



# 4-H In Motion

*“ We can do it ”*

Special  
Thurston  
County Fair  
Edition



## Thurston County

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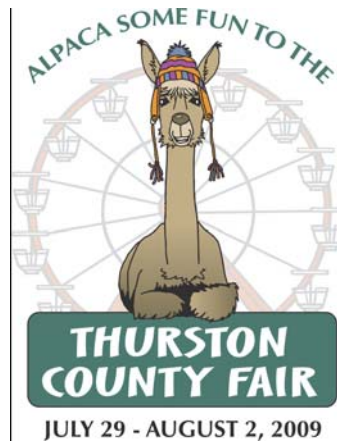
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### IMPORTANT 4-H FAIR DATES:

7/1	Animal Entries Due
7/13	Fair Supt. Meeting
7/21	Benoscheck Building clean up
7/22	Enter Non-Perishable Still Life Including Record Books and Educational Displays
7/27	Enter 4-H Food Exhibits
7/28	Enter Natural Resources & Plants
7/28	Animal Haul In & Vet Checks
7/29-8/2	THURSTON COUNTY FAIR!

More details and exact entry times inside this newsletter!

## THURSTON COUNTY FAIR, 7/30-8/3



### “Alpaca Some Fun” to the Thurston County Fair, July 29-Aug. 2

This edition of the 4-H in Motion Newsletter is your **OFFICIAL SOURCE** for 4-H Fair information and deadlines. Please read the newsletter and if you have any questions please contact the 4-H Office at 786-5445 ext. 7913 or your project Superintendent.

### What is FAIR all about?

In the 4-H Youth Development Program the purpose of **FAIR** is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to “Showcase” their projects and to receive recognition for their efforts of working and learning throughout the year.

Recognition can come in many forms such as ribbons; personal affirmation from members, family, friends and leaders; or personal feelings of accomplishment.

The judging process gives 4-H members feedback on what they did well on their projects and tips on how to make improvements. Judging occurs by comparing a 4-H member’s exhibit against a standard, not against each other. **FAIR** participation provides an opportunity to educate the public about the positive value of 4-H that focuses on developing competent, confident, and caring youth.

Most importantly, the **FAIR** is a time to focus on having “Blue Ribbon Kids,” not blue ribbon projects. In other words, it is more important to focus on the child and his/her feeling of confidence and competence rather than the color of the ribbon they receive for their 4-H project or activity.



## FAIR PREPARATION & THINGS TO KNOW

### Survival Tips for Parents

- **Know what is going on** - Be involved in your 4-Her's club as the club prepares for Fair; read this newsletter; read the Thurston County Fair's Exhibitor Guide; and ask questions of leaders, other parents, 4-H Fair Superintendents, and Extension Staff.
- **Plan to be there for your child** - The Fair is a busy and often stressful time for your children. They need the support and recognition of their family. Many parents and/or extended family members schedule their vacation time or some days off to be available for their kids during Fair time (July 30-August 3, 2008).
- **Leaders are not baby sitters** - Please don't expect your 4-H leader to be solely responsible for your child day and night. 4-H leaders are volunteering their time and spend long hours with many 4-H members during the Fair. It is not up to them to "parent" your child. Help your 4-H leader and schedule family time to be at the Fair with your children.
- **"Sit on your hands"** - By the time fair approaches your child is as prepared as he or she is going to be. Let the experience of showing/exhibiting his/her project with the 4-H judge be the teacher. Allow mistakes and learn from the experience. Fair is

not the time to sit on the edge of the show ring or in the audience to tell your children what they did wrong. Let the experience of being judged and being part of the Fair experience be a "teachable moment."

- **Provide support to all 4-H members and leaders** - Again, 4-H leaders are volunteers, and most likely 4-H parents, too! Let the leader know you can help. Leaders are spending long hours at the Fair and need relief time, so please be there to help.
- **Be a positive role model and a team player** - The purpose of the 4-H program is to promote positive youth development and teach life skills. Please be a positive adult role model for your children and others.



### Fair Admission Season Passes

*Discounted Season Passes for 4-Hers will be available up until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2009. All season passes must be purchased prior to the opening of the Fair on Wednesday, July 29.* This includes all 4-H exhibitors, leaders, and 4-H family members. Fair Season Passes are good for one person to enter the Fairgrounds for the full five-days of Fair.

**ATTENTION PARENTS** - Once purchased, your child's season passes are no longer the responsibility of the Fair Office. If tickets are lost they cannot be replaced. Please help your child find a safe place to keep his/her tickets. If camping on the Fairgrounds it is helpful to instruct your child to keep his/her tickets in the trailer and only rip off the ticket they need for that day. Walking around the Fairgrounds with a week's worth of tickets is a great way to lose them.

Remember—once the Fair begins Season passes are no longer available! Make things easy on yourself and get your passes soon. The longer you wait, the longer the lines in the Fair Office!

Admission Fees for comparison:

#### Regular Daily Admission:

Adult \$7.00  
Senior (over 60) \$6.00  
Child (6-14) \$5.00  
5 and under FREE

#### Season Passes:

Adult \$21.00  
Senior (over 60) \$18.00  
Child (6-14) \$15.00  
4-H Exhibitor \$10.00  
Leader/Exhibitor \$14.00

#### PEPSI FAMILY PASS -

The fair is offering a discounted family pass. The family pass will cost \$18 and will admit 5 people into the fair any one day. Contact the Fair Office to purchase a Pepsi Family Pass at 786-5453.

**Dollar Day** - Anyone bringing a canned food donation will get into the fair for just \$1 on **Wednesday, July 29.**



**Carnival Passes** - Pre-fair carnival arm band passes will be available from the Fair Office until **July 28, 2009**. Carnival tickets may be used any one day of the Fair. If you buy them during the Fair, the passes will cost more.

## **Free Season Admission for Families of 4-Hers**

Interested in receiving free or discounted season admission passes to the Fair? Here are a couple ways to save money on fair passes:

- 1. Volunteer to be a 4-H Fair Superintendent** - volunteers in Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent positions receive **free** admission and parking passes during the Fair. There are a variety of positions with different time commitments available. Contact the 4-H Office today to learn more.
- 2. Enter an Exhibit in the Fair and Pay Less** - Do you Bake? Sew? Draw? Garden? Did you know that parents and siblings of 4-Hers can also exhibit in the Fair? Family members who exhibit in the Open Class Fair Department qualify to purchase Exhibitor Season Fair Passes rather than the regular Adult/Child Season Passes. That's a savings of \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for non-4-H youth! Show your

Fair spirit by exhibiting something and save some money! You will have fun seeing your exhibit on display and earn premium money as well!

## **Parking**

All parking will be in the general parking lot, not in the Camping Area. Due to space constraints livestock trucks and trailers will not be allowed to remain on the Fairgrounds or in parking lots during the Fair. Parking for livestock trailers is available at Lakes Elementary School.

Season parking passes **must** be purchased before **5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 28**, the night before Fair starts. See the previous article for more information about season passes.

**FREE** offsite parking for vehicles, with shuttle back and forth to the fairgrounds, can be found at the North Thurston School District Service Center ("bus barn") and at Woodland Elementary.

### **ADA PARKING -**

New and improved PAVED ADA parking is now available next to the main gate coming up from the lower parking lot.

## **Camping**

Camping registration forms will be accepted at the Fair Office between **June 1 and the last Friday of June**. Registration forms can be found at the back of the Fair Exhibitor Guide, Fair Office, or WSU Thurston County Extension Office.

Applications received after July 1 will be placed on a space available list. Notification of space assignments will be mailed from the Fair Office by **July 15**.

Sites will be 12 feet in width (no awnings allowed); no tow vehicles; not in/out spaces. Generators will be used in the bench area only (site "X" on the Fair map); they will not be allowed in the bone yard (site "Z") or the picnic area (site "Y"). (see map printed in the Exhibitors Guide)

Clubs wishing to be placed together shall submit all registrations for the group in one envelope, registrations shall be stapled together, spaces paid in full. **Please Note:** if someone in the club plans to use a generator then the whole club could end up in the generator area "X." If you don't want the whole club to be housed with generators you will need to split the club up or not bring the generator.

No refunds will be made after June 28 unless the space is reallocated to another camper. **Contact the Fair Office for camping fees. Placement of camping units will occur between 8:00 AM Sunday and 8:00 PM Monday prior to Fair.**



## Exhibitor Numbers

### *What is your Exhibitor Number?*

4-H members get their Fair Exhibitor Numbers from a combination of their 4-H "member number" and the first letter of their last name.

The Fair Exhibitor Number is made up of the first letter of the last name plus the last 4-digits of the member number.

For Example:

Member - Lisa Jones

4-H Member Number - 0044

Fair Exhibitor Number - J0044

If a 4-H member is exhibiting in 4-H and FFA or 4-H and Open Class always use your 4-H Exhibitor number for all departments.

### *How do you get your 4-H Member Number?*

Every Main Club 4-H Leader can request a club printout listing the member numbers. You can also call the 4-H Office.



## What is the Fair Exhibitor Guide?

The Fair Exhibitor Guide is a listing of all the departments and divisions you can enter in at the Fair. The Guide contains entry directions, entry forms, and lists important dates and deadlines.

The Exhibitor Guide and entry forms are available on the **Fair's website to download at:**  
**[www.co.thurston.wa.us/fair](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/fair)**.

## Educational Exhibits

Educational Exhibits/Posters are due to the Thurston County Fairgrounds Fir Building on **Wednesday, July 22, between 3:00 and 8:00 PM**. This is the same entry time as all Non-Perishable Still Life Exhibits.

Remember **Large Educational Displays MUST** be pre-entered by notifying the superintendent by the entry date with space requirements. *Not sure if your Educational Display is considered Large?* Large Displays are more than just posters and would include a group of items for display or an active demonstration with display items.

Educational Exhibits are popular with 4-H members because they not only add decoration and educational content to our 4-H barns and building areas at the Fair, but are a fairly quick project to complete. Educational Displays are a judged exhibit, so you receive premium points for your creative work as well as adding educational content to the Fair! All Educational Exhibits that earn a blue ribbon at the County Fair level can be entered at the 4-H State Fair in Puyallup, whether you qualify to exhibit your animal/still life project or not. If you haven't tried doing an educational exhibit before, give it a try! Share something you have learned in 4-H with the Fair visitors, make a display!

**A good Educational Exhibit** stimulates thought, teaches facts, or shows a process. Often Educational Exhibits have less

than 60 seconds to get their message across, so planning is important!

### **IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT!**

A viewer should be able to read your Educational Display's text, captions, and titles from at least **10 FEET AWAY!** That means your text/font/letters should be at least 1/2 inch tall and easy to read! Bigger text is better!

**To Help Your Prepare** - Please find a guide to Educational Displays on the Thurston County 4-H website:

<http://thurston.wsu.edu/4-h/>



## 4-H Record Books

4-H Record Books help 4-Hers learn the valuable skill of keeping records. The Record Books also serve to:

- Enhance the educational experience of the 4-H member
- Help counties determine whether members have shown achievement

**Guidelines** on completing **Record Books** are available on line at <http://thurston.wsu.edu/4-h/>. Microsoft Word versions of the 4-H Record Books can also be found on the 4-H State web site at [4h.wsu.edu](http://4h.wsu.edu). Click on "Publications," next click on "Online Record Books," last select the appropriate Record Books. Thurston County uses:

C0932, C0933, C0934, and C0935.

If you do not have access to the internet and would like a computer disk copy of the Record Books in Microsoft Word please drop off an IBM compatible floppy disk to the 4-H Office and we can copy the documents for you.

## Horse Project Record Books

The Thurston County 4-H Horse project has some specific record keeping requirements that 4-H horse members have to complete in order to enter a horse in the Fair. All 4-H Horse club leaders should have a copy of the minimum requirements needed to compete in the Fair. **Horse member Record Books were due at the May Horse Leaders Meeting. Please Note** - Horse member record books turned in at the May meeting are not judged for ribbons or premiums, they are turned in to meet the horse project fair entry requirement alone. **Members who wish to have their Record Books judged for premiums will need to bring the book to Still Life Entry Day on Wednesday, July 22.**

## Animal Information

All animals to be exhibited at the Thurston County Fair in the 4-H department must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for a specific amount of

time before the Fair. Listed below are the periods of care time prior to the official county exhibit activity.

**Equine** - 90 days  
**Market Beef** - 120 days  
**Breeding Beef** - 90 days  
**Llama** - 90 days  
**Dairy** (except Dairy Heifer Replacements) - 90 days  
**Dairy Heifer Replacement** - 60 days  
**Goats** - 60 days  
**Sheep and Swine** - 60 days  
**Cats** - 60 days  
**Dogs** - 60 days  
**Rabbits and Poultry** - 45 days

Thurston County 4-H Policy requires that **Animal "Certificates"** be filed for some projects by a specified date. Certificates should have been turned in for the following:  
**Horse** - due May 1  
**Dairy Cattle** - due June 1  
**Goats** - due June 1  
**Dogs** - due June 1  
**Rabbits/Cavies** - due June 15

Contact the 4-H Office immediately if you missed an animal certificate deadline!

## SCRAPIE Rule WAC 16-89 Sheep and Goat Info

"All goats and sheep are to be tagged, tattooed, or micro-chipped with Scrapies identification in accordance with the USDA Scrapies Eradication Rules. All exhibitors are required to bring their Flock ID papers as proof of compliance. For further information on registration, call

USDA (360) 753-9430."

Taken from the 2009 Thurston County Fair Exhibitor Guide Rules.

## FAIR ENTRY "HOW TO"

### New 4-H Family Fair Info Night

Is your family feeling a bit overwhelmed? Come June 15, 7-8:30 p.m., to the Benoschek Building at the fairgrounds, where 4-H Office staff and volunteers will answer your questions about 4-H basics, fair "how-to" tips, and much more about being involved with 4-H. While parents and guardians attend the orientation, youth can choose to make alpaca decorations for the county fair. There is no cost for this craft activity. Questions? Call the 4-H Office at 786-5445 x. 7913 or email tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us.

### Animal Fair Entry

**Animal Entries are due July 1, 2009, to the Extension Office.** Please Do Not send the animal entry forms directly to the superintendent or to the Fair Office. *Youth Animal Entry Forms* can be picked up at the Extension Office or Fair Office, or printed off the Fair's website. Exception - the horse division does not use the Fair provided forms. Please check with your horse club leader to get the proper paperwork completed. **Separate forms are required for each species of animal** (i.e. if you are showing a dog and a rabbit you must complete two

separate entry forms; one for the dog and one for the rabbit). Each animal project area has a different 4-H Superintendent who is given only the entry forms relevant to their animal species.

**Tuesday, July 28**, bring 4-H animals to the fairgrounds during the specified vet check time listed below, late animal entries will not be accepted.

**Noon to 9 pm** - dairy, beef, goats, sheep, swine, and llamas

**4 to 8 pm** - poultry, dogs, and horses

**4 to 9 pm** - rabbits, cavies, and small animals/exotics

**Exceptions:** some 4-H dog and horse entry times/days vary depending on show day(s), please clarify entry process with your club leader and/or Division Superintendent.



### Inoculations for Cats and Dogs

A uniform **Rabies Vaccination Certificate** will be requested of all exhibitors showing dogs and cats. The Rabies Vaccination Certificate - WS4HF/1.30m - is available from the Extension Office.

If inoculation was given by a veterinarian who is no longer available (e.g. from a temporary clinic, etc.) the original receipt or veterinarian-generated document that includes

(1) date of vaccination,

(2) animal's name or ID and age, (3) brand or type of vaccine, and (4) the veterinarian's signature or clinic stamp should be stapled to the new inoculation certificate. The exhibitor should complete all information required on the inoculation certificate, except the lower portion that is reserved for clinic/veterinarian use.



### Herdsmanship

What is Herdsmanship? The purpose of Herdsmanship, or Exhibitmanship as it is called in the 4-H Still Life Building, is to keep exhibit areas clean and safe. Exhibitors care for their exhibits; keep stalls, pens, and surrounding areas clean and attractive at all times; and interact with the public by answering questions. Educational displays and public relations are an important component of herdsmanhip. Good Herdsmanship is important. It reflects the way the exhibitor views his exhibit and the way the general public views the 4-H program, club, and exhibitor.

Exhibitors are expected to keep their quarters (stalls, tack areas, walkways, tools, etc.) orderly, neat and attractive as possible. Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Parents may not perform herdsmanhip duties or feed/care for animals. 4-H Animal Exhibit areas are inspected daily by the Herdsmanship Judge. Clubs earn

premiums for performing Herdsmanship. At least one youth and one adult will be on duty from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

### Exhibitmanship

If you plan to exhibit in the Benoschek Building, remember that you must also sign up for Exhibitmanship. Exhibitmanship is the equivalent of Herdsmanship with an animal exhibit—the Benoschek Building must be staffed by a 4-H member every hour that the fair is open. Exhibitors may register beginning on Wednesday, July 22, when they enter their exhibits. All shifts are at least 1 hour in length with no more than 2 exhibitors on duty at any one time. Exhibitmanship duties include greeting the public as well as keeping the exhibit areas clean and keeping a watchful eye on the exhibits. If at times the hour should pass slowly, it is suggested that the exhibitor might bring something to do such as a small project to work on. See the Exhibitors Guide for information. If you have questions, please call the superintendent, Patt O'Neil (459-8051) or the 4H Office. Accommodations can be made for 4-H members who are not available to perform Exhibitmanship during the Fair. These exhibitors will be allowed to fulfill their Exhibitmanship duty during pre-fair set up or post-fair clean up if arrangements are made with the 4-H Office in advance. Exhibitors who do not complete the required one hour of Exhibitmanship duty will have their premiums withheld.

## Still Life Information

**What's Still Life?** Any non-live animal exhibit is considered a still life exhibit.

**Non-perishable still life exhibits**, including Clothing & Textiles, Creative Arts & Crafts, Photography, Mechanical Science, Record Books, Educational Displays, Horseless Horse, Veterinary Science Displays, and Outreach/Special Programs, are due **Wednesday, July 22**, in the Benoschek/4-H Building at the Fairgrounds. Entries will only be accepted from **3:00 to 8:00 PM**.

**Enter all 4-H foods** including baked and preserved foods on **Monday, July 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM** in the Benoschek/4-H Building.

**Enter all 4-H environmental stewardship/natural resources**, plant science, and entomology exhibits on **Tuesday, July 28, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM** in the Benoschek/4-H Building annex.

All still life exhibits should be delivered to the fairgrounds during the specified entry dates and times. **Please note:** All still life entry cards should be taken to the Fairgrounds on the specific entry day with the exhibits and turned in at that time. Still life entry forms are not turned in ahead of time to the 4-H Office like animal exhibits.

**For guidelines** on completing the still life entry cards please call the Division Superintendent. Still life entry cards are available at the WSU Extension Office and the Fair Office.

## Foods Contests

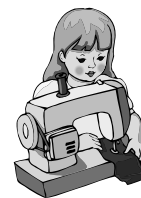
Are you planning to participate in one of the Food Activities contests? Please be aware that guidelines have changed! On the web, go to <http://4h.wsu.edu/projects/food.htm>. Participation in Food Activities Contests must be scheduled with the 4-H Office by **Monday, July 27**.

## 4-H in Action

What is 4-H in Action? This is a non-judged activity at the Thurston County Fair, which offers 4-H members an opportunity to show the public what they have learned. Participants work on a project or create something while visiting with the public in a less formal situation than for a demonstration. The activity should be related to projects the member is enrolled in, such as knitting, spinning wool, or making stationery. A minimum of one hour should be served to earn premium points. Be sure to sign up when you bring your entries.

4-H In Action is usually performed in the Benoschek Building. However, some animal project areas conduct 4-H In Action activities in the animal barns. For example a 4-H member with fleece goats may prefer to do a felting activity next to his/her goat. Check with the 4-H in Action superintendent, Patt O'Neil (459-8051), if you want to do 4-H In Action with your project animal.

## 4-H In Action & Clothing Construction Expo



4-H members enrolled in sewing projects are eligible to participate in the Clothing Construction Expo. This is an event that allows a member to construct an already cutout project and earn premium points for completing the construction in the Benoschek Building. When combined with 4-H In Action, members could prepare and cut out a pattern for 4-H in Action, and construct the project for Sewing Expo—all in one afternoon at the fair. See the Exhibitor Guide for details. If you have questions, call the respective superintendents, Patt O'Neil (459-8051), Barbara Wollstein (491-5221). Sewing Expo must be scheduled on Entry Day, July 22, 2009.

## Fashion Revue



Clothing members, you still have time to sew a garment and participate in the Thurston County Fair Fashion Revue. Get those sewing machines purring!

**Fashion Revue Entry and Judging** will be held **Saturday, July 25**, starting at 9 a.m. The **Fashion Revue Show** will be held **Saturday, August 1**, at 10 a.m. on the Food Court Stage during the Thurston County Fair. Please contact Fashion Revue

Superintendent, Diane Brostrom with any questions at 493-1219.

**To Help You Prepare** - the following publications are worth reading before the Fair to help your 4-H member prepare for Fashion Revue. Publication *EM0682 - Personal Data Sheet* is required as part of the Fashion Revue contest. Publications are available on-line at [4h.wsu.edu](http://4h.wsu.edu).

- EM4339 - *Fashion Modeling Your 4-H Garment*
- EM4224 - *Writing 4-H Fashion Revue Commentary*
- EM0682 - *State Fashion Revue Personal Data Sheet*
- *Fashion Revue Flash Cards*

### Special Sewing Awards

Attention all 4-H members who sew!! Two prizes will be awarded for the top quilt and quilted items. These items, donated by the Master Textile Quilters, will be awarded at the conclusion of the fair. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Wollstein, Clothing & Textiles Superintendent, at 491-5221.



### Many Hands Make Light Work

It's time once again for the annual cleaning of the **Benoschek Building/4-H Still Life Building** in preparation for the Thurston County Fair. This is an ideal time to do community service while

meeting and visiting with other county 4-H club members. All leaders, parents, and members who are involved with Still Life projects, which would be exhibited in the Benoschek Building, are encouraged to help out on: **Tuesday, July 21, starting at 6:30 p.m.** This is a new date! Pizza will be provided for those who help out.

Wear work clothes and bring cleaning supplies such as brooms & dust pans, mops & pails, rags, buckets, window cleaner & towels, and lots of help & energy. Many hands do make for light work and sharing the load makes it more fun, too. See you in July!

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Thurston County Scholarship

Zoe Cook Memorial Scholarships are available locally to current Thurston County 4-H members who are graduating high school seniors. Applicants must have accumulated at least 2 years of 4-H affiliation. Applications are due **July 1** and are available from the 4-H Office or on-line at <http://Thurston.wsu.edu/4-H>.

#### Freedom Gardens

Plant a freedom garden at the Thurston County Fair! There are still planting beds available at the county fair for your club to fill with plants. Contact the Fair Office for information.

### Fair Theme

This year's Fair theme is "Alpaca Some Fun to the Thurston County Fair" with an alpaca as the mascot. **Clubs and Superintendents**, remember to decorate your exhibit areas with the Fair theme in mind.

### Mascot Voting at the County Fair



Each year, youth attending the county fair have the opportunity to vote for a candidate for next year's fair mascot. This year, the voting booth has been moved to the Benoschek Building and 4-H will be hosting it. Volunteers are needed to help with the voting process and encourage our young voters to participate. Do you have an hour or two during the fair when you'd like to sit and visit with the public? Sign up for a shift in the Benoschek Building.

### Definition: Safe Equine Riding Boot

- Boot must fit flat in the stirrup with the ball of the foot on the flat of the iron or stirrup;
- Boot must be able to move freely on the stirrup and be able to slide out;
- Boot heel must be adequate to prevent the forward movement of the boot through the stirrup. "Fat Boy", "Fat Baby", and "Romeo" do not meet the requirements and cannot be worn in any Washington State 4-H event.

## AmeriCorp Position Open at the 4-H Office

Thurston County 4-H has been selected to receive an AmeriCorps "Youth-In-Service" Member for the 09-10 4-H year. The position is an 11-month, full-term of service working on volunteer recruitment to expand the 4-H program in Thurston County and working with the Thurston County Master Gardener program. The position will begin in September 2009. Responsibilities will include volunteer recruitment and managing systems, preparing marketing materials, and promoting 4-H and Master Gardeners. Benefits will include monetary education awards, health insurance, child care assistance, job training, and a living allowance per month. Applicants must be between ages 18-25 years, have computer experience, and had previous volunteer experience. Contact Thurston County 4-H for additional information.



## Nominations Needed for 4-H Leader of the Year

Do you know of a long-time adult volunteer who has shown outstanding leadership skills, who has gone beyond the call of duty, who has made the best better? If so, you can nominate your outstanding leader for Thurston County 4-H Leader of the Year. The 4-H Leader of the Year nomination form can be picked up at the 4-H Office.

Nominations are due at the **Monday, July 13**, 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., at the Fairgrounds. Simply submit a nomination form to the Extension Office before July 13. **Voting will be done by ballot at the 4-H Information Booth during the Thurston County Fair.**

Every year the Thurston County Leader of the Year is honored at our local County Awards Afternoon celebration and the State 4-H Forum, to be held this year in Grand Mound, WA. The Leader of the Year also has their framed photograph put on the wall in the Benoschek/4-H Still Life Building.

## Paws for the Cause

Sunday, August 9th, from 10 am to 3 pm, come to Paws for the Cause at Hawks Prairie Veterinary Hospital, 8909 Martin Way, Lacey. This is a community and family-oriented event designed to raise money and awareness for non-profit animal organizations in our area. Activities include silent auction and raffle, booths to educate the public on the different animal organizations, kid's games and activities, bird and reptile talks/demonstrations, animal acupuncture demonstrations, teddy bear surgery and much more! Volunteers and donations are needed as well as your attendance at this amazing event! For More Information: contact Tristin at Hawks Prairie Veterinary Hospital, [hawksprairievet@yahoo.com](mailto:hawksprairievet@yahoo.com), 459-6556.

## Join the Junior Master Gardener Club

Join the newest 4-H club—the Junior Master Gardener Club. It will focus on sustainable gardening education while promoting hands-on activities and service learning. Members will plant, maintain, and harvest vegetables and flowers that will be grown in three raised bed gardens at the Thurston County Fairgrounds. While the club is geared towards 3rd-8th graders, all K-12 youth are welcome. Contact Mitch in the 4-H Office at 786-5445, ext 7913 for info.



## Looking for a Speaker?

Noreen Jeremiah, a veterinarian at Steamboat Animal Hospital, teaches the Pre-Veterinary Technician program at New Market Skills Center. She is very interested in doing guest speaker spots or hosting field trips at New Market. She is an avid 3-day eventer, and dog breeder, and has worked in companion and mixed animal medicine for years. Her specialties are exotic animal medicine, wildlife, veterinary acupuncture, and teaching. Contact Dr. Jeremiah at [noreen.jeremiah@newmarketskills.com](mailto:noreen.jeremiah@newmarketskills.com)

## CALL TO VOLUNTEERS

### Volunteers Needed for the Fairgrounds!

The Thurston County Fairgrounds has a list of several projects for volunteers to complete to help make the fairgrounds a better place. Many directly impact 4-H project buildings! Please stop by the fair office to see their list of projects to complete before the fair begins. Community Clean-Up days are June 13 & 27, but any time would be great!



### Volunteers Needed for 4-H Day Camp

The 4-H Office needs **adult instructors and teen counselors** (seventh grade and older) to help with our summer Creativity Festivity Day Camp. Volunteers will lead or assist with various games, crafts, and learning opportunities. The camp runs **July 13-17** from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Attendance every day is not required! Call the 4-H Office to sign up for blocks of time.

### Workshop Presenters Needed!

The 4-H Office is looking for volunteers to help present Creativity Festivity workshops in the fall and workshops at summer day camp. You can teach any creative subject you like. Past workshops have included: making simple snacks, sewing, quilting, drawing, calligraphy, and cartooning. Workshop presenters can be reimbursed for supply expenses. Call the 4-H Office to learn more!

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Last Chance Clinic

**June 20** is your last chance to learn about judging, educational displays, and public presentations! While this clinic is sponsored by the Rabbit & Cavy Committee, it is meant for all 4-H members. Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Thurston County fairgrounds. See the flyer on the website at <http://Thurston.wsu.edu/4-H/> Make your best better, and sign up today.

### 2009 State 4-H Forum

Mark your calendars for the 2009 State 4-H Forum to be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, WA on October 16-18, 2009. Workshops for youth and adults on many subjects. <http://4-h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/index.htm>

### Summer Parades



The Thurston County Fair Board participates in local parades every summer to promote the Fair. The Fair is looking for 4-H'ers to volunteer to walk with the Fair's parade entry in the parades. All volunteers receive free fair t-shirts for helping. Also, any club already planning their own parade entry is asked to let the Fair Office know so the fair and 4-H entries can be placed together in the parade.

If you would like to help, e-mail Fair Board Member Ann Shipley for more details at [avshipley@comcast.net](mailto:avshipley@comcast.net) or call the Fair Office at 786-5453.

### Grays Harbor 4-H Summer Camp

Grays Harbor 4-H has invited Thurston County 4-H'ers in grades 3 thru 8, to attend overnight 4-H Camp at Panhandle Lake (near Shelton), **July 5-10**. For information call Grays Harbor Extension at (360) 482-2934

### Mason County 4-H Summer Camp

Mason County 4-H Camp "The Great Outdoors" at Panhandle Lake. 4-H Camp Session #1 - **August 8-10** (for campers age 10 and under as of 8/1/09) and Session #2 - **August 11-15** (for campers age 11 - 16 as of 8/1/09).

for session #2. Registration forms and information are available at <http://mason.wsu.edu/4-H/> or by contacting the Mason County 4-H office at (360) 427-9670.



## 4-H Night at the Tacoma Rainiers

--Nancy Baskett

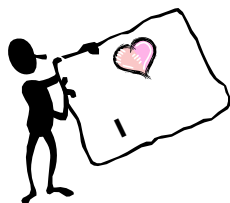
**June 19** Washington State 4-H members, leaders and their families have been invited by the Tacoma Rainiers Baseball team for a special evening of fun and baseball. For \$9.50 per person, you will receive a reserved seat, hot dog, chips and a soda, and a fireworks show after the game. For info, email Nancy Baskett, [nbaskett@wsu.edu](mailto:nbaskett@wsu.edu),

## 4-H Adventure Education Training

4-H Adventure Education (formerly known as 4-H Challenge) teaches groups to work together, develops group trust, builds confidence, and teaches communication skills. 4-H Adventure Education is used by 4-H Clubs, schools, and in the workplace to help groups (both youth and adult) work together more effectively. 4-H Adventure Education is delivered by trained 4-H facilitators, who may use a collec-

tion of assorted props and an endless array of games. 4-H Adventure Education can be taken into almost any setting: classrooms, gyms, 4-H club meetings, parking lots, retreat centers, indoors, outdoors, etc. 4-H Adventure Education has many uses and is a fun activity for any 4-H group.

Thurston County 4-H has Adventure Education equipment available for check-out to all volunteers who attend facilitator training. For more information or to schedule a facilitator for your group, contact Vicky McCarley at (360) 786-5445 ext 7907 or [mccarlv@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:mccarlv@co.thurston.wa.us)



## Very Important Volunteer Hours

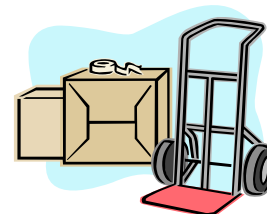
Have you ever thought about how many hours you contribute to 4-H as a volunteer? So do we! Budget restrictions require the 4H program to diversify funding, frequently through grants that need accurate representation of in kind contributions, such as volunteer hours. In addition, the county commissioners and other entities frequently request information regarding how many hours our volunteers contribute each year. Grant funding is crucial for securing an Americorp member and for our after-school program in Rochester. Please help us out by tracking your 4-H volunteer hours and

log them onto the volunteer website <http://ext.wsu.edu/volunteers>

Thanks for all you do!

## Parent Background Checks

Any adult who plans to help 4-H clubs at the Thurston County Fair is required to complete a Washington State Patrol background check. This form is available at the 4-H Office or on the county 4-H website <http://thurston.wsu.edu/4-H>, listed under "forms". Please return all background check forms to the 4-H Office no later than July 10, 2009.



## 4-H Office is Moving!

WSU Thurston County Extension, including the 4-H Office, will be closed June 22 thru June 26, in order to relocate to our new office, located at the old McLane Fire Station. The new address will be 4131 Mud Bay Road SW, Olympia, WA 98502. The new office will be open on June 29.

All animal entry forms are due to the 4-H Office by July 1, so please plan accordingly.

Thurston County 4-H Council for May 11, 2009  
WSU Thurston County Extension Office

**Members in Attendance:**

Jennifer Taylor, Emily Killeen, Doreen Tudor, Mitch Vorwerk, Kellee Panowitz, Chris Swearingen, Anthea Goebel

Meeting Called to Order at 6:45 p.m.

Treasurer's Report was given by Doreen Tudor. \$2852.04 as of April 30. We received \$245 from an Intel Grant and \$164 from the Combined Fund Drive.

**Committee Reports:**

Americorps Report from Mitch: He attended the Be-The-One Mentoring Coalition; 21 people completed the volunteer leader training; organized list of trainings volunteer have taken; created Excel spreadsheet to graph volunteer hours; continuing to refer members to clubs; Community Action Project—Jr. Master Gardener for youth K-12 years.

Interstate Exchange from Doreen: They are holding a car wash at the Yelm Jiffy Lube on Saturday and a Garage Sale on May 30-31 in the South Bay area. They are awaiting confirmation on using the county vans during the exchange week. They have 34 teens and 7 adults participating in the exchange.

**Old Business:**

Fundraising: The fair approved selling cookies in the Benoschek Building during fair. They will waive the vendor fee, but we must pay 20% of our sales. Brian Taylor is checking with Otis Spunkmeyer on using their ovens. We will need to get food handler permits and an event permit from the Health Department. We also need to do further research on getting a chest freezer or using a fair freezer, the cost and amount of cookie dough, and a cash register (fair will provide). We will make a decision on the cookie sales at our next meeting. No other updates on fundraising.

4-H Forum, October 16-18 at Great Wolf Lodge: We are working with Lewis County on the hospitality room. We need cash donations and non-perishable food items. Lewis County has asked each club to donate \$25. We need an update from Rose in Lewis County on how much money needs to be donated. We discussed matching Lewis County's donations. Also, we need to find out from Tom Gwin what hours we will need to staff the hospitality room.

WSU Budget Update: WSU Extension's Learning Centers took the largest cut. 4-H's cut was taken in not filling vacant positions. Spokane County is the only county losing a position—they will not be filling a vacant position, so they will only have one 4-H Coordinator for the county. The Thurston County Extension office will be moving and the date/location will be announced. \*\*June 8 Council Meeting will be held at the Thurston County Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m. in meeting space at office.

Retreat Review: The volunteer retreat was held on March 14. Emily has created a draft 4-H Plan of Action based on our retreat notes. We are to review the draft and give feedback to Emily.

**New Business:**

4-H Business Ideas: Emily brought up the idea of a 4-H entrepreneurial project such as operating a feed store or a cooperative. We may be able to get grant money to start up a business or other project.

We have been approved for another Americorps member for next 4-H year. The Council will need to raise \$2,500 by December 31, 2009 to pay for the Americorps position.

Changes to Council Bank Account: We need to have Donna Delph removed as a signer on our bank account. Chris Swearingen will be added. The Council also would like to come up with an award, possibly a service award, in memory of Donna.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

*Submitted by Jennifer Taylor, President*

## Thurston County Fair Annual Food Drive



Calling all Thurston County 4-H Clubs. In conjunction with the 2009 Thurston County Fair there will be a Fair-Wide Food Drive to benefit the Thurston County Food Bank. The summer months are challenging for the Food Bank because donations are very low. The Thurston County Fair will be holding a food donation contest between 4-H Projects. The Barn/Department with the most food donations will be announced during the Welcoming Ceremonies Wednesday Night of Fair and have a plaque hung in the Fair Office in their honor. The food collected benefits the Thurston County community. I encourage everyone to contribute and participate. Here's how:

- 1) Organize and mobilize 4-H members to collect cans and other non-perishable food items
- 2) Bring donations to the East Arena at the Fairgrounds on **Sunday, July 26th** from 11am - 3pm. Donations will be sorted by project/barn.
- 3) The Food Bank will bring out barrels and scales to manage the donations and determine the winners.

Contact the 4-H Office for more information at 786-5445 x.7913 or e-mail [tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us)

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**Free to good home:**

Two Netherland Dwarf Rabbits approximately three years old. One neutered buck and one doe that have been living together. Rabbits come with hutch, water bottle, and feed dish. Call Susan McCabe at 754-6449

Many rabbits to donate: 8 babies just weaned plus babies and adults. Not sure what kind of rabbit they are but their hair is medium length and they are black, taupe grey, and blonde. Contact Kandy at 459-7705

*Disclaimer: By posting the above "free to a good home" information, WSU Thurston County Extension 4-H does not endorse or give approval for any of these free animals to be used as 4-H project animals. Contact the animal owners at your own risk.*

# IMPORTANT 4-H FAIR INFORMATION ENCLOSED!



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*Emily Killeen*

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4-H Extension Coordinator  
Thurston County

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# THURSTON COUNTY 4-H 2008-2009 DATES & DEADLINES

## JUNE 2009

- 1  **Animal Certificates due for Dairy Cattle and Goats**
- 1  **Intent to Sell Market Lambs, Goats & Hogs Due**
- 2 Dog Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
- 3 Thurston County Fair Board Mtg., 7:30 pm, TCF
- 7 Poultry Committee Meeting, 2:30 pm, TCF
- 9 Horse Committee Meeting, 7 pm, TCF
- 9 Rabbit/Cavy Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
- 10 Goat Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
- 15  **Rabbit and Cavy Certificates Due**
- 20 Horse Leaders Show, 8 a.m., TCF
- 20 Last Chance Clinic, 10 a.m., TCF
- 27 Western Games Qualifying Clinic, 8 a.m., TCF

## JULY 2009

- 1  **Thurston County Fair Animal Entries Due**
- 8 Jumping Qualifier, 6 p.m., TCF
- 9 Thurston County Fair Board Mtg., 7:30 pm, TCF
- 11 Horse Pre-Fair Show, 8 a.m., TCF
- 12 Horse Groom Squad & Judging, 9 a.m., TCF
- 13 Creativity Festivity 4-H Day Camp
- 13 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, TCF
- 13 4-H Fair Superintendent Meeting, 7:30 pm, TCF
- 14 Horse Committee Meeting, 7 pm, TCF
- 14 Rabbit/Cavy Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
- 15 Goat Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
- 16 Jumping Qualifier, 6 p.m., TCF
- 18 Western Games Pre-Fair, 8 a.m., TCF
- 19 Dressage & Jumping, 9 a.m., TCF
- 21 Jumping Qualifier, 6 p.m., TCF
- 22  **Enter Non-Perishable Still Life Exhibits**
- 22  **Enter Educational Posters/Exhibits**
- 22  **Enter Record Books**
- 25  **Fashion Revue Judging, Food & Clothing Judging Contests**
- 26 **Fair Food Drive Delivery Day**
- 27  **Enter 4-H Food Exhibits**
- 28  **Enter Natural Resources and Plants**
- 28  **Animal Haul-in & Vet Check for Fair**
- 29-2 **Thurston County Fair**

## AUGUST 2009

- 3 4-H Still Life Exhibit Pick Up 5-7 pm, TCF
- State Fair Exhibitors Meeting, 7 pm, TCF
- 12 Thurston County Fair Board Mtg., 7:30 pm, TCF

## SEPTEMBER 2009

- 1  **Recommendations for State 4-H Council Due (State 4-H Policy Changes)**
- 30 2008-2009 4-H Year Ends

## OCTOBER 2008

- 1  **4-H Club Re-enrollments available**

## NOVEMBER 2008

- 1 Achievement Afternoon, 2-4 pm, TCF

## DECEMBER 2008

- 1  **4-H Club Re-enrollments Due**

### Mark your calendars for the annual **Creativity Festivity 4-H Day Camp** July 13—17, 2009

Thurston County Fairgrounds  
9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
(early drop off 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.)

For youth kindergarten through  
5th grade. Youth do not need to  
be 4-H members.

Crafts·Sewing·Gardening  
·Outdoor Fun·and More!

4-H Day Camp is limited to  
40 youth participants.

Teen Counselors and Adult Volunteers are  
needed to make day camp possible. Call the  
4-H Office to learn how you can help.