



King County 4-H Newsletter

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Club Leader Workshop



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Saturday, November 1, 2008
11am to 4pm
Pritchard Beach House
8400 55th Ave S in Seattle

This workshop is designed to support leaders with information about how to access resources within 4-H in an efficient way, and how to use experiential learning to leverage the impact they have on the youth they serve.



We encourage experienced leaders to attend. *It is required that all new leaders attend one of the sessions offered during their first year.* The same workshop will be offered in Renton on Thursday, December 4 and 11, 2008 and again in Enumclaw on Saturday, April 11, 2009.

Please register by October 22 by emailing Sarah.Butzine@kingcounty.gov or calling 206-205-3108.



Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO PRITCHARD BEACH HOUSE

From Renton:

5.6 miles 15 mins

1. Turn Right on **RAINIER AVE S** - go **4.4** mi
2. Turn Right on **SEWARD PARK AVE S** - go **0.4** mi
3. Turn Right on **WABASH AVE S**
4. Bear Left on **55TH AVE S** - go **0.2** mi
5. Arrive at 8400 **55TH AVE S**, SEATTLE, on the Right

From Seattle: 10 miles 20 min

1. Take Left ramp onto **I-5 S** toward **PORTLAND/TACOMA** - go **7.0** mi
2. Take exit #158/**BOEING ACCESS RD/E MARGINAL WAY** - go **0.3** mi
3. Turn Left on **S BOEING ACCESS RD** - go **0.2** mi
4. Turn Left on **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY S** - go **1.1** mi
5. Turn Right on **S HENDERSON ST** - go **0.4** mi
6. Turn Left on **RAINIER AVE S(WA-167)** - go **0.2** mi
7. Bear Right on **CLOVERDALE PL S** - go **0.2** mi
8. Bear Left on **S GRATTAN ST** - go **0.1** mi
9. Turn Right on **55TH AVE S**
10. Arrive at 8400 **55TH AVE S**, SEATTLE, on the Left

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4-H Volunteer – E-learning Course

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We thank you for sharing your time and talent as a 4-H volunteer.

This e-Learning course is designed to help you learn basic information about 4-H. This course, combined with face-to-face training and on-going learning opportunities, demonstrates our appreciation of your commitment.

4-H is dedicated to helping you help us be the best we can be for our youth.

Website: <http://4h.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/course.html>

Password: volunteer

*Be sure to complete each of the four units all the way to the very end so the system gives you credit for your work.

You may want to print the certificates at the end of each unit. Continue on to the end of the program after printing the fourth certificate.

Feel free to call Lori at 206-205-3152 with any questions.

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"How To Be A 4-H Club Officer" Workshop

Come join us Tuesday, October 21, for a training workshop on "How to be a 4-H Club Officer". The workshop will be held at the Skyway Library, 7614 S. 126th St., Seattle, WA 98178 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Click on this [link](#) for directions.

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Additional 4-H Tax Exemption Updates

Submitted by Pat BoyEs

I realize that keeping track of all of the IRS requirements is increasing challenging. Please review the latest material noted below and follow up with Kevin Wright at wrightkc@wsu.edu or Pat BoyEs at boyesp@wsu.edu should you have any additional questions.

Beginning a year ago, in response to new filing procedures for small tax exempt organizations earning \$25,000 or less, we sent instructions to you to update eligible and qualified 4-H clubs and affiliated 4-H organizations listed under a group exemption for 4-H (GEN 2704). The tax exemption update distributed in July, remains current (see fact sheets at <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/>). Some highlights in review are:

- 4-H organizations that are eligible for federal income tax exemption under GEN 2704 are chartered 4-H clubs and duly authorized affiliated 4-H organizations—under the control of Extension.
 - This does not include affiliated groups that function under the authority of their own board of directors or other authorities, nor families—as the IRS does not recognize a single family group as a qualified subsidiary of GEN 2704.
 - Affiliated groups not under the control of Extension need their own 501(c) 3 status.
- I submitted EIN records for 4-H organizations deemed eligible for inclusion under GEN 2704.
- Following data cleaning efforts, such as removing records where multiple organizations were using the same EIN, a 4-H national data was set to the IRS in March for them to update the GEN 2704 list. Entities being added to GEN 2704 will become tax exempt when the IRS updates each record.

UPDATES:

As indicated in the tax exemption update posted on the web, the IRS encountered delays in processing the GEN 2704 list. The IRS is dealing with the volume of data as well as the frequency of error in the data—such as EINs that belonged to other organizations and EINs that didn't match the IRS' records for organizations listed.

As a result, the IRS put a hold on updating GEN 2704 records and began a series of discussions and negotiations with National 4-H Headquarters. We continue to work to identify more efficient and effective procedures for managing tax exemption for qualified 4-H entities that fit with current tax code. We **do not** have plans to collect additional EIN records in December as originally planned. And, we will follow up when we have information about how 4-H clubs and qualified, affiliated 4-H organizations can update existing IRS records, including tax years.

TAX EXEMPTION LETTERS:

National 4-H Headquarters, USDA will generate “emergency letters” upon request to chartered 4-H clubs and duly authorized affiliated 4-H organizations under the control of Extension up through June 1, 2009. “Emergency letters” are for clubs that cannot accept funds or grants without some evidence of tax exempt status to share with a funder. To request such a letter, we need an electronic “paper trail” as follows:

- The State 4-H Program Director (not a designee—that's me) submits the request to National 4-H Headquarters.

Allow approximately 2 weeks for National 4-H Headquarters to respond to emergency letter requests. Letters are mailed to the 4-H organization contact and copied to the State 4-H Program Director (me).

REMINDERS:

- **All 4-H tax exemption questions by county level colleagues and 4-H organization leaders must be routed through the State 4-H Director's Program Office not directly to National 4-H Headquarters and not directly to the IRS.**
- **Remove from your files and websites outdated tax exemption information—such as the tax booklet from the early 1990s, and the Kirby letter—as these are no longer supported by the IRS or USDA.**

We very much appreciate the IRS' support and willingness to work with us on tax exemption issues.

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Washington 4-H Summer Exchange Program

This past summer, 30 Washington 4-H families hosted a summer exchange delegate! They experienced a different culture without leaving home—and learned how quickly their delegate became a family member! These summer delegates learned about 4-H and what it means to “learn by doing”. Most of them spoke limited English when they arrived. By the time the 4 weeks had gone by, they had no trouble in expressing their appreciation and gratitude to their host families.

Can't find the time and money to travel? Want to enjoy the exposure to different cultures that traveling brings? Looking for a low-cost project or experience in which the whole family can participate and grow together? The 4-H International Exchange Summer Inbound Program allows families to gain the benefits of international travel right here at home by hosting an exchange delegate from Japan, Korea, and other participating countries/destinations such as Finland, Puerto Rico, etc. Families often find they are drawn closer together and see their lives in a whole new perspective as they welcome a new son, daughter, brother, or sister into their circle.

Hosting Summer Inbound Program Delegates

Japanese and Korean youth ages 12 - 18 will visit the U.S. and Canada from the third week of July to the third week of August. (The majority of the delegates are ages 12 - 14.) They are members of one of three Japanese organizations devoted to the study of foreign cultures and languages, and the benefits of international exchange. Youth delegates are placed in homes with a host sibling of the same gender and similar age.

Finnish and other participating international youth ages 15-19 will visit the U.S. from mid June to mid July. Most of them have an association with 4-H in their home country. Youth delegates are placed in homes with a host sibling of the same gender and similar age.

Being a 4-H International host family is easy, fun, rewarding, and educational. Just welcome the delegate into your home and treat him or her like one of the family. The delegate will want to join in everyday activities, help with chores and otherwise fit in as a brother, sister, son or daughter. No special activities need to be planned, although many families and visitors enjoy the opportunity to take occasional sightseeing trips to local attractions and landmarks during the visit. Host families appreciate the chance to develop friendships which reach around the world. They find that the delegate teaches them not only to understand other ways of life, but to understand and appreciate their own way of life, as well.

Expectations of host families are:

- Have fun!
- Provide the delegate with meals and lodging.
- Include the delegate in all family activities.
- Read the materials sent by the 4-H International Exchange Programs Coordinator.

- Attend an orientation session(s). (Host Family Orientations are held in the spring.)
- Contact your 4-H International Exchange Programs County Coordinator or the State Coordinator immediately if illness or other major problems arise.
- Be flexible, patient, and willing to communicate both verbally and non-verbally with your delegate. Most of the participants will have limited English communication skills.
- The host sibling of the delegate must keep the exchange uppermost in mind during the hosting month, and make sure the delegate feels comfortable around friends and is included in activities.

What's in it for the counties participating? There is the cross-cultural experience for each accepted host family; the county program receives a \$30.00 stipend at the end of the exchange. These funds are meant to off-set some of the cost of travel to do in-home interviews, background checks, faxing or phone calls.

Some County contacts that you can get first-hand information from are: Ann Fagerlie (Ferry & Okanogan Counties), Sarah Butzine (King County), Mo MacCracken (Mason County), and Nancy Baskett (Pierce County), and Jeanie Fulton (Walla Walla County).

We need your commitment for the number of youth you would be willing to place in your county, I will need this information by November 1, 2008.

Thank you for your time and support, I look forward to hearing from each county.

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Example By-Laws Template For 4-H Clubs

The King County Extension 4-H website has a new By-laws template for use by clubs. Check it out by clicking [here](#).

Streamkeeper Academy Events

HAPPY AUTUMN!

The Adopt-A-Stream Foundation AND Snohomish County Parks & Recreation

PRESENT

Streamkeeper Academy Events

All Events are held at:

**Northwest Stream Center
Snohomish County's McCollum Park
600 128th Street SE, Everett, WA
www.streamkeeper.org**

**TO REGISTER, CALL 425-316-8592 or Email aasf@streamkeeper.org.
ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES.**

BAT NIGHT: Friday, October 17, 2008, 7-9pm

Join bat expert Barbara Ogaard of the Sarvey Wildlife Center for an entertaining voyage into the mysterious world of bats. See live bats up close and discover how they hunt for food. Learn fact from myth. Are these creatures really as scary as the media depicts them? Discover how important bats are to the environment and the ecological role they play. For All Ages. TICKETS: \$5 Members / \$7 Non-Members.

FALL FOREST WALK: Wednesday, October 22, 2008, 3-4:30pm

Spend an afternoon exploring the woods of North Creek with Ecologist Sarah Wilkins and assistant Naturalist. Identify signs of wildlife, observe changes on the forest floor, and learn about adaptations! Grade 1 to Adult. TICKETS: \$5 Members / \$7 Non-Members.

EAGLES: Saturday, November 1, 2008, 10-11:30am

Meet "Freedom," a mature Bald Eagle, and her keeper Jeff Guidry from the Sarvey Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Together they will inspire you with their personal story, and share intriguing facts about Eagles and their habitat requirements. For All Ages. TICKETS: \$5 Members / \$7 Non-Members.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT – "DEEP BLUE": Friday, November 7, 2008, 7pm-9pm

Plan to do some holiday shopping at the Streamkeeper Academy Nature Store! Then join us for the acclaimed movie documentary DEEP BLUE, an epic underwater exploration into the secret lives of sea creatures. See why *National Geographic* describes this as "a stunning reminder of how beautiful our planet can be." Movie Rating: G. Donation (\$3) appreciated.

HOW TO ADOPT A STREAM – LEARN THE 5 STEPS: Thursday, November 13, 2008, 7-9:30pm

Learn the 5-step stream adoption process, a model for stream stewardship programs across the country, from AASF's Tom Murdoch. By following these steps, you and your school, community group, or organization will be well on your way to becoming Streamkeepers. TICKETS: \$5 Members / \$7 Non-Members.

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FREE MOVIE NIGHT – “MARCH OF THE PENGUINS”: Friday, December 12, 2008, 7pm-9pm

Plan to finish your holiday shopping at the Streamkeeper Academy Nature Store! Then enjoy a movie favorite – MARCH OF THE PENGUINS. The film depicts the arduous journeys of the penguins of Antarctica, and won the 2006 Academy Award for Best Documentary Film. Movie Rating: G. Donation (\$3) appreciated.

SKAGIT RIVER EAGLE RAFT TRIP: Saturday, January 3, 2009, 10am-2pm

This 8-mile rafting adventure is offered during the time of year when the largest concentration of wintering Bald Eagles found anywhere within the lower 48 states visit the Skagit River. You can expect to see 20 to 200 eagles in their natural habitat. David Button of the Pacific NW Float Trips and his team of experienced naturalist guides are adept at spotting wildlife and will share information about Bald Eagles and the history and ecology of the Skagit River. Ages 6 to Adult. No experience necessary. Kids, bring your parents! TICKETS: \$60 Each.

HOW TO ADOPT A STREAM – LEARN THE 5 STEPS: Thursday, January 15, 2009, 7-9:30pm

Learn the 5-step stream adoption process, a model for stream stewardship programs across the country, from AASF's Tom Murdoch. By following these steps, you and your school, community group, or organization will be well on your way to becoming Streamkeepers. TICKETS: \$5 Members / \$7 Non-Members.

SWANS OF WINTER: Saturday, January 17, 2009, 10am-4pm

Experience the majestic beauty of one of the world's largest waterfowl and learn about their life history, biology, habitat requirements, and migration patterns. Explore lead poisoning and other threats to their survival, controversies these birds face on their wintering grounds, and what is needed to insure their future. Instructor Martha Jordan, a well-known wildlife biologist, will present spectacular photographs and a lecture on Washington's native Trumpeter and Tundra Swans. This event concludes with a guided field trip to one of the best "night roost" viewing sites in the Snohomish Basin. Grade 5 to Adult. TICKETS: \$75 Each.

**** ATTENTION TEACHERS: All events are accredited with the Washington Science Teachers Association for Teacher Clock Hours. ****

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