



National 4-H Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, 4-H is America’s largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country thus far; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has helped youth in Skamania County to become confident, independent, resilient and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension- a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing in hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, National 4-H week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Skamania County who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

WHEREAS, 4-H’s network of 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H’ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Skamania County Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 7-13 2018 as NATIONAL 4-H WEEK throughout Skamania County and encourage all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact they have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

Board of Commissioners

Chairman

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Skamania Youth to Celebrate National 4-H Week October 7-13

Stevenson, Washington (September 25, 2018) — More than 7 million youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will be celebrating *National 4-H Week* during the second week of October (7th-13th). Skamania County 4-H will celebrate National 4-H Week this year by showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and will highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them. The Skamania County Commissioners will be asked to sign a Proclamation on October 2nd recognizing National 4-H Week here in Skamania County.

Youth in 4-H develop life skills through hands on learning as they complete a variety of 4-H projects ranging from livestock, home ec, gardening, photography and almost anything else a young person can imagine. Somer Meade, the 4-H Program Coordinator for WSU Extension Skamania County 4-H said, "the possibilities are endless for 4-H participants, we have something for everyone and we are really excited to get the word out and celebrate that during National 4-H week".

Research has shown that young people in 4-H are almost four times as likely to contribute to their communities, and are twice as likely to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs in their free time. 4-H alumni around the country recognize the impact 4-H had on them as young people and give back to the program as 4-H volunteers. In Skamania, more than 250 4-H youth and 130 volunteers from the community are involved in 4-H.

About 4-H:

4-H, the nation's largest youth development and empowerment organization, cultivates confident kids who tackle the issues that matter most in their communities right now. In the United States, 4-H programs empower six million young people through the 110 land-grant universities and Cooperative Extension in more than 3,000 local offices serving every county and parish in the country. Outside the United States, independent, country-led 4-H organizations empower one million young people in more than 50 countries. National 4-H Council is the private sector, non-profit partner of the Cooperative Extension System and 4-H National Headquarters located at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

National 4-H Week also coincides with the start of the 4-H Year. This is an ideal time for new members to get involved! There will be an open house to answer questions and dive deeper into the possibilities of 4-H on Saturday, November 3rd at 2:00pm at the Hegewald Center in Stevenson. To learn more visit extension.wsu.edu/Skamania/ and find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/skamco4H.

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