

KITTITAS COUNTY 4H FOCUS



Calendar

Feb 5	Swine Information Day
Feb 6	County Qualifier - Recurve & Compound Archery @ Kittitas County Fairgrounds
Feb 7	County Qualifier - Air Rifle @ Kittitas County Fairgrounds
Feb 8	County Qualifier - .22 Smallbore Rifle @ Kittitas County Fairgrounds
Feb 8	Art of Fine Dining @ 6:00pm - The Dakota Cafe
Feb 15	Western Regional Leaders Forum Registration Due
Feb 16	Livestock Committee Meeting @ 7pm in the Extension meeting room
Feb 17	Dog Committee Meeting @ 7pm in the Extension resource room
Feb 18	Small Stock Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Extension meeting room
Feb 27	Knitting Clinic 1-3pm
Feb 27	Greensleeves 4-H St. Patrick's Day Show
Feb 25-28	Sewing & Stitchery Expo in Puyallup

Happy Valentine's Day!

The View From the Corner Office



In an organizational practices newsletter I subscribe to, the featured article this month was on the topic of organizational culture. The gist of it was that when the director changes an organization finds itself draw anew into a search for its identity, with potential conflicts emerging between the new director and longtime members when 'my way' or 'our way' and 'your way' struggles become the focus rather than working together to find effective ways to respond to present circumstances in keeping with the organization's mission.

In some ways this simple truth has been played out among us as I have taken over here as the 4-H Program Director. I came to Kittitas County with no ownership of the structures, contests, and awards that have emerged and evolved among you over the years, but with an interest in and basic understanding of 4-H as an educational enterprise that employed adult volunteers to guide youth toward positive personal and community outcomes. In my orientation and training I was exposed to the context of Washington State University and its expectations for the 4-H program and have used that understanding to guide my management of our county program. There are times when that understanding is contrary to past and/or current practice here which I have sought to address by bringing local practice in line with those expectations, and when unable to adopt such changes through adoption by program and/or project volunteers I retain and will exercise the privilege of executive override, not to impose my will but to live up to my responsibilities under my contracts with Washington State University and the U.S. Congress as the licensee for the 4-H name and symbol.

At the same time, the pace of change in the world around us seems to have accelerated and expectations are changing in response to the new legal and regulatory environment we find ourselves in among them volunteer hour reporting, standards for enrollment and training, and new bio-security measures. These are things over which neither you nor I can exercise any control other than to accept them as conditions of our involvement with this program.

As we move into the heart of our program year I want to say thank you for all you do to make this program succeed. Among the signs of your continued commitment are: Council fundraising exceeded \$10,000



WSU Kittitas County 4-H Youth Development Vision Statement:

The WSU Kittitas County 4-H program is a community recognized and supported quality youth development program that helps youth of the county acquire practical hands-on experiences and life skills enabling them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of a diverse and changing society.

last year, 78% of all enrolled youth submitted record books for review last year, all the continuing clubs that needed to file Annual Financial Summaries did so, 34 volunteers are utilizing the new hours reporting system, 5 additional volunteers have completed online training bringing the total to 32, 62 volunteers have completed their enrollment or re-enrollment interviews, and you have enrolled 120 new youth members.



Club Business

Record Book Tips – February

Update Calendar and Project Diary (Level 1) or Project Journal (Level 2) with February dates.

Financial Summary – Know Your Government members-there is no beginning value for KYG. Ending value will include conference registration and money spent while in Olympia (transferred from your project journal).

Permanent Record – Record Know Your Government in Project and Exhibit Summary, page 2/3. Record KYG Conference in 4-H events attended, page 9.

Electronic Record Books

The State 4-H Web Site <http://4h.wsu.edu/> (click on Publications) has 4-H record books as Word templates that can be filled out online.

4-H Forms and Policies Online

Many Kittitas County 4-H forms and policies are available on the Kittitas County Extension Website: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/>

Indian John Fundraiser

4-H Council will be offering refreshments for a donation at Indian John Rest Area, June 18-21 and July 9-12 this year. The club leader will receive a letter explaining the sign-up procedure. Each club must sign up for one time shift. Committee members to be determined at February's meeting.

4-H National Online Giving Program

National 4-H Council launched the first nationwide online giving portal for 4-H in November. The new portal is designed to streamline the donation experience and create a revenue stream for 4-H programs. The portal now makes it easier for 4-H supporters to make a direct, financial impact on local 4-H programs through unrestricted giving to National 4-H Council or specific states.

States will have the flexibility to direct funds received to those areas with the greatest need - from scholarships to attend conferences, to curriculum programming.

As part of a six-month pilot program, donations to Maryland, Michigan, Louisiana and Washington State 4-H programs can be designated to specific counties within the state, making an even more direct impact on local 4-H youth.

To view the new Online Giving website, and to make a donation to support 4-H, visit:

www.4-h.org/donate.

Concession Booth Needs Your Help

The concession booth committee is in need of some materials to finish work on the existing concession booth. If anybody has and wants to donate the following materials, the committee would be very appreciative.

The materials needed are:

- 1 - 4x8 sheet of T-111
- 50 feet of weather stripping
- 2 - 8 foot 2x2's
- 2 - 8ft 8inch shelves
- 1 - 4x4 sheet of 3/4 plywood
- 5 gallons of outdoor primer
- 5 gallons of outdoor 4-H green paint

If you have any questions or would like to arrange pick up of any of these items please call Randy Wheeler at 509-899-4346 or call the Extension Office at 509-962-7507.

Thank you for your consideration.



Opportunities

County Demonstrations

To qualify for a state 4-H fair demonstration, 4-Hers can either register for the county event OR the club can ask Mary Matthews for a special appointment at a club meeting.

4-Hers who want to do a demonstration at the county event must contact Mary Matthews to register; however, all County Demonstration Days will be scheduled at Mary's convenience during the month of June. All county level demonstrations must be completed by June 30, 2010.

Participants receive blue, red, or white ribbons and premiums. Trophies and rosettes go to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place junior, intermediate, and senior winners. Juniors, intermediates, and seniors receiving blue ribbons and a star (designating state fair quality) can compete at State 4-H fair in Puyallup in September. All 4-Hers are eligible to give a demonstration at the Kittitas County Fair.

A senior 4-Her can qualify to go to state fair with a National Equine Presentation [individual demonstration or illustrated talk, 2-person team demonstration or illustrated talk, or individual public speaking



(persuasive)]. The rules and a score sheet for this contest are available at the Extension Office or at <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm> Kittitas County can send a senior in each category. Winner of the state contest represents Washington in the National Equine Presentation competition in Kentucky.

Intermediate and Senior 4-Hers (no teams) can qualify to go to state fair with a Commodity Presentation (delicious dairy foods, priceless potatoes, charming chicken, amazing apples, and blushing blueberries). There are specific guidelines and a score sheet for these contests available at the Extension Office or online at <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>. Kittitas County can send one intermediate and one senior in each category. Winners of the state contest receive \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place from the respective commodity group.

Each participant will be allowed 20 minutes to set up, demonstrate, answer questions, talk with the judge, and clean up. An easel and table will be provided, you will need to bring everything else that is needed for your presentation.

Some tips on making your 4-H demonstration:

- Choose a topic you know well so you're able to understand & answer questions
- Be sure to use visuals (poster)
 - Posters Tips
 - * All letters need to be at least 2 inches
 - * Black on white works best
 - * Check to see if it can be seen from a distance
 - * No small pictures or writing
 - * Use a straight edge if writing freehand
- Use a loud and clear voice
- Be prepared for questions
- Note cards are clues - don't write it all out and read it
- Time your presentation. Juniors try for 3-8 min., intermediates 5-15 min., seniors 8-20 min.
- Don't forget!!!
 - * A zinger (opening statement to catch attention)
 - * A closing
 - * Repeat questions

For help on making your presentation, you can get a copy of "Getting to the Point: How to do a 4-H Public Presentation" (EM4787E) and "Public Presentations, Demonstrations, and Illustrated Talks" (EM4788) at the Extension Office.

To sign up: Call Mary Matthews at 962-9798 to make arrangements for your club or county demonstration day. Please give Mary the following

information: name, phone number, age group (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior), project you are enrolled in, and your demonstration title.

Great Backyard Bird Count

Bird watchers coast to coast are invited to take part in the 13th annual Great Backyard Bird Count, Friday, February 12, through Monday, February 15, 2010.

Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from novice bird watchers to experts. Participants count birds for as little as 15 minutes on one or more days of the event and report their sightings online at www.birdcount.org, where you can explore real-time maps and charts that show what others are reporting. There are tips to help identify birds and a photo contest that can be entered.

For more information about the GBBC, visit www.birdcount.org or contact the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at 800-843-2473 or gbbc@cornell.edu.

Thirteenth Annual Cougar Youth Weekend

The WSU Dairy Club is sponsoring the Thirteenth Annual Cougar Youth Weekend for April 16-18, 2010.

Youth have the option to choose from three different tracts. Tract 1 focuses on dairy cow fitting and showing. Tract 2 focuses on dairy cow judging. New this year is tract 3, which incorporates the growing dairy goat industry.

For a registration packet, contact: Cougar Youth Weekend Chair Gabby Eddings at gabby_eddings@hotmail.com or the WSU Dairy Club website at:

<http://www.ansci.wsu.edu/Clubs/dairy/index.html>

2010 Ag Day Essay Contest

This year's theme is "American Agriculture: Abundant, Affordable, Amazing"

Students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate. Entries must be received by February 12, 2010.

For more information visit:
www.hpj.com/agdayessay/



Volunteer Opportunities

Online Leader Training

There are still some leaders who need to complete the online leader training. For those who still need to complete this training, please do so by going online to:
<http://www.4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>

Western Regional Leader Forum March 11-14

This year's Western Regional Leader Forum will be held March 11-14, 2010 in New Mexico. Late registrations are being accepted until February 15 and the fee is now \$300. For more information see:
<http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/>



Teen Opportunities

Jeanette K. Burghart Memorial Scholarship

Kittitas County 4-H Council is sponsoring a \$500 Jeanette K. Burghart Memorial Scholarship to a graduating senior who is actively involved in 4-H. The Extension Office has the selection criteria and application. Applications are due by April 1. The applicant must be enrolled in a leadership project. Scoring includes community service and Know Your Government involvement.

Applicants submit last year's record book including up-to-date permanent record, a letter of application, application form, two letters of recommendation, a current photo, and participate in an interview. The winner is announced at graduation.



4-H Endowment Trust Fund Scholarship

Kittitas County 4-H Council is sponsoring a \$1,000 4-H Endowment Trust Fund Scholarship to a graduating senior who is actively involved in 4-H. The Extension Office has the selection criteria and applications. Applications are due April 1. The applicant must be enrolled and actively involved in a leadership project and list community service.

Applicant's submit last year's record book including up-to-date permanent record, a letter of application, application form, two letters of recommendation, a current photo, and participate in an interview. The winner is announced at graduation.

4-H Youth Leadership Summit—Extreme Edition

Please reserve the dates of March 13-14, 2010, for the "4-H youth Leadership Summit - Extreme Edition". All current County Teen Representatives, their advisors, 4-H staff, AND any middle school youth in the county, may attend this event.

The Washington 4-H State Ambassadors plan and facilitate the training which includes: goal setting, communication, public speaking, facilitating meetings and workshops, and other practical fun topics and activities.

Youth ages 12-15 are the target audience for this event. Specific information and registration will be available in February. The cost will be \$40 per youth and adult.

Cougar Quest

Cougar Quest is a residential academic summer camp for highly capable students on the Washington State University campus in Pullman.

This camp is designed to meet educational and social needs of young college-bound students entering grades 7-12 in fall 2010.

This simulated six-day college encounter is intended to be a fun adventure. Students attend three hands-on workshops of their choosing, most of which are taught by college professors.

There are 36 different workshops available, some of which are Culinary Arts, Fashion Design, Environmental Sciences, and Lego Mindstorm Robots.

Camp dates for grades 7-9 are July 18-23 and the dates for grades 9-12 are July 25-30. The cost of this camp is \$595.

For more information on workshops available or to register for this event please visit www.cougarquest.wsu.edu or contact cougarquest@wsu.edu



Food's & Clothing Information

Sewing & Stitchery Expo

The 2010 Sewing & Stitchery Expo will be February 25-28 in Puyallup. Choose from more than 100 daily seminars and hands-on classes and browse the booths of over 200 exhibitors.

For more information call 1-866-554-8559 or visit <http://www.sewexpo.com>



Knitting Clinic

Dale Lonowski has arranged for Mary Tolman to conduct a 2-hour knitting session with county 4-H'ers interested in knitting.

When: Saturday, February 27th, 2010, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Where: Tolman home (501 3rd Ave.) - People should park on Anderson

What: learn basic knitting stitches

What to Bring: set of #10 knitting needles (if you already have some) - about the size of a pencil (Mary has about 10 sets of knitting needles that she is willing to share.)

Mary has yarn, and Dale is donating some as well.



Dog Project Information

Dog Committee Meeting

The next dog committee meeting is on February 17 @ 7:00pm in the Extension Resource room.





Shooting Sports Information

County Qualifier

Kittitas County Shooting Sports will be having their County Qualifier in February.

Feb 6: Recurve and Compound Archery, Kittitas County Fairgrounds

Feb 7: Air Rifle, Kittitas County Fairgrounds

Feb 8: .22 Smallbore Rifle, Kittitas County Rifle and Pistol Range

Feb 27: Muzzle Loading Rifle, Buffalo Ranch in Bader Pocket

Feb TBA: Shotgun, TBA

The SE District Qualifier tentative date is April 10; tentative location is the Ephrata Sportsman Range. Firm date and location will be announced as soon as plans are finalized.

4-H Invitational

The State 4-H Invitational will be held April 24. Archery will be held in Tacoma at the Skookumchuck Archery Range. Air Rifle, .22 Smallbore Rifle, Muzzle Loading, and Pistol will be held in Ephrata on the same date. Shotgun has yet to be determined, but they are trying to hold the event in Ephrata on the same date.

The 2010 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational will be held June 28-July 2 in Kerrville, TX.



Small Animal Information

Small Animal Committee Meeting

The next Small Animal Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2010. All clubs should be present to participate in planning program details for 2010.

Small Animal Dates for 2010

The dates for small animal events have been secured at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. They are as follows:

May 1	Poultry Pre-Show
June 5	Rabbit & Cavy Pre-Show



Washington State 4-H Fair Schedule

The following schedule will be utilized for 4-H exhibitors at the 2010 Washington State 4-H Fair:
Sept 17-19 - 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show
Sept 20 - 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Judging Contest

Kittitas County 4-H State Fair Qualifying Guidelines.

1. The qualifying show for Washington State 4-H fair is the Kittitas County Fair.
2. Qualifications is based upon an objective standard applied to all entries:

Blue in Showmanship/Blue in Class

Blue in Showmanship/Red in Class

Red in Showmanship/Blue in Class

In the case of more entries qualifying than we have been allotted, placing will determine order, if ties exist using this method they will be broken by using the judging sheets from the qualifying event to determine high scorer. These entries will be verified and certified by County Extension staff prior to submission.

These procedures are intended to insure both fairness to the youth members and integrity of the Kittitas County 4-H program in accordance with State and County policy.

Rabbit and Cavy 4-H Show

The Greensleeves 4-H St. Patrick's Day Show will be held February 27, 2010 in the Commercial Building at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, WA.

For more information for rabbits contact Gayle Nordholm, 425-488-7432; e-mail:

little.wonders@comcast.net; Cavies contact Anna Stearns 425-482-0242; e-mail:

annastearns@hotmail.com. Entry forms are available at the Kittitas County Extension Office.



Livestock Project Information

Swine Information Day

The Swine Information Day will be held February 5, 2010, at the Moses Lake Golf & Country Club from 8:45 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Educational topics include swine nutrition, animal health, animal care, and show pig production and issues in the Pacific Northwest.

For more information, visit

<http://www.animalag.wsu.edu/>

4-H Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Meeting room. Meeting dates have been set up as follows for 2010:

Tuesday, March 16 @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 18 @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 15 @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, August 17 @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 21 @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 19 @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 16 @ 7:00pm

Attendance at Pre-Fair Activities

The **Beef Clinic, Swine Clinic, Sheep Pre-Show and Goat Pre-Show** are **required** activities for 4-H and FFA members to attend to be able to show and sell their livestock at the Kittitas County Fair. If there is an emergency or problem with attending these events a **letter must** be written to the **4-H Livestock Committee PRIOR** to the event. *The letter needs to address the reason for not attending pre-shows or clinic, who will weigh and show the animal in a feeder class (if applicable), a plan to make up for this missed activity and be written by the 4-H or FFA member requesting the excuse.* This means if a 4-H/FFA member has a problem with attending the **Beef Clinic**, then a letter must be submitted to the Extension Office, addressed to the Livestock Committee in time for the Livestock Committee meeting on **March 16**. If a 4-H/FFA member has a problem attending the **Swine Clinic**, then a letter needs to be submitted to the Livestock Committee by the Livestock Committee meeting on **March 16**. If a 4-H/FFA member has a problem attending the **Sheep Pre-Show or the Goat Pre-Show**, then a letter needs to be submitted to the livestock Committee by the Livestock Committee meeting on **May 18**.

Beef Clinic

Beef project members should begin to plan for the upcoming **Beef Weigh-In and Clinic to be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010 in Bloom Pavilion beginning at 7:00 a.m.** Those members who plan to exhibit market steers at the Kittitas County Fair must have their animal(s) weighed at this time. This is a **required** event.

There will be a Beef Judging contest open to all livestock members to participate in. There will be educational centers for youth to watch and listen to information presented. More information will be in the March Focus.

To finish the day, youth that ear tagged steers are **required** to participate in Showmanship classes. Steers are to be clean with no tags. They do not need to be fitted.

- The steer should be shown with a show halter and show stick.
- Showman should have neat clean clothes and boots—appropriate to weather.
- Showmanship guidelines are the same as showing at Fair. This is an opportunity to prepare for showmanship classes in the fall.

Any beef project member who has an emergency or problem attending the Beef Pre-Show needs to write a letter wishing to be excused from this obligation to: Livestock Committee Chair, 507 Nanum Street, Room 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, to be submitted at the

Livestock Committee meeting on March 16. The letter needs to address the reason for not attending, who will weigh the steer, a plan to make up for this missed activity and be written by the 4-H or FFA member requesting the excuse.

Swine Clinic

The Swine Clinic & Judging Contest for 4-H/FFA members planning to exhibit Swine at the Kittitas County Fair is scheduled for Sunday, April 11, 2010 at the Fine Arts Building at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds at 1:00 p.m. This is a **required** event. Any swine project member who has an emergency or problem attending the Swine Clinic needs to write a letter wishing to be excused from this obligation to: Livestock Committee Chair, 507 Nanum Street, Room 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, to be submitted at the Livestock Committee meeting on March 16. The letter needs to address the reason for not attending, a plan to make up for this missed activity and be written by the 4-H or FFA member requesting the excuse.



Livestock Dates for 2010

The dates for livestock events have been secured at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. They are as follows:

March 27	Beef Pre-Show
April 11	Swine Clinic & PQA Training
June 12	Sheep Pre-Show
June 12	Goat Pre-Show
June 13	Swine Weigh-in
Sept 2-6	Kittitas County Fair

Quality Assurance Requirement

New beef, sheep and goat project members are required to complete Level #1, Units #1, #2, #4, and #5 of the Quality Assurance and Animal Care program. This is a good project for teen leaders. **All beef, sheep and goat project members will need to have the Quality Assurance check sheet in their record book with their permanent record.** Members who have completed the requirement will transfer last year's check sheet into their new book with their permanent record.

All members are required to have the signed "Commitment to Excellence" form in their record books.

All members also need to keep track of pharmaceutical use on their animals on the **Producer Affidavit & Market Animal Health/Purchase Record form**. On the back of the Health Record form

is a Purchasing Record that needs to be filled out with information from the breeder that the project animal was purchased from. A copy of this form will be turned in at the time of Vet Check at Fair before exhibitors are allowed into a market class.

Pork Quality Assurance Training 2010

All youth will be taking Youth PQA Plus training with no test. Youth will be required to take the PQA Plus training every year and need to be completed by April 30th. Training will be offered at swine clinic and by arrangement with certified instructors (FFA advisors and Extension employee).

If you have any questions please contact Julie at the Extension Office, 962-7507 or e-mail jjsorens@wsu.edu.



North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show

The 14th Annual North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake on April 1, 2, & 3, 2010. There are classes for hogs, lambs, and steers. For more information or entry form visit the website <http://animalag.wsu.edu> or the Extension Office has information

WSU 4-H/FFA Feeder Pig Sale 2010

Announcement: Washington State University is sponsoring two feeder pig sales for 4-H and FFA members this year. Approximately 200 pigs will be available from the WSU Swine Center for each sale.

The first Spring sale will be at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake in April. These pigs will be of the right age and weight for July and August shows.

The second Spring sale is set for May at the WSU Cattle Feeding Lab. These pigs will be of the right age and weight for September shows.

Both spring sales events will begin with an educational program about health, management, selection, and feeding project pigs. All youth and adults are encouraged to attend even if they are not purchasing animals.

Terms of sales: Pigs will be limited to 2 per youth. Each youth will be expected to select his/her pig(s). Parents/advisors/leaders/other adults will not be allowed to help directly at the time of selection. We will supply enough help to assist the youth. The youth that will be showing the pig must be present to do the selection. For the April sale, the pigs will be penned by size and youth will select pigs of a size most appropriate for their show (July or August). **Pigs brought to the sale CANNOT be returned to WSU.** Pigs purchased but not claimed will be sold in the name of the youth who ordered and paid for them. Once payment and order form are received by WSU there will be **NO REFUNDS!**

Selection order for both spring sales will be determined by a lottery drawing. Those purchasing 2 pigs will not be allowed to choose the second pig until all youth have received their first pig. Separate cards will be filled out for those purchasing 2 pigs. No group purchases or gate cuts will be allowed. This process is fair to everyone and encourages greater pride of ownership for the youth upon selection of their own animal(s). Pigs will be 8-10 weeks old at sale time and average 40-70 lbs. each. For July shows, they will be larger. They will be sold for **\$90** (August shows) and **\$95** (July shows) each at Moses Lake and **\$90** at Pullman. Prices are reflective of the current market. Only checks/money orders, made out to "WSU Controller", will be accepted, no cash sales. Individual checks/money orders will need to be written for each youth or family. Payment must be received 2 days prior to the sale. If payment is not received by the deadlines of April 9th and May 7th, you will not get a pig. Payment must be accompanied by the order form. Only one order form is necessary for each family, but group forms are not acceptable. Each and every youth purchasing a pig must be listed by name on the order form. Please call or e-mail for information on pig availability. Phone orders will not be accepted. You are not guaranteed a pig until your payment and order form are received. Completed orders will be done on a first come first serve basis. It is encouraged to get your order forms and payment in early. If order form and payment are received after all pigs have been reserved, your check will be returned to you promptly so that you may find another source for your pigs.

For the sales at the WSU Swine Center, we ask that you respect our biosecurity measures. We reserve the right to refuse sales to anyone entering the premises with a dirty/contaminated truck or trailer. Please be sure that all manure is removed. For animal care issues, we also reserve the right to refuse sales to

anyone without adequate hauling devices. Think about the welfare of the pig and make accommodations for weather.

Contact information: For more information please contact WSU Swine Center at 509-335-2287.

Youth Animal Production Web Site

Visit the Youth Animal Production Web site at: <http://animalag.wsu.edu/Youth%20Producers/index.html> or come into the Extension Office and pick up copies of this information. There are fact sheets on:

- Successfully Slick Shearing Show Lambs
- Training, Grooming and Showing Market Lambs
- Monitoring Your Lamb's Progress - **newly revised**
- The Importance of Pork Quality in Youth Projects
- 4-H/FFA Project Pig Pricing - 2005
- Fair Animals are Food Animals
- Monitoring Your Steer's Progress
- Training, Grooming and Showing Market Goats
- Selecting a 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project Animal
- Goat Meat Facts - Poster
- Beef, Goat, Lamb, Swine, Dairy Health Records & Instructions
- **NEW - Monitoring Your Show Pig's Progress**

Junior Livestock Show of Spokane

The 75th Annual Junior Livestock Show of Spokane will be held May 4-9, 2010 at the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center. There are classes for beef, sheep, goat and swine. Entries are due on April 10, 2010. More information and entry forms are available on the Junior Show website:

www.juniorshow.org or at the Kittitas County Extension Office.



Washington State 4-H Fair Livestock Schedule

The following schedule will be utilized for 4-H exhibitors at the 2010 Washington State 4-H Fair:

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| Sept 17-20 | 4-H Beef, Dairy, Swine, all Goats, and Llama Shows |
| Sept 18 | 4-H Livestock Judging Contest |
| Sept 23-26 | 4-H Sheep Show |

If a Kittitas County 4-H Livestock project youth is interested in participating at State 4-H Fair with their beef, sheep, swine or goat project please contact the Extension Office by May. The Extension Office will ask for allotments in that species to participate at State Fair.

Kittitas County 4-H State Fair Qualifying Guidelines

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2. Qualification is based upon an objective standard applied to all entries:

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Horse Project Information



Horsemanship & Safety Training Day

Horsemanship & Safety Training Day will be Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 8:00am to 12:00pm at Bloom Pavilion. This training day is designed for novice and junior members, but would be beneficial to everyone. Anyone in 4-H is welcome to attend. The emphasis for the training days will be on horse health care and safety. Participants will need to bring their horse, saddle, bridle, halter, lead rope, brushes, hoof picks, weight tape, water bottle and be wearing boots and helmets. If you need a horse one may be provided. The Horsemanship & Safety Training Day will be interactive stations on the following topics: horse conformation, health principles, approach & halter horse, tying, danger zones, grooming, hoof care, set up for showmanship, saddle, bridle, mounting, riding safety, and dismounting. This is a very worthwhile event that will help 4-H novice horse members be successful with their horse project. Members are encouraged to attend. The committee organizers request that at least one parent be present with their 4-H member attending. For further information please contact Lauren Wenger at 968-3775 or Joy Rucker at 674-9747

Senior Horse Project Members

Senior Horse Project members help is needed to conduct the Horsemanship & Safety Training Day on March 13 at Bloom Pavilion. The training day is going to be broken down into interactive stations, with a senior horse member responsible for a station. The

senior will be responsible for planning, setting up and presenting the topic at their specific station; making it as interactive as possible. The senior member will be responsible for bringing posters, pictures or props; whatever they feel would be the best to present the station.

There will be a required meeting prior to Novice days for interested seniors. Please contact Joy Rucker at 674-9747 or Lauren Wenger at 968-3775 by February 19, 2010 if you are willing to do a station. A planning meeting will be set so seniors will know what station subject they will be teaching and have time to get the necessary supplies. On the morning of the training days seniors will be at Bloom at 7:30am for set up with the Novice Days starting at 8:00am.

Horse Judging Contest Information

The first 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held on **Monday, April 5 at 6:30pm at Bloom Pavilion**. Written Reasons will be done on the Showmanship class and everyone will identify horse parts from "The 4-H Horse Project" PNW587 page 17. Novice and junior worksheets will be number match and intermediate and senior worksheets will be written in answers. Classes will be Halter Quarter Horse Mares, Halter Quarter Horse Geldings and Showmanship.

The second 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Sunday, April 18 at 1:00-3:00pm at Bloom Pavilion**. There will be Oral Reasons on P-51 pattern. Senior and intermediate members will do worksheets on Horse Breeds pages 4-14 in "The 4-H Horse Project" PNW575. Junior and novice members will do worksheets on horse color, head and leg markings, page 15-16, brushes, page 70 and Cold Weather Care and Hot Weather Care, pages 77-79 in "The 4-H Horse Project" PNW587. Classes will be Reining, Medal Pattern and P-51 pattern.

The third 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Monday, May 3 at 6:30pm at Bloom Pavilion**. There will be Oral Reasons on Western Equitation. Everyone will do worksheets on Western Saddle and Bridle parts. Classes will be Showmanship, Western Pleasure and Western Equitation.

4-H Horse Project Rules

Rules that are followed for 4-H Horse members are in the "4-H Horse Contest Guide" PNW574. This publication was updated August 2009. There are quite a few changes so be sure to get an updated copy. Included in this manual are General Rules, Clothing & Equipment, Contest Guidelines, Performance guidelines, Driving in Washington, Washington State Medals Program, Ground Training, Western Games and Herdsmanship. 4-H Horse members should pick up this manual to keep current on the rules that are followed in Horse 4-H.

Horse Certificates are Due April 30

A Horse Identification Certificate needs to be filed for each horse being carried as a 4-H Horse Project with the Extension Office by 5:00pm, April 30th to be eligible to exhibit the animal in the Junior Division of the Kittitas County Fair. **The certificates need to be signed every year.** For a horse that will be used for the first time the leader or member may pick up a 4-H Horse Certificate (C0233) form at the Extension Office. This needs to be filled out and brought back to the Extension Office to be signed. The member will keep the original white copy and put it in their record book. If this same horse is used in following years the white original copy needs to come in each year to be signed at the Extension Office. If a horse is leased then a Kittitas County Lease form must be used. A copy of the lease is to be filed with the horse certificate.

4-H Horse Project Animal

Each member is expected to have access to one or more horses which may be owned, shared, or leased.

A shared project animal is defined as only immediate family members or two non-family members sharing the same horse including care and training responsibilities. Members and parents must recognize that adjustments may need to be made to adapt to show conditions or schedules, such as when two members are in the same class or are competing for championships. Two members sharing a project animal may not compete in the same class or lot at an event.

A lease agreement is permissible if the member provides primary care for the horse. The horse shown in a 4-H exhibit activity must be the member's project horse. To participate at state fair, an exhibitor must use the same horse that was exhibited at the county fair. Stallions older than 12 months are NOT allowed in 4-H contests or events.

Washington State 4-H Fair Equine Schedule

The 2010 Equine Schedule for the WA State 4-H Fair will be:

Sept 9-13	Senior Performance (All Counties)
Sept 11	Horse Judging Contest and Groom Squad
Sept 13-16	Senior Western Games
Sept 16-20	Dressage/Harness/Eq Over Fences
Sept 19	National Equine Presentations
Sept 20-23	Intermediate Performance
Sept 23-26	Intermediate Western Games

Tentative allocations for all sections are being determined and will be announced this spring.

90 Day Possession Rule Statement Clarification—2010

The goal of 4-H is to ensure that youth have opportunities within the four Essential Elements of the 4-H Youth Development Program [belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity]. Projects are used as tools to promote positive youth development. The purpose of 4-H events is for 4-H members to demonstrate what they have accomplished with their projects during the year. The goals of the 4-H program are only met if the accomplishments demonstrated are the result of the 4-H member's own work. Therefore, project animals (owned, leased, shared) must be under the care and management of the 4-H member at least 90 days before the animal may be shown at the official county exhibit activity. In Washington, only the 4-H member (s) can personally train their animal 90 days prior to the county-designated event and state fair. 4-H Horse Contest Guide: PNW574, pages 4-5.

This single statement has been the topic of more questions, discussion and debates than any other "rule" in the contest guide. This handout is intended to help clarify what this statement means. Of primary importance is to understand the intent of this rule. To do that, we must first understand the purpose of the 4-H program in general.

4-H is a youth development program. Its purpose is "to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive members of society." 4-H uses a variety of projects as tools to do all this. Horse is only one such project.

By using a project of interest to the member, our goal is to develop each individual to his/her maximum potential. The purpose of fairs is for 4-H members to demonstrate what they have accomplished with their projects during the year.

We can meet the goals of the 4-H program only if the accomplishments are the result of the 4-H members' own work. The project must be the 4-H member's project. Members in a 4-H sewing club would not exhibit a garment that someone else had sewn. Members in a photography club would not exhibit a photo that someone else had taken. Likewise, in a horse club, members should not show a horse that someone else has done all the work on. If a professional trainer does all the work with the horse, then it is really their project and not the 4-H'ers.

This brings us to the intent of the 90-day rule. The rule states that the 4-H member must have "personally trained" the horse for 90 days before fair. The intent is that for at least 90 days before showing a project animal, the horse truly is the 4-H member's project and he/she is doing the work with it.

Much of the confusion over this rule arises from the question of whether or not anyone else can ride the horse during those 90 days. The rule does not state that no one else may be on the horse. It simply says that the 4-H member must "personally train" the horse. Again, the intent is that a professional trainer (whether a family member or not) should not be riding the horse during this time. 4-H members may still take lessons and receive help, but a trainer should not get on the horse and ride it. Similarly, during those 90 days, no one but the 4-H member should be exhibiting the project horse, as showing assumes a certain amount of training is being done.

Beyond these guidelines, counties have flexibility in determining what they will and will not allow. Some counties have chosen to enforce a rule that no one but the member may ride a 4-H project horse during those 90 days. Other counties allow family members (as long as they are not professional trainers) to use the horse occasionally for such things as a trail ride, working cattle on a ranch, or riding in a parade. Many counties have much more lenient policies with junior members (especially where safety is a concern) than with intermediate or senior members attempting to qualify for state fair. The important thing is that each county have established guidelines, including a process to review individual variance requests and consequences of infractions. Exact county rules may vary as long as they maintain the intent and integrity of the state's 90 day rule.

Additional questions should be directed first to the county extension agent and then, if necessary, to the state 4-H office.



Kittitas County 4-H State Fair Qualifying Guidelines

1. The qualifying show for Washington State 4-H Fair is the Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair
2. Qualification is based upon an objective standard applied to all entries:
 Blue in Showmanship/Blue in Class
 Blue in Showmanship/Red in Class
 Red in Showmanship/ Blue in Class

In the case of more entries qualifying than we have been allotted, placing will determine order, if ties exist using this method they will be broken by using the judging sheets from the qualifying event to determine high scorer. These entries will be verified and certified by County Extension staff prior to submission.

These procedures are intended to insure both fairness to the youth members and integrity of the Kittitas County 4-H program in accordance with State and County policy.

2010 HORSE 4-H DATES	
March 13	Horsemanship & Safety Training Day Bloom Pavilion 8:00am - 12pm
April 5	1st Horse Judging - Bloom Pavilion - 6:30pm
April 10	Schooling Show - Bloom Pavilion - 8a - 7p
April 18	2nd Horse Judging - Bloom Pavilion 1-3pm
April 24	4-H Horse Show - Bloom Pavilion - 8a - 7p
April 30	Horse Certificates Due
May 3	3rd Horse Judging - Bloom Pavilion - 6:30pm
June 21, 28	Monday Night Riding - Rodeo Arena 7-9pm
June 30	Kittitas County Demonstration Contest Deadline
July 5, 19, 26	Monday Night Riding - Rodeo Arena 7-9pm
July 16-18	4-H Horse Pre-Show - Bloom Pavilion 8a - 8p
August 13	State Fair Interest Form due by 5:00pm
August 17	Jr. Horse Fair: Barn Open for Decorations
August 18	Junior Horse Fair: R.V. Parking Open
August 19-22	Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair - Bloom Pavilion & Rodeo Arena
September 2-6	Kittitas County Fair
September 26	4-H Horse Recruitment Show - Bloom Pavilion - 8am - 7pm

Valentine's Day Fun Facts

- ♥ About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year
- ♥ About 3% of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets
- ♥ In Victorian times it was considered bad luck to sign a Valentine's Day card
- ♥ Only the U.S., Canada, Mexico, France, Australia and the U.K. celebrate Valentine's Day
- ♥ Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are the biggest holidays for giving flowers
- ♥ Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine's Day candy box in the late 1800's
- ♥ Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year
- ♥ The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day

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