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MAKING THE BEST BETTER

The Happiest Fair Birthday Ever!

We have heard many, many positive comments about this year's Fair from Fair visitors, parents, and volunteers. You deserve the biggest thanks we can send. We really meant it when we told you at the Fair Leaders' Council meeting how strong a team of leaders you all are together. Some of the most productive changes in the 4-H program structure (policies, communication) have been underway this year. Misunderstandings and disagreements have been resolved with greater ease. This was reflected to visitors at Fair through great cooperation and a clearer focus on the joy and safety of our 4-Hers.

You have given all our 4-Hers and all Fair visitors a great gift by embracing the essence of what is most important in 4-H. We had a very successful Fair thanks to all you did to manifest such a wonderful Centennial Celebration for all.

Summer 4-H Teen Event:

"Developing Leaders for a Diverse World"

June 23 - 25, 2006

Clinton Gauthier and Gretchen Scherzinger, our State Ambassadors, attended this unique event. They were involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the event.

According to event staff, the outcomes of the event were to increase:

- leadership skills in communicating and working with others,
- ability to recognize and welcome human

- differences, and
- self-responsibility skills.

Fifty-three youth and eleven adults participated in workshops and recreational activities throughout the weekend. The workshops were focused on increasing cultural competencies around communications, leadership, accepting differences, and self-responsibility. State Ambassadors designed and facilitated four of the workshops.

Special highlights included: challenge activities, storytelling, a diversity carnival of activities, recreation, salsa dance instruction, and a dance. A challenge all weekend was the mosquitoes.

Eighty-four percent (84%) of the participants self reported that they made gains in the life skills of communication, accepting differences, leadership, and self-responsibility. The greatest gain reported was in the leadership skill of using different leadership styles to assist a group in meeting its goals. Teens also gained skills in communication, specifically learning how to clearly state thoughts, feelings and ideas to others, and how to listen carefully to what others say. In the area of accepting differences youth reported growth in treating people who are different than them with respect. And lastly, teens gained skills in doing what is right for them when in a group.

When asked, "What was the most important thing you gained from attending this event?", teens responded with comments such as:

"...get to know people before you judge them."

"...how to respect others in different ways."

"...that words are the most hurtful tool."

"...really understand what you say, someone might take it a different way than meant."

"...a knowledge of how diversity directly affects us."

~ Mary Katherine Deen & Jan Klein

OMSI Scholarships Provide Valuable 4-H Education

We graciously thank the Oregon Museum of Science (OMSI) for offering full, week-long camp scholarships to six 4-Hers, as well as providing a low-cost, weekend camp for twenty more 4-Hers. This was the fifth year that OMSI and 4-H has collaborated to provide natural and cultural history camps for 4-Hers.

Thank you to our community's generous 4-H support, collaborative partnerships continue to make these annual camps possible. The National Park Service provides a beautiful camp program site and expert staff to enrich the programs with cultural and historical presentations. The San Juan Island Parks & Recreation Department provides extensive registration services for a minimal fee. In addition, 4-H teen volunteers help to make the weekend camp be a safe and fun experience for younger youth. These 4-H Teen Leaders act as important role models and mentors to the youth they assist over the weekend. Thanks to the Dollars for Scholars program, eligible teens receive credit for their 4-H community service.

These hands-on outdoor experiences are unlike any other opportunity offered here on San Juan Island. Without the generosity and passion of OMSI staff for hands on youth education, our local youth would not have the chance to immerse into their natural environment, developing life-long stewardship skills, and, life-long friends from off island. Thank you OMSI!

HOME ON THE ISLANDS

Portable Challenge Training

Sept 29-Oct 1, San Juan Island

The 4-H Challenge Program helps youth develop life skills. But it is more than just learning by doing. We take youth out of their regular environments, challenge them with a series of physical activities, ask them to reflect on their process, and then challenge them to apply their learning in their daily lives.

The Challenge experience does not solve problems magically, but it does engage participants in examining their positive and negative behaviors, and supports them in exploring new behaviors.

Becoming a Certificated Challenge Program Facilitator is an invaluable opportunity for anyone who works with youth: A few things participants will learn to teach groups are to: Trust and Support one another, Communicate and work together as a team, and Build Self-Confidence.

As a 4-H Club Leader, these skills could help you in many ways. Consider taking this training for this reason, and to build team skills within your club.

Leaders' Council Meeting

November 4, Shaw Island Community Center

Gather at Shaw for the first LC meeting of the new 4-H year. We will get the year started with an evaluation of the Fair Centennial and planning ahead for the next Century! Please send all your topics to the LC President, LeAnne GrosJacques.

County Teen Reps Needed

We have two open positions for 4-H Teen Leaders in grades 8 or higher. Partnering with 4-H staff, volunteers and other youth, the goal of this position is to improve and facilitate communication through the county and district and to help organize youth events and activities. CTR's are the bridge between 4-H clubs and county activities, and then counties to district events. Please go to this website for a full description: <http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/trp/description.htm>

Island Awards Ceremonies

Please begin planning your island award ceremony to honor and acknowledge the accomplishments of your 4-Hers. Sending in a list from each club of all the youth who meet the 4-H year completion requirements will ensure that we can have certificates ready in time. Give us a few weeks lead time to prepare certificates, and leader pins, and get them transported to you to pass on in celebration.

4-H Leaders' Training: New and Returning Leaders

We will be emailing out specific dates and locations for new leader training this fall. Please remember that this "formal" training is considered mandatory through the eyes of State 4-H. Some counties do not allow leaders to begin their roles without this training. However, because of our geographically unique county, we do a lot of informal training to get folks started. For those of you in this situation, we ask that you still try to come to a formal training because you will learn more. Also, there is a mandatory video all leaders need to watch on child abuse responsibilities. If you have not seen this, we will send out the video to your island so you can watch it together with other leaders.

For returning leaders, one way to review and update your general 4-H knowledge is to come to new leader training and participate as a mentor for others. Please give us some feedback on what kinds of training you are in need of to enhance your role as an experienced 4-H volunteer. Would you like skills in group-management? Would you like ideas on running meetings? Would you be interested in learning non-competitive games and initiative activities to help build team spirit and cooperation? Do you need to increase your knowledge of your project area? We will find ways to help you out!

4-H Stars: Share Your Shining 4-Hers' Successes

On October 5th, the Islands' Weekly will need photos from all islands on Fair activities. Please send in your best close-up shots of 4-Hers shining at Fair so the entire County can see the positive impact 4-H has on our precious youth and teens.

4-H Club Enrollment & Fees

Please remember to collect the \$10 club enrollment fee from all members and send it in with the appropriate form to the LC Treasurer. The form is on the website. Also, please know that we have a new second page addition to the enrollment (and re-enrollment) form. Fill out both sides for us. Thank you!

Raising Awareness about 4-H

October 5, Lopez Island

On October 5th, we will be doing an educational presentation for the Lopez Lions Club and the Lopez Grange. Local Lopez 4-H Leaders, 4-Hers and club parents will be involved if available. Families interested in joining 4-H will be invited (with the help of the public school newsletter) to celebrate at the Grange event for a potluck and sharing. Hopefully, these events will raise awareness in the Lopez community about the positive impact 4-H is having with Lopez youth, and youth throughout the County.

If you see an opportunity on your island for a presentation to a service group or youth group, etc, please let us know at Extension. We are looking for more opportunities to raise awareness, educate the public, to gain more program support (financial, volunteerism), to attract new 4-Hers and

Leaders, and to enroll "ambassadors" or "friends" of 4-H to help spread the word.

4-H Publications Satellite Broadcast

Beginning October 1st, State 4-H will be making major changes in how our 4-H Publications will be distributed. Upon successful completion of the enrollment process (or re-enrollment), you will receive a CD with the 4-H publications (that WSU owns) on it and how to obtain 4-H materials that we cannot put in the CD. For the short term, 4-H publications will be available through the regular bulletin order process while those supplies last.

On Thursday evening October 5th, Nancy Mordhorst and Pat BoyEs will conduct a one-hour video stream broadcast so that volunteers can get their questions answered. We will send an email on how to watch this from your computer at home.

Tax Exemption Status of 4-H Clubs & Affiliated 4-H Organizations*

Over the past few years we have seen 4-H money handling policies evolve and what may seem to have become more complex. It is indeed true that we do live in times that demand greater accountability. I (Jan) am pleased to report, however, that the National 4-H Headquarters has made a significant advancement to clarify these issues for us all.

The IRS has assigned a Federal Income Tax Group Exemption number, which must be used by all 4-H clubs/units. The Group Exemption Number (GEN) is 2704. Additionally, there is Federal Tax Identification, commonly known as an EIN. Each 4-H club/unit should acquire their own EIN number if they will be opening a checking or bank account.

The EIN may be obtained online from the IRS at: <http://www.irs.gov>. Click on search EIN and complete the SS-4. Insure that the GEN 2704 is used when completing the form. The EIN is provided online.

This step-by-step process is outlined for you through a National 4-H Headquarters Fact Sheet, entitle Tax Exemption Status of 4-H Clubs and Affiliated 4-H Organization. You can access this fact sheet by going to the 4-H Management Checklist on our website at <http://4h.wsu.edu/staff/clubs.htm> ~Pat BoyEs

BEYOND THE ISLANDS

NW Teen Rally

October 6-8, Snohomish

For full details and registration for the Rally, please go to the website: http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/district_rallies.htm

Clinton Gauthier, our 4-H State Ambassador from San Juan Island, has created a marketing plan to increase the teen enrollment for the NW Teen Rally this year. He has written a personal letter, which he will send out to each eligible 4-H teen, along with a brochure. The letter describes first hand how great this program has been for him as a 4-H teen. He is asking 4-Hers to invite other non-4-H teens to come to the Rally. Hopefully, Clinton's creative efforts will pay off and we will have the highest enrollment for Rally ever.

State 4-H Leaders Forum

October 20-22, Lake Chelan

This is your last chance to consider attending the best State training opportunity for Leaders, adult and teen alike. Carpooling options and scholarships are available. For more information and registration visit the Forum website at: <http://4-h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/index.htm> Be sure to register by September 29th! For more information on things to do in Chelan, go to <http://www.cometothelake.com/home.html>

This year's Forum theme is 4-H: The Apple of Our Eye. The Forum will include the following: Friday will be day-long track workshops, followed by the 4-H Summit, District Planning Meetings, and the Volunteer Recognition Banquet/Hall of Fame Induction. Saturday will feature a Keynote Speaker, 40 workshop sessions, 4-H Alumni Reception, and the 4-H Charity Auction. Sunday will be devoted to the 4-H Council Meeting, with District elections of State Advisory Board and State Fair Board representation and committee meetings to review recommendations and discuss project issues. All in all a packed weekend! Full time registrants will get three lunches and two dinners.

State Ambassador Program* Applications Due, September 22

Clinton Gauthier and Gretchen Scherzinger are our two State Ambassadors presently and they have been outstanding Teen Leaders and role models for other 4-Hers. Gretchen's term ends this fall and thus we have a position open for another teen leader.

The goal of the Washington State 4-H Ambassador Program is to promote 4-H to youth, parents, 4-H members, leaders and the general public through education, information and recruitment. The 4-H State Ambassadors are teen members of the Washington State 4-H program who speaks on behalf of the larger 4-H membership. The ambassadors help others understand how 4-H affects the lives of young people and how it addresses key youth issues in the community, counties and state.

The program benefits:

the 4-H organization- the program gains a positive public image young leaders telling the 4-H story to key audiences, contribute and knowledge

*the State Program-*increase awareness of the State and National opportunities for teens within the 4-H program, model effective youth-

the Districts- help plan and conduct district rallies, mentoring other youth, building positive relationships as a team, utilizing each others' strengths

the Counties- develop relationships with county offices through consistent interaction and communication, be a resource to help plan and conduct county events

the Club program- encourage 4-H youth to develop leadership potential, be a role model, improve communication between clubs, their counties and the state.

the Ambassadors themselves- they improve their leadership and presentation skills

Sixteen youth are peer selected four from each district, to comprise this group. Each ambassador serves a two-year term. Elections are held at the District Rallies in the fall. For program information go to <http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/opportun.htm> (State Ambassadors Applications are due September 22)

Congratulations to the 2006 4-H National Congress Delegation November, Atlanta, Georgia

Congratulations to the 2006 4-H National Congress delegation! Out of five counties, eight delegates have been selected for the National Congress event. From our own County, we are fortunate to have an approved applicant, Clinton Gauthier! We are proud to have a growing Teen Leadership program. Clinton will learn skills he can apply with his peers, sharing an important experience that will inspire other teens to follow in his footsteps.

Know Your Government February, Olympia

Our most popular teen event, KYG empowers youth through fun, hands-on simulations and role-plays. Last year we had three teens attend, the most for several years. Skills learned apply to school, local and national governments, empowering youth to be activists back home. This year's theme revolves around "Media & Politics". Preparations begin soon. Please have interested teens call us.

Inspiration for our 4-Hers: Teens Embrace Technology Changes*

Some of the first to take blogging, iPods, and cell phones into Jefferson County's media news realm haven't yet graduated from high school.

These students are known as the 4-H Network News crew. Their mission: gathering news with attitude for the youth-run 4-H Network News, recognized at the national 4-H level, and by Washington State University as a trend-setter for web communication and marketing.

"We are a national model," said Pamela Roberts, Jefferson County 4-H coordinator. "We are showcasing what people can do in small communities and have an effect on a national level."

Read more on the 4-H Network News Blog at <http://4-hnews.blogspot.com/> ~ Kelly Joines, Port Townsend Leader Staff Writer

Upgraded 4-H Volunteer Website Now Live*

The upgraded 4-H Volunteer Web Site provided through National 4-H Council went live on Thursday July 13th. The web address is

www.4hvolunteersusa.org. Suggestions or additional resources are always welcome. To make recommendations please let us know at Extension and we will follow up with the State staff who are managing the website.

Funding for the upgrade was provided by ACH Foods (perhaps better known as Fleischman's Yeast) and UPS.

E-Learning for 4-H Volunteers

Have you noticed the new title "E-Learning for 4-H Volunteers" on the State 4-H Homepage? It is on the right-hand side right under the Volunteer Training Modules. When you click on this title you will find an interactive training that consists of four modules: About 4-H, Positive Youth Development, Getting Started in 4-H and Leadership and Teaching.

During the past year, Ann Hennings and Jan Hiller have worked with two State 4-H Youth Development Specialists, Deb Jones in Utah and Linda Webb in Idaho, to design this interactive training. It was designed specifically for individuals who are interested in becoming 4-H leaders, but it can also be used as a refresher for experienced leaders, new, experienced Extension Educators, Staff and others too.

Each module will take about 20 minutes. After completing a 10-question review at the end of each module, you can print out a Certificate of Completion. When participants click on Submit, a message will go to the State 4-H Office. Counties will be notified when an individual has completed each module. Counties then have the opportunity to contact the individual and share more specifics of their programs and activities.

Funding for this project was provided by Dr. Cathann Cress, Director of National 4-H Headquarters, USDA and the Western Region State 4-H Program Leaders for the 13 Western Region States. Eventually, this training may be available nation-wide. ~ Jan Hiller

4-H Volunteers Charging for Services

4-H volunteers cannot charge for services rendered to 4-H members and still be considered a volunteer thereby being covered by WSU liability and labor and industries medical insurance. 4-H volunteers can recoup costs for materials and

supplies consumed during the club meeting.

A person holding a position as a 4-H volunteer is not precluded from acting in his or her private capacity as a teacher/trainer in the same type of activity as their 4-H duties. These private services must be carefully segregated from 4-H duties and all clients must be told that the volunteer is functioning as a private contractor for those services. WSU/4-H resources cannot be used for private services and events. WSU liability and labor and industries medical insurance is not applicable to these services and events.

No private fee-for-service activities can be conducted during official 4-H Club meetings/activities. Exemption to this rule: A speaker or trainer can be paid to come to the club meeting and perform a special training for the members. This may occur at one meeting or be a series of meetings, but this should not be an ongoing occurrence. At no time should the cost of a trainer or speaker be a barrier to enrollment or participation for the club members. The paid speaker should sign an agreement with the club outlining the service to be performed and compensation and/or reimbursement to be received. Be clear that the speaker is NOT covered by WSU liability insurance and assumes all responsibility for reporting income to the Internal Revenue Service. If funds are collected from members, they should be paid to the 4-H club and the Treasurer should write a check to the speaker after the program or when receipts have been produced for appropriate expenses. ~ Pat BoyEs

Western Region 4-H Forum

Jan. 11-15, Phoenix, AZ

The theme is "4-H is 105 Degrees of Fun!" You will find Heatwave flyers that can be printed and used to promote the WRLF 2007 at <<http://4-h.wsu.edu/news/Tues/2006/041806.htm>> Watch for an updated "Heatwave" promotion in August. Consider taking advantage of this training opportunity with partial scholarships support from Leaders' Council. Please apply now.

Registration fees are as follows: Early Bird- October 1 @ \$270; Regular-November 15 \$320, and Late- December 1 @ \$370.

A Painless Way to Donate to Support 4-H*

It is with great pride that we announce the new 4-H Fair Share Program. The program has been simplified and expanded to benefit all 50 states. Starting now, any purchase placed through <http://www.4-hmall.org/> that is shipped to an address within your state will count as a 4-H Fair Share Purchase!

Please consider making your 4-H purchases through the online mall - in return we will reward your State 4-H organization with a payment of 10% of the total merchandise value of all online orders transacted within any given month.

Please note that Fair Share applies only to purchases placed through <http://www.4-hmall.org/>. Orders received via fax, phone, traditional mail, or email will not count to your Fair Share total. ~ Pat BoyEs

COUNTY/STATE FAIR NEWS

Fair Centennial Evaluation

After each Fair, it is immeasurably helpful to have feedback from Leaders on improvements for the coming Fairs. Please participate in the Leaders' Council Fair evaluation by attending the fall Leaders' Council meeting. This will be your chance to discuss in person what you think worked well to create a safe and fun experience, and what could be changed to improve the event for you, and your 4-Hers for next year. If you cannot attend, please request an evaluation form via email or snail mail.

Fair Awards Ceremony Looking Ahead to 2007

Thanks to your dedication, the San Juan County 4-H program is strong and diverse. The growing abundance of awards, ribbons and gifts placed in the hands of youth at the Fair's end reflects the hands-on learning that our youth receive throughout the year. With this in mind, we are needing to re-evaluate our awards program to best manage its growth. Please attend the fall Leaders' Council meeting to add your input. What ideas do you have? Are you interested in substituting the perpetual awards with all keeper awards and historical plaques?

4-H Network News to Produce Podcasts, Video Blogs, Moblogs at WA State 4-H Fair

4-H Network News, a youth-run multimedia 4-H club based in Jefferson County, Washington, will be producing regular podcasts, video blogs and moblogs on-site from the Washington State 4-H Fair in Puyallup, September 8-24. The club will also be conducting hands-on workshops in their 4-H In Action booth for all fair goes who want to learn how to produce and publish online TV and radio shows. A schedule and more information are posted on the 4-H Network News blog at <http://4-hnews.blogspot.com/>.

The video and audio 4-H State Fair reports will be available to the media to use in their electronic coverage (radio, TV, and web) of the country's sixth largest fair. The multimedia news reports will feature: 4-H alumni, Blue Ribbon winners, fair vendors and attendees, 4-H award winning presentations, interviews with State Fair organizers, competitions, and more.

The nationally recognized youth news club is eager to get back into action after honing their journalistic skills during the Jefferson County Fair last month. The production crew produced an hour and a half of audio podcasts, over 150 digital photos and 60 minutes of video reports. The material can be seen and heard at the 4-H Network News Special Report Blog at <http://4hnews-sr.blogspot.com/>. See Full Press Release <http://www.clickpress.com/releases/Detailed/17651005cp.shtml>
~! Jack Olmsted

***Indicates a related file or website is linked to the online article at <http://4-h.wsu.edu/news/newsletters.htm>**

4-H CALENDER 2006-2007 EVENTS

Sept 8-24: State 4-H Fair, Puyallup, WA
Sept 29-Oct 1: Portable Challenge Training, SJ
Oct 1: The 4-H Year Begins!
Oct. 5: Lopez 4-H Lions Club & Grange Presentations
Oct 6-8: NW Teen Rally, Camp Killoqua
Oct 20-22: State 4-H Leaders Forum, Chelan, WA
Nov 4: Leaders' Council Mtg, Shaw Island
Nov 24-27: National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA
April 25-27: National Diversity Conference

DEADLINES & GUIDELINES 2006-2007

Animal Ownership Deadlines to show at the County Fair or Junior Livestock Shows (State Deadlines)
* **April 17** (120 days*): Market Beef
* **May 17** (90 days*): Horses, Breeding Beef, Llama/Alpaca, Dairy (except replacement heifers)
* **June 16** (60 days*): Goats, Sheep, Swine, Cats, Cavies, Dogs and Dairy Replacement Heifers
* **July 1** (45 days*): Rabbits and Poultry
*Number of days prior to County Fair or Junior Livestock Show.

Sept 1: , Award Nominations, Board Positions & 4-H Council Recommendations applications: To Extension.
Sept 22: State Ambassador Applications: To Extension
Sept 30: Mail State 4-H Auction Forms (Bring item to Forum).
Oct 5: 4-H Stars Ad: Fair Photos 2006 (All Islands).
Nov 1: National Diversity Conference (April 25-27) Proposals due.
Nov 1: 4-H Stars Ad: All Clubs-Post Fair
Dec 6: 4-H Stars Ad: San Juan Clubs
Jan 3: 4-H Stars Ad: Orcas Clubs
Jan 31: Financial Summary Report and Peer Review to Extension
Feb 7: 4-H Stars Ad: Shaw Clubs
Mar 1: Animal Member/Project Enrollment For Fair 2007 Exhibition to Extension
Mar 7: 4-H Stars Ad: Lopez Clubs
April 4: 4-H Stars Ad: San Juan Clubs
May 2: 4-H Stars Ad: Orcas Clubs
May 15: Horse Certificates: To Extension or postmarked May 12
June 1: Still Life Member/Project Enrollment for Fair 2007 Exhibition to Extension

June 6: 4-H Stars Ad: Shaw Clubs
June 28: Perpetual Trophies to be turned into Extension Office
July 4: 4-H Stars Ad: Lopez Clubs
July 15: Local 4-H College Scholarship Applications: To Extension
July 26: Animal & Still Life Entry Form: To Extension. Postmark by July 23
July 26: Horse Entry Forms: To Fair Manager (PO Box 1094, FH 98250) Postmark by July 23
Aug 1: 4-H Stars Ad: All Islands Pre-Fair Photo's
Aug 15-18: San Juan County Fair 2007
Aug 30: Complete Record Books (entered for judging): To Leaders
Sept 5: 4-H Stars Ad: Fair Photos 2007 (All Islands)
Sept 5: Judging results of Complete Record Books to Extension

Stars: Send in Individual Profile Forms/photos to Islands' Weekly by the deadline listed.

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).

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