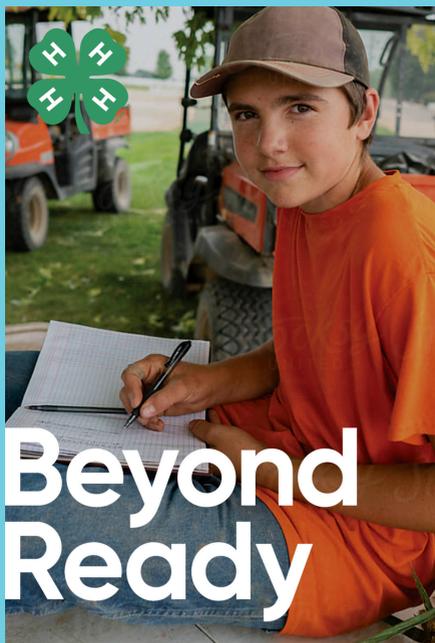
Fair 101: for Whatcom & NWWF April 15, 2025 6:30-8pm Laurel Church

For New Families & Project Leaders Let's face it, "baptism by fire" isn't the best way to learn about the fair. This workshop is specifically designed for new families to learn some of the basic "lingo" around fair, how to prepare and what happens once you get there.

The Welcoming Club (1.5 hrs.) (in person)
Whatcom: February 26, 2025 6:30 – 8:00PM
Skagit: May 7, 2025 6:30 – 8:00PM for Club Leaders
How do 4-H Clubs grow? What makes people stick with 4-H or leave? Our culture is over one hundred years old! Those first few moments a new family steps into our world are critical. Come learn about supporting 4-H through welcoming activities and the online enrollment system.

**The Successful Club (1 hr.) ZOOM
March 25, 6:30 – 7:30**
For Club Leaders, Project Leaders and Parents
Everyone likes to be recognized for a job well done. As a service leadership program, the tasks rests on us to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth, and to grow a culture of community celebration.

Community & Competition
Whatcom: May 15, 6:00 PM –9:00 PM
Concurrently offered with youth judging workshop
Is your child ready for competition? Maybe? Are you? Maybe not? Competition is a part of the fair experience, and a part of the curriculum of 4-H that builds character and critical thinking skills in your youth, and it requires adults who can model positive sportsmanship and support for winning and losing. Come build your community of competition intentionally.



Beyond Ready

Building a ready generation
in a world of change.



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120 years ago, we were ready.

Ready to get our hands dirty,
Ready to learn by doing,
Ready to push the power of youth forward.
And as our inspiration grew, so did we.

When we expanded into every corner of America,
We were ready.

Ready to ask questions about the world,
To show up for our community,
To become the leaders
we were always meant to be.

And when we evolved into the
unstoppable force we are today,
We were ready.

Ready to open our arms to every opportunity,
Every path, And every child -
Generation after generation.

Over six million of us have been inspired by 4-H.
It's time to inspire six million more.

We were ready then.
We're beyond ready now.
After all, it's always been in our DNA.
Beyond ready for school.
Beyond ready for work.
Beyond ready for life—
And everything that comes with it.

As we begin a new 4-H year together, we look forward to a year of helping our youth members be ready for whatever comes their way in life.

This year we're focusing on a year of service in 4-H. Specifically, we'll be focusing on providing our community with educational and service opportunities to learn about food security in Whatcom County. Watch your email for upcoming events.

If you have an idea for a community-wide service project, please contact the Extension Office.



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HANDS



HEALTH

4-H Youth Code of Conduct (Signed online when Youth Members Enroll)

The code of conduct shall be signed by each youth member and parent/guardian with the current year enrollment. A 4-H youth is not eligible to participate in the 4-H program without this agreement.

As a 4-H youth participant/member you have the responsibility of representing all 4-H members to the public. Therefore, you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that respects individual rights, safety, and property of others, and reflects favorably on your state, county/tribal program, and club, as well as yourself. You are expected to observe the following guidelines as a participant/member of 4-H.

1. The possession and use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, and/or drugs other than prescribed medication is prohibited. The use of tobacco products (including vapor products) by youth members is prohibited.
2. Obscene and discriminatory language, roughhousing, and insubordination will not be tolerated.
3. Members and leaders must demonstrate respect for each other and the public.
4. Members are to refrain from public displays of affection or sexual activities at all 4-H functions.
5. Provide an environment that is free of any form of harassment toward other 4-H participant/members, volunteers, or staff.
6. Damage to, or destruction of, property belonging to others is prohibited.
7. Animal abuse of any kind is prohibited.
8. Display of unsportsmanlike conduct is prohibited.
9. Be an example of how to accept what life has to offer – good and bad – and how to live with the outcome of exhibiting your project.
10. Wear neat, clean, and appropriate attire; including shoes, boots, or appropriate footwear at all times.
11. Report any infractions to the superintendent/club leader/event coordinator.

Penalties for infractions(s) may include any or all of the following:

- Placing the member on probation for involvement in further 4-H events and/or termination of 4-H membership.
- Assessing the member the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage or destruction of property.
- Releasing the member to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities.
- Withholding premiums and/or sending the member home from 4-H activities or events.

All penalties for infractions will be determined by the local Extension 4-H Office*. The local 4-H Extension staff/faculty will notify parents/guardians if penalties are necessary.

For youth & parent/guardians: We understand this agreement is to ensure the safety of the 4-H youth member and ensure conduct and behavior that will result in each participant receiving the full benefit of enjoyment and educational experience from this 4-H affiliation/event. It is not intended to place undue restrictions upon participants.

For youth members: I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its rules. I understand that infractions of this code will result in any or all of the penalties listed above.

****During the Fair and Fair related activities, Premiums may be pulled at the discretion of the Fair and the 4-H Superintendent***

4-H Adult Code of Conduct

- Treat others in a courteous, respectful manner, and serve as a positive role model for youth.
- Accept supervision and work cooperatively with county 4-H staff while involved in the program.
- Abide by policies and guidelines of WSU Extension state and county 4-H programs.
- Make all reasonable efforts to assure that 4-H youth programs are accessible to youth without regard to race, color, gender, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.
- Uphold an individual's right to dignity, self-development, and self-direction.
- NOT abuse any 4-H participant by physical or verbal means, and will report such abuse if observed.
- Refer to WSU Publication C1001E - Child Abuse: Information for WSU Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers - for child abuse information reporting procedures.
- Keep county 4-H staff informed of any incidents that may violate 4-H policies or personal rights.
- Treat animals humanely, and teach youth to properly care for animals.
- Operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a safe and responsible manner.
- Handle fundraising & finances in an ethical manner according to C1059E, 4-H Leader's Guide to Handling Funds in the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- NOT consume alcohol, use marijuana, tobacco (including vapor products), or illegal substances while responsible for youth in 4-H activities, nor consume anything that will in any way impact my ability to work safely with youth.
- NOT require 4-H participants to purchase materials, equipment, animals, or services from any specific places of business.



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WSU Extension programs and policies are consistent with federal and state laws and regulations on nondiscrimination regarding race, sex, religion, age, color, creed, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, and veteran status. Evidence or noncompliance may be reported through the WSU Extension office. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who contact the Whatcom Extension office at least two weeks prior to the event



Road Map to a Successful 4-H Year



Attend your club meetings, and ask your Leaders what you can do to help out!
Communication is key! Find out how the club communicates and check the calendar for events.



Get Connected!

4-H is a community working together to make the best better.

- Come out to County event,
- join our facebook groups
- stop by the Extension office! The more connected we are, the stronger we are.



Belonging.

4-H has a place for everyone. Welcome new members and help them learn. Be part of a space that's safe for youth to learn & grow in.



Independence.

4-H creates opportunities to see oneself as an active participant in the future. Practice self-determination,



Mastery.

4-H is experiential learning. We challenge ourselves to make the best better. Identify what went well, and what you'll do differently next time.



Generosity.

The best leaders are those who truly learn to serve others. Participate in service projects.



ASK QUESTIONS!

There's a lot to learn in 4-H and we're here to help!



Share. Learn.
Grow and
HAVE FUN!



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