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## MAKING THE BEST BETTER

### Teen Voice for WA 4-H Future

Our recent SJC 4-H State Ambassador has taken on a new role as the Teen Leader for the State 4-H Core Committee. This role is a great honor and Clinton Gauthier is up for the challenge. To be accepted into this role, you must be a senior in high school and have fulfilled the role of 4-H State Ambassador. Presently, there are two positions for this role but Clinton is the only qualified, available teen in the state. Thus, his voice alone is the teen voice to our 4-H future!

Congratulations Clinton on the progress you've made in the Teen Leadership program. You are leading the way for your peers. You will represent our San Juan County teens well, bringing to the State meetings their needs, interests and dreams.

### Another 4-H Year Beginning

By Jan Sanburg, LC President

It is October and another 4-H year is beginning! Many groups are having achievement nights and preparing to begin the 2007-2009 year.

The San Juan County Leader's Council has also begun a new year. At the meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> the group voted to retain the current slate of officers. This is: President; Jan Sanburg, Vice-President; Terri Brown, Treasurer; Flo McAlary-McFarland, and Secretary; John Gauthier. The officers will all be working hard to continue the great traditions of 4-H for our county as well as exploring with you ways to improve the program.

Also at the October meeting it was decided to increase annual membership dues to \$15 from the

previous \$10 fee. The additional \$5 is to help support the Leader's Council Educational Activities Scholarship Fund (EAS Fund) so that we can continue to send county members to such events as: Know Your Government, Teen Rally, Teen Forum, National 4-H Congress, and Whatcom County Youth Fair as well as other leadership oriented 4-H events. We appreciate any efforts to helping fund these worthwhile events and the 4-H Coordinators position. As in previous years there is a family cap and a hardship waiver. To comply with State 4-H policy collecting this fee must not be a barrier to membership.

The group has been researching avenues of endowment style strategies in order to support the EAS Fund through earned income. The information that we have received is interesting, exciting, and positive. We are investigating opportunities to partner with the San Juan Island Community Foundation as part of their portfolio of non-profit organizations. This spring we hope to have more detailed information on how this might work for the Leader's Council organization. Hopefully this work will lead us towards a sustainable means of support for the future of the 4-H Educational Activity Scholarship as the program continues to grow.

In the upcoming year we also look forward to continuing to improve on the 4-H Policy Manual to include guidelines for the sub committees. As well as continuing to create a comprehensive policy manual for our county.

*An important reminder:* The next meeting, which is currently scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup> on Orcas Island, will be the meeting at which policy that may affect members' eligibility to compete at the fair will be decided upon. Any proposed new policy or policy change will need to appear on the agenda at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting. The deadline, therefore, for any policy or amendments to policy that may affect members' eligibility to compete at the fair will be December 20<sup>th</sup> 2007.

If anyone has any questions and concerns I invite you to contact me personally so that we can discuss them. Email: [jan.sanburg@nmt.us](mailto:jan.sanburg@nmt.us) or call me at home between 5:30 and 8 pm any evening (468-4682).

Wishing everyone a great 4-H year ahead!

## WA State 4-H Leaders' Forum Pasco, WA

The theme for the 2007 State 4-H Forum was "4-H: An American Tradition" and was held in Pasco Washington October 19-21. The Forum is the annual gathering of 4-H volunteers, teens and faculty/staff. During the Forum, you have the opportunity to network with other volunteers, give input to the Washington State 4-H Program, and hone your skills at a variety of workshops. The Forum features the 4-H Summit, Council Meetings, election of board members, the 4-H Auction, speakers, lots of great workshop sessions, Volunteer Recognition Banquet and the Washington 4-H Hall of Fame inductions.

This year Cathy Cole, Clinton and Cindy Gauthier traveled to Pasco to attend. We had a wet and windy travel day Thursday and were very happy to arrive at our destination safely. Clinton participated in the 4-H Core Committee meetings Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, as he is the new teen representative to this group.

Friday and Saturday were filled with some great workshops. On Friday, Cindy attended "Working with Challenging Groups" and learned some new skills and knowledge about group dynamics and the challenges we face with various groups. Cathy attended "Building a Better Judging Contest". She was happy to attend this workshop, because she was not able to participate at the training offered earlier this year with Katrina Walker.

Saturday the workshops we participated in included: Expanding 4-H Beyond the Traditional Audiences, Managing Crisis at County Fairs, Present Yourself with MS PowerPoint, To Judge is to Educate, and A New Look at Animal Science Project Meetings. There were many, many more to choose from and that was the hardest part about our day.

October 17-19 are the dates for the 2008 State 4-H Forum to be held in Everett. We would like to invite and encourage all leaders to consider attending. If the whole conference is not possible, we would like to suggest attending the Saturday workshops. By leaving the islands on the early ferry, you should be able to arrive and attend the workshops and still be able to get home on the same day. Everyone will find a workshop from which they will benefit as a leader. We will make sure to

get all the details to you as they become available next year.

## **Tufts' 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development** By Laura Phillips Garner

I am pleased to announce that promotion of the Tufts' 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development (PYD)—the first-ever longitudinal study to actually measure the characteristics of positive youth development—was launched October 11 to coincide with Tufts' 4-H Study of PYD Director Dr. Richard M. Lerner's appearance on ABC television's *Good Morning America* that morning to promote his new book, *The Good Teen*. A national news release touting the Tufts' 4-H Study of PYD was also released via newswire that day.

The National 4-H Council Marketing & Communications Team, in partnership with Vanguard Communications in Washington, D.C., have created a promotional toolkit to prepare and support 4-H staff, 4-H volunteers and 4-H members. We hope that you will use these resources to share the findings of the Tufts' 4-H Study of PYD with stakeholders in your communities. The toolkit is available at [www.4hbrandnetwork.org/apply/kitstufts.org](http://www.4hbrandnetwork.org/apply/kitstufts.org) and includes: internal messages worksheets for external audiences, families, funders and policy makers; customizable press release, public service announcements, PowerPoint presentation, drop-in article, flyer and form letter; a tip sheet for growing healthier, happier teens; 4-H Insights handouts that focus on civic engagement and contribution; and a four-color graphic that illustrates that youth in 4-H clubs are 41 percent more likely to contribute to themselves, their families and their communities, compared to youth in other activities (28 percent) or no activities at all (17 percent) a how-to package with tips on how to use the items in the promotional kit.

The National 4-H Council Marketing & Communications Team will: keep you abreast of Dr. Lerner's appearances in print and on radio and television as news of the study rolls out; provide these updates through e-mails like this one, information on [www.4hbrandnetwork.org](http://www.4hbrandnetwork.org) and articles in *Clover Corner News*, 4-H's national online newsletter (sign up by clicking on the Clover Corner News icon at [www.fourhcouncil.edu](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu)); and, contact you to announce publication of the written report

of the first four years of the longitudinal study when it is delivered by Dr. Lerner and Tufts.

We hope that you will tell us about your successes and best practices around sharing the results of the Tufts' 4-H Study of PYD with stakeholders by using the "Tell Us" feature on [www.4hbrandnetwork.org](http://www.4hbrandnetwork.org) or contacting Laura Phillips Garner at [lgarner@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:lgarner@fourhcouncil.edu).

Also, stay tuned for details on a later Breeze session covering this topic on what tools are available to promote them and how to share that information with stakeholders to underscore the value of positive youth development and 4-H.

Your local 4-H Programs can still get youth involved in the Tufts' 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development. State 4-H Programs that want to take part in the study can contact Jo Turner at [TurnerLJ@missouri.edu](mailto:TurnerLJ@missouri.edu) or 573-884-5112 for more information.

## **HOME ON THE ISLANDS**

### **Achievement Night Celebration**

Congratulations to all 4-Hers who were dedicated to their 4-H clubs and activities throughout the year. Many, many 4-Hers have received their Completion Certificates and year pins, as San Juan, Shaw and Lopez have already celebrated their accomplishments. Orcas will soon be celebrating, too.

We want to share our sincere gratitude to each and every 4-H Volunteer Leader who has played a role, small or large, in the education and support of 4-Hers this year. We know you are humbly sharing your skills, talents and loving hearts. What you do not only means a great deal to each youth, it greatly supports the strength of the island community where you live. 4-H is indeed a youth "prevention program". Your efforts run even deeper than you may realize, helping to develop skills in youth that will help them make healthy, responsible choices such as resisting peer pressure to use drugs and to be involved in other risky behaviors. Your role is a vital one to a healthy island community! We so appreciate what you do and are fortunate to have roles that support you!

## **New Astronomy Club**

4-H Teen Leader, *Genieva Mottet*, is leading the way to start a new astronomy club on San Juan Island. Her enthusiasm is contagious and her initiative is empowering. Spread the word to your members so they can join in with *Genieva* in learning about the mystery of our far-away stars. *Genieva's* father, *Lou Mottet*, will be co-leading the club.

## **Club Updates and News**

Several leaders have been requesting that we have more club news in the newsletters so that the island 4-H programs can be more connected. Please put together any news of your clubs' fall season start for the next newsletter at the end of December. Since some of you are now just planning your first meetings, by the end of the year, you may have some news for other leaders about your members, upcoming fundraisers, island events, etc. Please send us an email or give a call with your updates and we'll gladly put in an article for you. Send digital photos of your clubs' activities, too!

## **4-H Challenge Updates**

Reviewing all Challenge activities implemented over the 2006-2007 program year, we served 285 youth and parents, reaching our San Juan Island Prevention Coalition goal (260 participants) by 110%. This total includes school enrichment (FHES), afterschool (FHES, FHMS), Family Night Out (FHES), Children's Festival, San Juan County Fair, and a private youth group. In addition, it was our goal to train eight new Challenge Facilitators. We exceeded this goal by training eleven new Facilitators.

Our newest program is a six-week series at the St. David's Episcopal Church with their youth group program. Vicki Hebert is teaching a progressive series of Challenge initiatives to build team skills for students in grades 6-8. An existing group such as this youth group is a prime target for Challenge. If you know of a youth group on your island that may be interested in having a Challenge series program, please have them call Vicki Hebert, our Challenge Coordinator, directly at 378-6352, or via email at [vickilynn@rockisland.com](mailto:vickilynn@rockisland.com).

In January or February of 2008, we plan to have another Challenge Facilitator training to increase

our teaching team. If you know of anyone who works with youth or is enthusiastic about learning to work with youth, please encourage them to find out more about Challenge. We would like to inspire them with this unique way of teaching essential life skills.

A gracious thank you to the San Juan Island Prevention Coalition and United Way of San Juan County for supporting the Challenge program. Grant funding (i.e. Drug Free Community Support Grant) from these organizations sponsors the Challenge Coordinator position. Thank you to the San Juan Island Community Foundation for past support necessary to purchase the large bags of props and tools essential for curriculum implementation.

## **Leaders' Council Meeting**

January 5, Orcas Island Hotel

This next meeting will be the meeting at which policy decisions will be made that may affect members' eligibility to compete at County Fair, and completion of the 4-H year. Recommendations for changes in general, project, or departmental policy or procedures that apply to the 2008 SJC Fair or completion of the 2008 4-H year must be approved by Leaders' Council prior to March 1. March 1 is the deadline to which Extension must notify all leaders of policy changes.

Any proposed new policy or policy change will need to appear on the agenda at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The deadline, therefore, for new policy or amendments to policy agenda items for the January 5 meeting will be December 20<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Please send any and all agenda items to Jan Sanburg, LC President, at [office@nmt.us](mailto:office@nmt.us).

## **BEYOND THE ISLANDS**

### **NW 4-H Teen Rally Delegates Go!**

We have seven eager teens enrolled to participate in this year's NW Teen Rally at Camp Arnold in Pierce County. One Orcas member will join with six San Juan members, chaperoned by 4-H Leader, Pam Guyer. Thank you, Pam!

Our teen leadership program continues to grow, thanks to the vital encouragement you give your teen members to pursue these experiences. And,

thanks to the Leaders' Council, teens receive scholarship support in order to reach their leadership goals.

Thank you also to the San Juan Island Community Foundation for its important grant funding, providing teen leadership scholarships to all San Juan Rally participants.

### **County Teen Representatives Needed** From Jan Klein

The Washington State 4-H teen leadership program is looking for middle school youth to represent their counties as County Teen Representatives (CTRs). Now is the time to be promoting and selecting your county CTRs!

The 4-H County Teen Representative Program is a means to strengthen the leadership opportunities for the junior high age youth across our state. Partnering with 4-H staff, volunteers and other youth, their goal is to improve and facilitate communication throughout their county and district and to help organize youth events and activities. They are the bridge between 4-H clubs and county activities and then counties to district events.

*Vision Statement:* To better prepare youth for the roles of active citizenship during their teen years and as adults.

*Mission Statement:* To actively partner with 4-H staff, volunteers, and other youth in order to improve and facilitate communication throughout their district and organize district youth programs and 4-H Youth Development.

*Eligibility:* Open to 4-H members in grades 7, 8, 9 or 10 who have been active in 4-H and an enrolled member a minimum of two (2) years.

This is a leadership program that is unique to each county. Counties have their own selection process and guidelines for CTRs. They are supported at the State level through training specific to their development and leadership opportunity. The CTR's network across the state with other CTR's and the State Ambassadors to strengthen leadership skills, see the larger picture of 4-H opportunities and to promote 4-H beyond the local level.

For more information on County Teen Representatives visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/trp.htm>. Or, have interested teens talk with other teens in your county that have been a CTR.

### **Know Your Government 2008**

February 16-19, Olympia

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.

Here are five Top Reasons for our county to promote KYG to our teens:

5. Help teens learn about the election process
4. Make great connections with your elected officials
3. Highlight your county teens on presidential debate footage
2. Strengthen county 4-H opportunities for teens
1. Be a part of a significant statewide 4-H event

At the recent Leaders' Forum, which Cindy, Cathy Cole, and Clinton Gauthier attended, there was a workshop on KYG. We will have everything needed here at Extension to prepare our teens for KYG! Clinton has been so inspired by KYG that he'd like to be a Teen Leader for the 2008 preparatory series (four classes). If this is possible through State 4-H policy, he'll just need an adult leader to support him. Are you interested in this role?

In addition, there is a new KYG resource. All of the 2007 KYG legislative interview videos are now online. You can see the 2007 KYG action by going to KYG's own blog at: <http://4hkyg.blogspot.com> on the 4-H Network News blog at: <http://4hnews.blogspot.com> (click on either Government or KYG). Please share these terrific videos resources with teens who may be inspired to participate in 2008!

### **Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum** March 6-9, Boise, Idaho

"Stampede To Idaho" is the theme of the 2008

Western Regional Leaders Forum (WRLF). Preliminary information is now available on the Washington State 4-H Homepage, <http://4-h.wsu.edu/>, for the 2008 WRLF. There will be outstanding speakers, workshops, pre-forum tours and workshops on wheels! Staff and volunteers are encouraged to register. This Forum is the next step beyond the WA 4-H State Forum because there is the additional benefit of networking beyond the Washington borders!

Registration is \$199 for early bird December 1, \$240 January 15 and \$270 February 15. The online registration is available. A new and exciting option is the ability to use personal credit cards to pay for registration. You will find the link to WRLF registration at [www.4h.uidaho.edu](http://www.4h.uidaho.edu). Stampede to Idaho in 2008!

#### **Annual WSU High School Competition: "Power Your Future", May 9-11, Pullman**

A faculty group was appointed in April to explore the concept of hosting an annual academic competition for high school students. A small steering group, led by Grant Norton, associate dean, College of Engineering and Architecture, is leading the planning effort, and Tena Old, University Relations, is providing staff support for the project. The group spent a great deal of time this past summer talking with high school educators and administrators around the state to determine the feasibility of the concept and to shape the contest. They are also working with an external advisory group who is providing outstanding counsel. Support has been unanimous with people expressing enthusiasm for the unique concept of students addressing a real-life issue, for involving disciplines other than math and science, and for the opportunity students will have to address the challenge in a multi-disciplinary format.

The competition will take place in Pullman, May 9-11, 2008. This year's topic will be "Power Your Future." Students may choose one of three challenges involving design, science, policy and/or behavior shifts away from the world's dependence upon fossil fuels.

Denis Hayes has accepted our invitation to present the keynote address. Mr. Hayes is the President of the Bullitt Foundation and board chair of the International Earth Day Network as well as the

immediate past chair of the Energy Foundation.

If you have specific questions about this new event, please contact either Tena Old at [skeen@wsu.edu](mailto:skeen@wsu.edu) or Grant Norton at [mg\\_norton@wsu.edu](mailto:mg_norton@wsu.edu).

#### **4-H Rite of Passage for Teens June 14-22, San Juan Islands**

"Dare to go alone into the wilderness to affirm your past and find your future."

The 4-H Rite of Passage (ROP) program is an exciting, unique, alternative 4-H program already being successfully implemented through King County 4-H. The program is a part of the 4-H Challenge department. You may remember advertising the ROP program in Ellensburg this past July. We are now well underway in planning a ROP program here in the San Juan Island for next June.

Presently, we are trying to identify a group of teens to participate. The Spring Street School is considering being a collaborator for this pilot experience, targeting their junior class a potential group. We are continuing to seek funding through United Way and other groups to help implement this first ROP. We have submitted a proposal to the SJC Land Bank through 4-H Leader, Ruthie Dougherty, to use Turtleback Mountain as the program site. Alice Hibberd and SJI resident, Steve Williamson, are being trained as ROP facilitators. For the June program, Alice and Steve will be camp assistants to the experienced facilitators, trained by the "mother program", the School of Lost Borders in CA, from whence the 4-H ROP program was born.

What is the 4-H ROP? Culturally appropriate rites of passage from adolescence into adulthood are critically important. Without accepted and honored ceremonies, adolescents are initiating each other into adulthood using the symbols of "maturity" that they see as the privilege of adults around them: alcohol, drugs, violence, and sex. King County 4-H offers an alternative- a culturally appropriate rite of passage through a vision fast in the wilderness. Initiates are prepared for as much as a 3-day fast alone without shelter or company in the natural world. The vision fast process for participants involves three phases: severance from the world that they know and will leave behind, threshold of time alone, and, incorporation into

their new life and life status as an adult. The benefits of this work at the individual and cultural levels are many and include: self-knowledge, leadership, self-esteem, self-confidence, self- and community responsibility, fuller access to emotions, feelings and spirit, respect for self and others, and, a deep honoring of the natural world that supports us all.

For more information on the ROP program, go to: <http://king.wsu.edu/4h/Rite/> and the School of Lost Borders site: <http://www.schooloflostborders.com/lb/index.cfm>

### **4-H State Teen Conference**

June 29-July 1, Pullman

For all of you leaders who have teen members, mark your calendar with next year's State Teen Conference dates. Held at the WSU Pullman Campus, this leadership event not only teaches important life skills, provides a powerful teen network for youth, it also introduces participants to the WSU program as well. We will keep you updated on details.

### **Extension-NAIS Resource Center**

*For your information, Leaders, we have the resources below to assist you if you decide to utilize the National Animal Identification System (NAIS).*

The Extension-NAIS Resource Center is designed specifically for Extension educators. Resource Center houses the latest tools to help us inform local livestock and poultry producers about NAIS. The website address is: <http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/extension/> Extension-NAIS

A feature of the Resource Center is the NAIS Graphics Library. The images in the graphics are designed to enhance NAIS content in our presentations, newsletters and brochures. The library includes photos of animals as well as logos and other useful images in high- and low-resolution formats. Save time by adding pictures from the graphics library to your outreach materials instead of searching Google for your image needs. The graphics address is: [http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/extension/graphics\\_library.shtml](http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/extension/graphics_library.shtml) library

The graphics library includes images from the following species and categories: Cattle, Cervids,

Equine, Poultry, Sheep/Goats, Swine, Farms, Logos. To inquire about State-specific photographs, call your local Extension office. If there are any other images you would like to see included in the NAIS Graphics Library? Let your Extension office know how we can better support the NAIS-related outreach. ~ Adapted from Judy Rude

### **Annual Financial Report Due**

With the 2008 4-H year beginning on October 1, 2007, wrap-up for the 2007 4-H year is underway in all WA county 4-H programs. As part of your wrap-up activities, please remember to submit your Annual Financial Summary Report. This report is due to Extension and is to be retained in our office on or before January 31, 2008. Centralized accounts, like those of our 4-H Leader's Councils, are required to be sent directly to the State 4-H office by the January 31 deadline.

State 4-H has developed a new financial guide called, "4-H Leaders' Guide to Handling Funds in the 4-H Youth Development Program". This documents replaces the guide you have been using since 2003, "Leader's Guide to the Treasurer's Book: County Council Treasurer's Handbook". We have put a copy of the new guide on the local 4-H website for your convenience. It is in this new guide that you will find the new version of the Annual Financial Summary Report form you'll need.

You can also find a copy of the needed form on the WSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program home page at: <http://4-h.wsu.edu/>, on the left hand side click on Staff, then Management Checklist, then Clubs and Groups and finally Annual Financial Report.

If you are in need of any assistance in completing your club's Annual Financial Summary Report, please don't hesitate to call us!

### **COUNTY/STATE FAIR NEWS**

#### **4-Hers Shine at State Fair**

The 2007 Western Washington 4-H State Fair concluded on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and San Juan county 4-H members once again did a great job, had fun and brought home happy memories and new learning experiences.

Rhiana Franklin an Intermediate 4-H member

from San Juan Island participated in equitation over fences and dressage classes with her horse several days before the Fair actually began. An impressive showing for her with red and blue ribbons and she was especially pleased with a third place blue for equitation over fences. This was her first time participating at the State Fair and enjoyed competing and making new friends. Hanifah McGovern from Lopez assisted and played groomsman for Rhiana. Hanifah qualified in all three areas of competition this year at our Fair, but choose to wait a year and learn the ropes by helping Rhiana. Hanifah looks forward to participating next year at State if she qualifies.

MacKenzie Brown from San Juan arrived on the grounds to compete in Intermediate Performance horse events just as Rhiana was getting ready to leave to return home. MacKenzie had a great time not only competing with her horse winning blue, red and white ribbons, but she was very excited to see the many other 4-H entries in baking, sewing, food preservation, photography and other still life entries. MacKenzie participates in many 4-H projects and clubs here in our county and won this year's award for the San Juan County Fair High Point 4-H Exhibitor.

Ian and Emily Allaway, members from Shaw Island and Coral Black from San Juan all participated this year by sending some of their still life projects to the Fair. Coral received three blue ribbons and one red on her photography entries. Ian received two blue ribbons on his basket weaving and music composition entries. Ian also participated in the demonstration contest and received an Award of Merit and blue ribbon on how a crystal radio works. Emily won a blue ribbon on her weaved basket and also won two red ribbons on her poetry and pencil drawing entries. Geneva Mottet from San Juan participated in the demonstration contest with her topic on rat nutrition and feeding. She won a well-deserved blue ribbon.

Brittany Wachter from Orcas Island participated in the Rabbit Judging contest and was a little disappointed because she was unable to bring her rabbit to compete in the type class and showmanship events. She had to leave her bunny at home because it had babies unexpectedly. Perhaps we need to have separate male and female rabbit races at our Fair next year!

Trevor Steinbrueck and Kaylee Kramer both from

Lopez and Anna Ware of San Juan Island competed in the Senior Western Games division. These 4-H members are always hoping to "turn and burn" just as fast as they did at county fair. A wide variety of ribbons were won at this year's State Fair from this group of serious competitors.

Megan Brown and Ingrid Carlson from San Juan competed in the Senior Performance horse division and received mostly blue and red awards. This was Ingrid's first time participating and she had a great time and was very happy with her newly trained project horse. Megan would like to encourage all 4-H members who qualify to consider participating at the State level. It is a great place to meet nice people, have fun and learn more about your project.

Chelan Taylor from San Juan participated in the Intermediate Western Games division and enjoyed her first time attending. She received several blue and white ribbons for her efforts and enjoyed meeting the nice horse folks from Skagit County who she shared herdsmanhip duties with.

Kelsey Guyer from Orcas and Sarah and Jennifer Reeve from Lopez united to become the San Juan County dog team. All the gals did exceptionally well winning many blue ribbons and award of merit rosettes in both showmanship and obedience events. Jennifer qualified to go into the championship round in the Pre-Novice obedience group. She was very excited to place and was awarded a blue ribbon. Kelsey received a blue and reserve champion in the pre-qualifying group in showmanship, which qualified her to compete in the final championship round. She was rewarded for all her hard work winning the Overall Grand Champion Senior Showmanship contest. Kelsey said, "There were 19 contestants in this final round, and coming out on top was an amazing experience". Congratulations to all!

The 4-H Program and 4-H families who participated at the State Fair this year would like to extend their thanks to the San Juan County Fair Board and the San Juan Island Ramblers (food booth) funds for their generous scholarships to help pay for expenses to represent San Juan county at the State level of 4-H competition.

## County Fairgrounds Updates

The Fair Board was very, very pleased with the success of our recent Fair. The State Fair Judge's evaluation was reviewed at the September FB meeting and suggestions for improvements on Fair coordination, camping, parking, and communication for 2008 were discussed. One important note is that there needs to be a minimum of six animals for any group to receive minimal points from the State Judge. Plus, as you know, there is the "seven hour" rule of Fair exhibition for qualification, too.

Fair budget negotiations with the County are underway presently to secure adequate county funding for Fair management next year. The Fair contributed \$29,000 to complete this year's necessary water project. There has been a lack of County monies contributed to the Fair for such large capital projects. Thus, for next year the Fair Board is planning ways raise additional revenue to balance the budget. It goes against the Fair Board's belief to increase gate fees. It is their goal to keep the Fair affordable to families. However, it may not be possible to have a free gate for youth next year. The idea of offering year-round camping via the tourist bureau and visitors' bureau is being reviewed. Much work is needed and if you have any creative ideas to pass on to the Fair Board, let us know.

Because the Fair department is not a mandated county department like Extension, both areas are annually under the pressure of additional budgetary cuts. Fair Manager, Christine Miller, is working hard (as is Tom Schultz for Extension), to help keep our programs running with adequate financial support.

The Fair Master Plan from 1992 was approved in September as the new required Master Plan, with some exceptions. This plan includes the demolition of the SJ Ramblers Booth and the American Legion building. The Ramblers Booth will be recreated and relocated. 4-H input will be integral for the creation of a new Ramblers Booth and the Fair Board will request our feedback when the process begins.

WSU Extension programs and policies are consistent with federal and state laws and regulations are nondiscrimination regarding race, color, gender, national origin, religion, age, disability and sexual orientation. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension Office.

## Thank You to our Partners & Sponsors!

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Washington State: //4h.wsu.edu/index.html

Whatcom: //whatcom.wsu.edu/

Snohomish: //snohomish.wsu.edu/

## 4-H CALENDER

### 2007

**Oct. 7-13:** National 4-H Week  
**Oct. 14:** SJ Island Achievement Night  
**Oct. 19-21:** WA State Leaders' Forum, Pasco  
**Oct. 21:** Lopez & Shaw Islands Achievement Nights  
**Oct. 26-28:** NW Teen Rally, Camp Arnold, Eatonville  
**Nov. 23-27:** National Congress, Atlanta, Georgia

### 2008

**Jan. 5:** Leaders' Council Mtg, Orcas Island  
**Feb. 16-19:** KYG Conference, Olympia  
**March 6-9:** Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum, Idaho  
**March 29-April 3:** National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.  
**May 9-11:** WSU High School Competition, Pullman  
**June 14-22:** First 4-H Rite of Passage Program  
**June 29-July 1:** State Teen Conference, Pullman WSU Campus  
**June/July:** OMSI 4-H Weekend Camp, English Camp  
**June-Aug.:** OMSI 4-H Week-Long Camps, English Camp  
**Aug. 13-16:** SJC Fair  
**October 17-19:** WA State 4-H Leaders' Forum, Everett

## DEADLINES & GUIDELINES

### 2007-2008

Animal Ownership Deadlines to show at the County Fair or Junior Livestock Shows (State Deadlines)

**April 17 15** (120 days\*): Market Beef

**May 17 15** (90 days\*): Horses, Breeding Beef, Llama/Alpaca, Dairy (except replacement heifers)

**June 16 14** (60 days\*): Goats, Sheep, Swine, Cats, Cavies, Dogs and Dairy Replacement Heifers

**July 1 June 29** (45 days\*): Rabbits and Poultry

\*Number of days prior to County Fair or Junior Livestock Show.

**Jan. 20:** KYG 2008 registration: To Extension

**Jan 31:** Financial Summary Report and Peer Review: To Extension

**Jan 31:** WSU Scholarship Applications: To WSU

**Mar 1:** Animal Member/Project Enrollment For Fair 2008 Exhibition: To Extension or postmarked

**Mar 1:** WA State 4-H Scholarship App's: To State 4-H Scholarship Committee

**Mar 1:** Insurance Payments due: To Extension

**Mar 1:** Enrollment Fees due: To Extension

**May 15:** Horse Certificates and Leases: To Extension or postmarked.

**June 1:** Still Life Member/Project Enrollment for Fair 2007 Exhibition: To Extension or postmarked

**June 26:** Perpetual Trophies to be turned into Extension Office

**July 15:** Local 4-H College Scholarship Applications: To Extension or postmarked

**July 24:** Animal & Still Life Entry Form: To Extension. Postmark by July 21

**July 24:** Horse Entry Forms: To Fair Manager (PO Box 1094, FH 98250) Postmark by July 21

**Aug 28:** Complete Record Books (entered for judging): To Leaders

**Sept 4:** Judging results of Compete Record Books: To Extension

**Sept 25:** List of Club Members who've Completed 4-H Year: To Extension.

**Please Note:** If a deadline for submitting something to the Extension office falls on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or holiday when the office is closed, please submit on the last working day before the deadline date. (Motion passed Mar/06)