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Thurston County

All 4-H Family Mailing - October/November 2007

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**Congratulations to all
our 4-H State Fair
Qualifiers.**

Way to go, members!

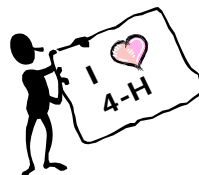
THURSTON COUNTY 4-H

The New 4-H Year Oct. 2007 - Sept. 2008

October marks the beginning of the new 4-H year. We kick off the new year with National 4-H Week **Sunday, October 7 - Saturday October 13.**

Club Leaders - It is time to start enrolling for the new 4-H year! Re-enrollment packets are available for clubs to pick up. Completed packets, **including the leader's and parent's signatures**, are to be returned by **December 3, 2007**. Please be aware that adult volunteers and leaders are not covered by WSU Liability Insurance until there is an official record of re-enrollment in the 4-H Office.

Additionally, no members will be re-enrolled unless the club's Annual Financial Summary is also filed with the 4-H Office. If your club is disbanding, please notify the Thurston County 4-H Office.



New Leader Orientation

New Leader Orientation is required for all new adult volunteers and current volunteers taking over the leadership of an existing club. This orientation is the first step in becoming a 4-H volunteer leader. Attending New Leader Orientation is how new volunteers receive leader application materials. Orientation includes an introduction to 4-H philosophy, 4-H policies, and 4-H activities. A packet full of helpful information will be distributed.

New Leader Orientations will be held at the WSU Thurston County Extension Office starting at 7:00 pm on:

**Thursday, November 8
Tuesday, November 27
Wednesday, December 5**

More dates to be announced.
***Pre-registration is required,
please call ahead!***



Volunteer Leader Training (VLT) Schedule

The following Volunteer Leader Training dates have been scheduled. Remember all new 4-H volunteers (i.e. Club Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Resource Leaders, and officially enrolled Parent Volunteers) are required to complete VLT. Volunteers overdue for training will not be eligible for re-enrollment until the training requirement has been met. Volunteers overdue for training can expect to receive a reminder letter in the mail. *Pre-registration is required to participate in VLT.* Please contact Emily in the 4-H Office for more details.

Part I: Wednesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Extension Office

Part II: Wednesday, Oct. 17, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Extension Office

Part III: Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Extension Office

Parts I, II, & III: Saturday, November 3, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Extension Office

Parts I, II, & III: Saturday, January 26, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Extension Office

More dates to be announced, but please attend VLT as soon as possible.

State Fair Exhibit Pick Up

Attention State Fair Still Life Exhibitors! If your family took advantage of our local Thurston County 4-H State Fair Still Life Entry day at the Extension Office, then your exhibits are back in the Extension office ready for pick-up! Please pick up your exhibits ASAP. Thank you!



Creativity Festivity

Once again Thurston County will be hosting the 4-H “Creativity Festivity” series. Workshops are open to any school age youth—participants do not need to be 4-H members! So invite your friends to take a fun workshop with you.

Workshop choices could include: needle crafts, card making, scrapbooking, sewing, fun snacks, or painting ceramics. Volunteers are needed to lead workshops. See below:

Workshop Presenters Needed!

The 4-H Office is looking for volunteers to help present Creativity Festivity workshops 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. 4-H needs you—call the 4-H Office to learn more!

4-H Portable Challenge Training - Become a 4-H Portable Challenge Facilitator

4-H Portable Challenge teaches groups to work together, develops group trust, builds confidence, and teaches communication skills. 4-H Portable Challenge is used by 4-H Clubs, schools, and in the workplace to help groups (both youth and adult) work together more effectively. 4-H Portable Challenge is delivered by trained 4-H facilitators using a collection of assorted props and an endless array of games. 4-H Portable Challenge can be taken into almost any setting: classrooms, gyms, 4-H club meetings, parking lots, retreat centers, indoors, outdoors, etc. 4-H Portable Challenge has many uses and is a fun activity for any 4-H group.

Thurston County 4-H has Portable Challenge equipment available for check-out to all volunteers who attend the training. If you would like to become a facilitator or for more information, contact Vicky McCarley at (360) 786-5445 ext 7907 or mccarlv@co.thurston.wa.us

Leaders Guide to Handling Money

Pat BoyEs

As the new 4-H year begins be sure to collect your copy of the latest edition of 4-H Leaders Guide to Handling Money in the 4-H Youth Development Program (C1059E). There have been a number of policy changes and everyone, whether you've been a 4-H leader for 4 months or 40 years, will need to implement the new procedures. Please review the new C1059E carefully. For your FREE copy, go to <http://pubs.wsu.edu> and enter C1059E in the left hand menu bar.

Volunteer Refresher Training

The “**For the Well-Being of Youth and Adults**” 4-H Volunteer training is being offered to provide experienced volunteers with an update on current issues and new resource volunteers with the information they need to understand concerning risk management and youth protection. ***If you have never attended a 4-H Volunteer Leader Training (VLT) session or you completed VLT prior to November 2004 you should attend this training!***

4-H Volunteer Refresher Training will be offered on the following dates at the fairgrounds:

Monday, November 5 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Thurston County Extension Office

Monday, March 17 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Thurston County Extension Office.



Looking for a Fair Theme

How creative are you? At this year's county fair, the theme was “What's Growin' On”. For next year, the Thurston County Fair Board is seeking slogans to go with mascot, Toby the Turtle. Do you have some ideas? Any suggestions may be directed to the Fair Office at 786-5453.

OPPORTUNITIES

Attention Teens!

Teens, the Thurston County 4-H Office needs you! We are looking for teens (6th grade to 10th grade) to serve as our “County Teen Representatives” a.k.a. “CTR's” and teen (grades 10-12) to serve as County Ambassadors. The Thurston County 4-H Teen Leadership team is your opportunity to work in partnership with the 4-H Office and 4-H Council to promote 4-H and develop leadership skills.

If you are ready to develop new skills and like a challenge, attend the Teen Leader Training on January 5, 2008, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To sign up, call the 4-H Office today!

Know Your Government Conference

Jan Klein

The 4-H Know Your Government Conference serves to strengthen the connection between youth and our political and social networks through education, experience, application and inspiration. This year, participants will explore political parties, the nomination process and the development of resolutions which support planks that together produce a party platform. Pre-conference orientation and preparation will include four meetings and a virtual Community Statewide 4-H Caucus via satellite. Each county will have the opportunity to nominate a candidate for 4-H President and share their plank resolutions. The 4-H KYG delegates will meet in Olympia February 16-19 to ratify the 4-H State Platform and select their 4-H Presidential nominee. Call the 4-H office for info.

4-H Booth at Season Starter Craft Bazaar

Volunteers are needed at the Seasons Starter Craft Bazaar in the 4-H booth selling holiday wreaths. Dates are Nov. 23—24. 4-H Clubs are invited to make hand-crafted items to sell out of the booth; reselling store bought products is not allowed. Note – space is limited and crafts have to be pre-approved by the City of Lacey Parks and Recreation Department, so plan ahead. Call the 4-H Office for more details.



So You Want to be a Veterinarian?

If you have ever dreamed of being a veterinarian or veterinarian assistant, here's your chance to learn more! Dr. Alena Cowell, a veterinarian at Steamboat Animal Hospital and 4-H Leader for the Thurston County Vet Science 4-H Club, is giving a free presentation to educate kids about what the job is really all about. There will be a lecture with slides and door prizes! The presentation will be Thursday, November 1, at 7 pm at the Thurston County Fairgrounds. Youth 12 to 18 years old and their parents are invited to attend. Please RSVP by Oct. 31, to the 4-H Office at 786-5445, ext. 7913. Alena's presentation is always a hit. Don't miss out!

Shooting Sports

Janet Schmidt

Mark your calendars for November 2-4, 2007 for the next 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training opportunity! WSU - Kitsap County Extension, with leadership from Kim Peterson and Kelly Fisk, has stepped forward to host this Archery only training in Silverdale at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. The registration fee of \$25 per person (w/o NAA

Level 1 certification) is requested by October 26, 2007. Go to <http://4-h.wsu.edu/news/Tues/2007/100907.htm> for training and registration details.

Open Forum for Avian Questions

Lynn Schlosser

Kids have so many questions about Poultry and Waterfowl and they have problems getting their questions answered. With this in mind I am hosting a MS Space dedicated to asking questions. The format is based on the fitting and show table. I give references for looking up the information themselves and try to find the humorous questions that several judges use to stump kids. 4-H members can post answers to questions and give comments on topics (strongly monitored). Where is it? <http://demamagoose-house.spaces.live.com/>

“KUDOS CORNER”

2007 Thurston County Leader of the Year

Congratulations, Doreen Tudor! Doreen was selected the 2007 Thurston County 4-H Leader of the Year. Doreen will be honored at the statewide volunteer recognition banquet at the 4-H Forum in Pasco on October 19 and at Thurston County Achievement Afternoon on October 28.

4-H Project Committees

As the Thurston County 4-H program continues to expand, it is becoming increasingly important to utilize committees to help with decision making and project organization. Several 4-H project areas have countywide “project committees”. 4-H Clubs that focus on any of the following project areas are encouraged to send representatives, 4-H club leaders or parents, to the committee meetings. Teen Leaders may also attend the meetings. Current committees include dog, rabbit/cavy, horse, goat, and Still Life (Arts of the Home). Meetings occur on a regular schedule—see attached calendar of events.

Rochester After-School Unlimited 4-H Program

The 4-H Office is currently seeking candidates to create a part-time pool of time-slip workers to provide project support for the After-School Unlimited 4-H Program for Rochester Middle School youth. Candidates would need to be available weekdays 2-6 pm, including some school break days—on a flexible basis. Tasks will include teaching 4-H project lessons, lesson planning, determining supply needs and providing supervision for teens. High school graduates and older are welcome to apply—call the 4-H office for additional info.



4-H Teen Leader Training

WSU Thurston County Extension Office

Saturday, January 5, 2007, 10 am to 2 pm

Who should attend?

- Teen 4-H Club Officers
- Teens teaching younger 4-H members
- Teens helping to coordinate club activities like fundraisers, community service activities, and 4-H promotion
- Teens interested in learning more about 4-H leadership opportunities

This workshop will cover:

- I'm a Teen Leader! Now what?
(Roles and responsibilities of the teen leader and working with younger members)
- Effective club meetings and club officer roles

Please Bring: a sack lunch and a 3-ring binder.

Registration: Pre-registration is required. Please register by calling the 4-H Office at (360) 786-5445 ext.7913.

**Don't miss this opportunity!
Space is limited to 25 participants. Sign up early!**

Questions? Call Emily Killeen in the 4-H Office at (360) 786-5445 ext. 7913

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Free to good home:

Arabian Gelding, 20 something years old. Nice riding horse-likes girls- personable attitude-classy looking. Free to good home only, he wants someone who will pay attention to him and ride him! Medium height. Contact Bob (360) 278-3315.

Free rabbit cage in good condition, metal, single opening. Call Steve or Jennifer at 438-2279.

Free to a good home: two roosters and a rabbit. Roosters are 5 months old, Rhode Island Red and a black one. Backyard pets, friendly. White rabbit is house trained; likes cats & chickens. Call Kristine at 456-2631 or email upthejunction@yahoo.com. Subject line—roosters.

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.



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