Clallam County
4-H
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Member and Family Handbook

The 4-H Pledge!

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,
my HEART to Greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service,
my HEALTH to better living,
For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

Clallam County 4-H 2017
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1. 4-H Enrollment & Re-enrollment The 4-H year runs from October 1 through September 30th. All Community Club youth members and enrolled Volunteers must submit annual enrollments in 4-H online. Visit https://wa.4honline.com. To confirm enrollment, members must contact a club leader, attend a club meeting, and pay 4-H youth 10membership fees and club dues. See the WA State 4-H Policy for specifics about eligibility for members and the enrollment process for new volunteers.

2. 4-H Age Divisions

- Clover buds: 5 to 7 years of age
- Junior: 8 to 10 years of age (Youth must be Juniors or above to participate in Shooting Sports projects, large animal projects, and the Junior Livestock Auction)
- Intermediate: 11 to 13 years of age
- Senior: 14 to less than 19 years of age

3. 4-H Projects 4-H Community Club members choose a project or multiple project areas to enroll in for the year. Clubs can determine which projects the club is able to provide based on available Volunteer support. Depending on the club and project, members may attend project meetings or work independently. New project leader volunteers are always welcome. 4-H Curriculum is available. Contact the 4-H office for more information.

4. Resources Visit the Clallam County Extension Website "Club Members and Families" page for 4-H resources including specific project information. These resources provide information about resources, animal management and care dates, required and recommended vaccinations, showing attire, Fair entry requirements, and additional activities in the specific project areas.

5. Club Meetings with Youth in Leadership Roles! Attendance at club meetings is a critical part of 4-H participation. Youth are elected to officer roles. Resources are available to assist youth in learning their leadership role. Youth learn the Order of a Meeting and Parliamentary Procedure. Example: How to make a motion.

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6. Youth Leadership Opportunities There are many leadership opportunities for Intermediate (11-13yrs) and Senior (14-18yrs.). There are county leadership programs, teen rallies, and state-wide teen conferences such as *WA State 4-H Know Your Government.*

7. County 4-H Council The Clallam County 4-H Council provides county level leadership and guidance in development of policies, procedures, 4-H promotion, and much more. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday or each month at 7:00pm at the Clallam County Commissioner's Meeting Room. The council also fundraises for a Scholarship program for our graduating seniors.

8. 4-H Record Books

Clallam County 4-Hers must turn in a complete and up-to-date 4-H record book to their club leader BEFORE the turn in dates listed below.

- August 1st - to compete or exhibit in 4-H Fair events.
- October 1st- to complete the 4-H year, earn a year pin and qualify for scholarships, year-end awards, or county fair medals.

4-Hers in Clallam County have the choice between the *Standard* or *Pilot* Record Book to meet the Record Book requirements. Both options are available to download from the Clallam County Extension Website- Check with your club leader to see which option your club has chosen. Note: Cloverbud 4-H members (5-7) are not required to turn in record books and their books cannot be judged competitively. Cloverbud members are encouraged to practice record keeping along with older club members.

Members requesting accommodations should notify their club leader or the Extension office.

9. Public Presentations (Demonstrations)

To compete in 4-H in the Clallam County Fair and/or complete their 4-H year, each 4-H member in a community club must complete a 4-H Public Presentation (Demonstration) based on a topic related to their project area at the club level before August 1st of the 4-H year.

- 4-Hers may choose to do a team Presentation with another member.
- Youth are encouraged to practice their demonstration multiple times throughout the year, particularly in front of a public group. In addition to the club level, youth can do also do a District, County, and State level demonstration.

Recommended Time Limits for Illustrated Talks and Demonstrations

• Minimum 3 minutes • Maximum 20 minutes, with the following guidelines:

Juniors 3–8 minutes Intermediates 5–15 minutes Seniors 8–20 minutes

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10. Educational Posters

4-H members who exhibit their animal or still life projects at the Clallam County Fair are encouraged to create Educational Posters to be displayed in the barn at fair. Posters must be turned in to your club leader before August 1st. Leaders must turn club posters in by 4:00pm to the Extension office on August 1st. Poster judging is completed prior to fair. Posters must be done by the 4-H member in their current project area(s). Limit 2 posters per project area.

11. Clallam County Fair

To complete in 4-H contests in the Clallam County Fair, 4-H members must meet specific county 4-H requirements including turning in an up-to-date 4-H record book and completing a club level demonstration. See Clallam County 4-H Educational Requirements.

Look for the Clallam County Fair Exhibitor's Guide which is published by the Peninsula Daily News in June. Be sure to read your projects section in order to meet any project specific requirements and entry requirements for each barn at the Clallam County Fair. Most animal entry forms are due to the Barn Superintendents on August 1st. Entry forms are available through the Extension office, the fair office, or from your club or project leader. Talk to your club/project leader for assistance with completing entry forms.

Fair Camping- The fair camping registration form is available on the Clallam County Fair website and on the inside back cover of the Exhibitor Guide. Campsites are secured on a first-come, first served basis. If you plan to camp, make sure you turn your form in to the fair office as soon as possible when the form is available in June.

Note: 4-H Members completing all requirements will earn a Fair Exhibitor pass (purchased by our county 4-H Council). Watch for instructions about member and parent passes.

12. Washington State 4-H Fair Qualified Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members may be able to compete in their project area at the WA State 4-H fair held each September in Puyallup. Visit their website for links to the exhibitor's guide and exhibitor information.

13. County Achievement Program The Clallam County 4-H Awards Handbook lists the many awards that youth may be eligible to receive. Awards and Year-end pins are presented annually at our County Achievement program in November.

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Clallam County 4-H Quick Reference Page

Name:_____

Primary Club: _____

Secondary Club:_____

General Club Meeting Date(s) and time(s): _____

Club Leader name, phone and e-mail: _____

_____

Mentor family: _____

Name, Phone number and e-mail: _____

My projects:

Project: _____ Meeting date and times _____

Project Leader's Name, phone, and e-mail _____

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Project: _____ Meeting date and times _____

Project Leader's Name, phone, and e-mail _____

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Project Leader's Name, phone, and e-mail _____

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CLALLAM COUNTY 4-H IMPORTANT DATES

Dates are subject to change. Clubs and project area have additional events and deadlines.
Check with your club leader for club requirements and club and project meeting dates.

OCTOBER

October 1st 4-H Year Begins. Re-enrollment and New enrollment begin.
First Week of October National 4-H Week/ National Youth Science Day
Late October- WA State 4-H Leader's Forum Conference

NOVEMBER

Achievement Program celebrating the previous 4-H Year.
November Teen Sign-ups for Know Your Government/Teen Leadership Club Begins
By December 1st-New Enrollments and Re-enrollments due in 4-H ONLINE.

DECEMBER

December1st –Enrollments Due. New Members still welcome.

JANUARY

Know Your Government Pre-meetings

FEBRUARY

CCJLA (Clallam County Junior Livestock Auction) Mandatory Parent Meetings
Know Your Government Teen Conference -President's Day weekend

MARCH

March 1st 4-H State Scholarships Due
WA State Teen Summit
CCJLA Livestock Auction Quality Assurance Class & Steer Pre-Weigh in
4-H Council Retreat

APRIL

April 1st-CCJLA Lee and Betty Embree Scholarships Due to CCJLA Committee
April 1st -Leader's Council Scholarship Record Books and Applications Due to Extension Office

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MAY

State Shooting Sports Tournament
CCJLA Hog, Goat, and Lamb Pre weigh-in

JUNE

June 1st CCJLA Auction Bidder Letters Due to Extension Office
June 1st Deadline for Enrollment for New Members/Changing Projects for Fair participation
Horse sign off sheets due to Club Leader/ Horse Superintendent
P.A. Summer Classic Silver Spurs Horse Show

JULY

Sewing Day Camp
WSU 4-H Teen Conference WSU Campus Pullman
Neon Riders Horse Show/Pre-Fair Horse Show
Club Level Demonstrations must be completed.
Record Books and Posters due to your Club leader before August 1st to qualify for fair participation. Leaders must turn them in on August 1st by 4:00pm to the Extension office.

AUGUST

August 1st Record Books Due from Club Leaders for Fair Participation
August 1st CCJLA Auction Tickets Due
August 1st Educational Posters due for pre-fair judging.
August 1st Fair Animal Entry forms must be mailed to Superintendents.
August 1st Dairy Certificates Due to Cattle Superintendent
Clallam County Fair Mid August
4-H State Fair Entry Forms Due to 4-H Coordinator at 4-H Building Sunday of County Fair

SEPTEMBER

WA State 4-H Fair
For year completion--completed Record Books for the 4-H year are due to your Club Leader before October 1st. Award applications must be included in Record Books.

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Helpful Tips for First Year 4-H Members and Families!

- READ the Clallam County 4-H E-mail Newsletter for important notices of events and deadlines! Visit the Upcoming Events page for important dates!
- Find out how your club leader communicates with club members.
  E-mail and texting are very common methods of communicating important notices.
  Help your club leader out by making sure to read any notices and respond quickly.
- Bookmark the Club Member and Family resources available on our Clallam County Extension Website: http://extension.wsu.edu/clallam/4h/membersandfamilies/
- Write down important dates and deadlines on all your calendars!
- Get involved! 4-H is ALL run by volunteers who care about our kids…just like you! Your club and county program can use help in many ways. Plan to help out and attend as many events and meetings as you can.
- Find a mentor family. Ask a family who has been in 4-H before, particularly in your projects, to be your mentor family.
- Attend your general club meetings and project meetings.
  These meetings are where 4-H happens.
- Attend a practice show! If you are an animal project member, plan to attend one or more practice shows. Our county 4-H program hosts multiple horse shows, cat show, dog shows, and the Port Angeles Summer Classic (mid June)
- Pick up a Clallam County Fair Exhibitor Guide in June to get ready for fair. Animal Entry forms are due to the Barn Superintendents by August 1st!! Forms are available through your project leader or at the Fair office and WSU Extension office.
- Read up on publications-find WSU and National 4-H publications that help you learn about your project. https://pubs.wsu.edu/ http://4hmall.org
- Don't procrastinate! Help your child start their record book early and fill it in as they go through the year.
- Attend 4-H Council meetings. Your Clallam County 4-H Council plans county-wide events and makes our programs great. Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm at the Clallam County Courthouse.

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