Hello Whatcom 4-H'ers!

Happy 2025! Here's your winter updates on dates to know and things to do!

1) Our Whatcom County Public Presentations Contest is now open for registrations! To register, go to your family profile and click on the member, and then Events. Your youth member must be enrolled as an approved, paid member to complete registration. I am still catching up on enrollments after taking the end of December, so please reach out fi you're having any issue getting registered. Please contact me with accommodation requests, or add into the registration.

2) We need help to make the Public Presentations Contest a great experience! Please consider helping! Take a look at options to help listed on here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AEAB2BA2F5C07-54105283-whatcom#/

3) The $10 late fee will be applied as on Feb1. If you are enrolling and requesting a waiver of this fee or financial assistance, please select the cash/check option when submitting your enrollments and follow up with an email to me with your request.

4) On Saturday from 10:30-12:30 we are having a public presentations workshop. Please RSVP here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AEAB2BA2F5C07-54080127-whatcom

5) The Know Your Government Teen Conference registration is closing next week! Please let me know if you have a high school aged youth interested in going! Information on the conference is here: https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/kyg/conference-information/

6) New rules for the County Horse Program require youth enrollment in the project by Jan 31. For other projects please check with your leaders or the county extension office. 4-H is a year-round positive youth development program, and we want our youth members to reap the full benefits by being involved for the year!

7) High School Seniors! Scholarship opportunities are now open to apply for! Don't forget to check WSU's 4-H page: https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/
The County Council also has a scholarship available: https://extension.wsu.edu/whatcom/4h-awards/#wcscholarships

Clover Online has a great 4-part series helping families and teens understand FAFSA and finances for college. Having just navigated this one on my own for the first time with my teen, I encourage families to check it out. College can be accessible, but it can also feel daunting to explore. This series is short and helps simplify some of the mysteries behind FAFSA and affording college. Financial Aid and the Net Cost of College - National 4-H Council - This is just one of the segments. You'll need to create a free 4-H Clover account to access the rest.

Please reach out with questions!

Thanks for being part of Whatcom County 4-H!

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