

4-H Clover

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<http://www.skagit.wsu.edu/4-HSC/>

See more KYG photos there!

WA State 4-H website:

<http://4h.wsu.edu>



Know Your Government (KYG) Conference

From February 16th to 19th nearly 300 teens attended the annual WSU Extension 4-H Know Your Government (KYG) Conference, a four day conference held in Olympia. This year's topic was "Decision 2008: Elections and Political Parties." After spending several weeks learning about politics, writing planks, and preparing themselves to discuss issues including transportation, energy, immigration and health care, the teens were ready for the conference. At the conference they lobbied, gave speeches, and campaigned to elect a "KYG governor."

There were twenty-one delegations representing the counties. Skagit County was the 3rd largest delegation with 10 delegates. Our teens worked hard to get to the conference and did an awesome job representing our county. I would like to thank Dorothy Elsner for coordinating this project for the 3rd time. Many thanks also to Susan Janicki our chaperone, to Suzy Boyes and Kim Lukehart who assisted the project since the beginning, to the parents that supported and encouraged their sons and daughters, to our donors who helped to finance this enterprise, and to Skagit County who made the passenger van available to us.

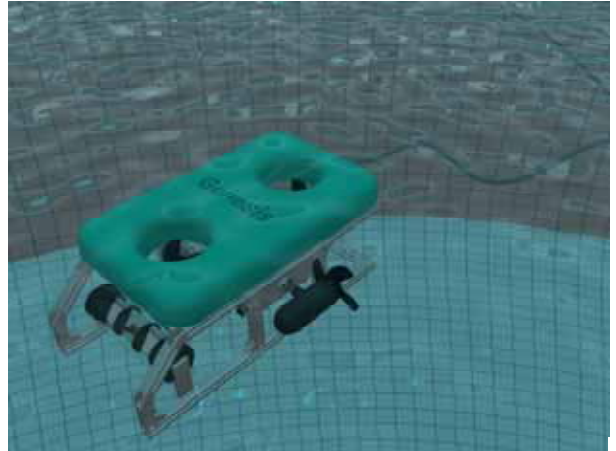
The 4-H Know Your Government Conference serves to strengthen the connection between youth and our political and governmental processes through education, experience, application and inspiration. Since it began in 1977 more than 7,000 teens have participated in the conference statewide. Next year we will be back there learning about the Judicial System.

William Freitas
 4-H Youth Development Educator

Sea Tech Club Team in an International Competition

The four Sea-Tech ROV teams have made great progress in the last few weeks. Three are registered for the upcoming Pacific Northwest Regional ROV Challenge, held May 10th at the King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way.

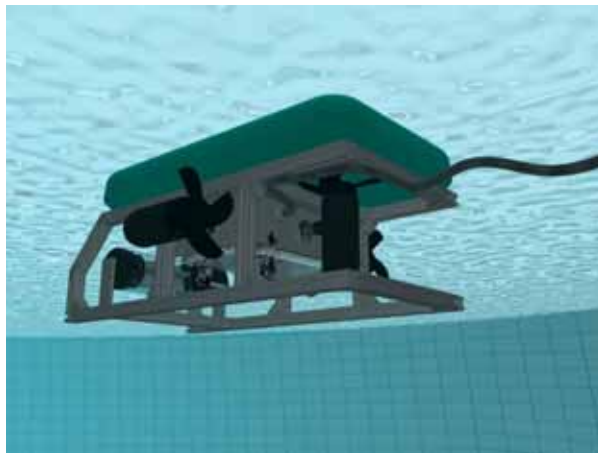
The fourth team has been selected to compete in the Explorer class at the MATE International ROV Challenge, held at Scripps Institute in San Diego. They will compete against teams from around the world.



The Explorer Team, Genesis, is building a unique aluminum framed craft made with Bosch extruded material. They are using larger thrusters than previous teams, making their ROV more powerful for the taxing challenges they must face in the competition at San Diego. Team Genesis members include: Peyton Hasenohrl, Keegan McAdams, Samantha McNeil, Trevor Uptain and Joe Thieman.

Thanks to a generous donation from Janicki Industries, these teams have the opportunity to bring ROV competition to the next level. Sea-Tech is looking forward to the rest of an exciting year.

*Miranda Uptain
Club Reporter*



**To learn more
about the
MATE
International
ROV
Competition,**

go to http://www.marinetech.org/rov_competition/2008/



Above—WSU Skagit County Extension front office staff Sue Moulton and Valerie DeKok show their Cougar pride as they pose next to the WSU Cougars blanket that hangs just inside the front door. Sue and Valerie look forward to seeing all the 4-Hers that stop in.

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Super Saturday

The sunny day of February 2nd was an expressive day for 4-H in Skagit County. The 125 kids and adults who gathered at Skagit Valley Community College experienced a day of learning and fun at our Super Saturday. The 20 classes offered were diversified and challengeable. The participants were able to choose classes that challenged their artistic side, such as Bonsai and Valentine Card making, as well their gourmet side in classes on Ice cream making, and on chocolate roses. The yoga class excelled the participants' physical performance, the dog training and public presentation enhanced their skills. The kids also explored their intellectual side, learning how to make computer-animated cartoons.

The article published on the next day in the Skagit Valley Herald covering Super Saturday attracted the attention of the community. People are getting in touch with us to obtain more information about 4-H and the Super Saturday.

This success of this event was possible due to teamwork and dedication of leaders from different clubs. The Super Saturday committee did an excellent job of organizing, coordinating and managing the event. Many thanks to the leaders, organizers, teachers and promoters of our Super Saturday.

4-H State Ambassador

I'm proud to announce that Benjamin Janicki was elected as a 4-H State Ambassador. The 4-H State Ambassador Election was also held at the KYG conference. Benjamin ran for one of the two positions available to represent the NW district that includes Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Kitsap and Pierce.

4-H State Ambassadors are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service, and have been selected to serve the Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service. The state ambassadors:

- Act as State 4-H representatives to various local, sectional and statewide programs and activities, including providing public presentations, workshops and leadership development opportunities.
- Coordinate the planning and implementation of the 4-H State Leadership Conference.
- Identify needs in the 4-H Youth Development and either develop or recommend strategies for improvement.

Congratulations Benjamin!

~William Freitas



Clubs Financial Matters

Form 990-N (e-Postcard) is already online at <http://epostcard.form990.org/>.

After you have accessed the webpage there are 3 steps to be followed:

STEP 1: Register as a New User
To file Form 990-N (e-Postcard), you must register and obtain a login ID.

STEP 2: Create your Form 990-N (e-Postcard) Once you have a login ID, you can access the

system and create your e-Postcard.

STEP 3: Submit your Form 990-N (e-Postcard) Once you complete your e-Postcard, click the "Submit Filing to IRS" button.

local news/upcoming events

Spring Fair, March 29 at the Fairgrounds

The Skagit Spring Fair is about living the 4-H pledge and actively demonstrating the 4-H motto: "To make the best better."

The Fair will introduce new 4-H members to the different project areas offered by the many 4-H clubs in Skagit County. There will also be a venue for older and more experienced 4-H members to demonstrate leadership as they teach and guide new and younger members in the projects areas.

Check in 9:00 am at project area

Project events: 10:00 am to Noon

Lunch: Noon

Project Events: 1:00pm to 4:00 pm

Experience Pacific Science Center Overnight!

As the sun sets on Seattle, the fun starts inside Pacific Science Center! Embark on an educational journey through hands-on exhibits, take a trip to the tropics in our Tropical Butterfly House, explore the night sky in our Planetarium and delve into the mysteries of outer space in the Star Astronomy workshop. After a night spent sleeping among the exhibits, awake to a live science demonstration and an IMAX® film!

4-H CAMP-IN

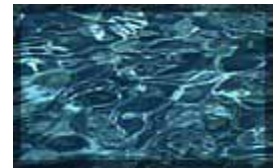
Saturday, April 12, 2007

Who: 4-H youth, their friends and leaders, grades 3-8

Time: 5:30 p.m. Saturday to 9:00 a.m. Sunday

Fee (per person): \$40

FREE 4-H Swim Night Mount Vernon YMCA April 3 5:30—6:45



Dog Wash Fundraiser

The club (Kidz-N-K-9s) is doing another fund-raiser with the Soapy Dog Wash. It will be Sat. April 12th and Sat. April 19th. They are pre-selling tickets for \$20.00 each, or people can just show up the day of the event. Part of the proceeds will go to the club, as the club members will be helping to clean up after the event. The Soapy Dog Wash is a "do-it-yourself" dog wash, and is located directly behind Taco Bell on Burlington Blvd.

Cooking Contest

Foods for All Occasions

March 29th (during spring Fair) and again, Tuesday, April 1st.

Member must be enrolled in a foods project, fill out the foods worksheet, practice baking the product three times at home, bring all supplies and ingredients, and sign up with Kim Burke, 856-6122, who will arrange the schedule.



4-H



Make a World of Difference



Public Presentations

A huge thanks to all the leaders who have helping with Public Presentations.

There are 200 kids signed up this year for public presentations.

Washington State University 4-H Youth Development Seeking Host Families for Japanese Delegates

"Bring Home The World," by hosting a Japanese student this summer. Host families are now being encouraged to apply to welcome a Japanese youth, ages 12-16, into their home for four weeks in July and August, 2008. Japanese youth are eager to learn American customs, experience new surroundings, try different foods and take part in your family's daily life. They, in turn, will be delighted to introduce and share their culture and way of life with your family and friends.



This program is open to families with children close in age to the Japanese participants. Families will be interviewed and screened to ensure a safe, rewarding experience for all involved. The costs of hosting a student are minimal. Host families provide room and meals for their new family member, who is happy to share a room with their host sister or brother. Students bring their own spending money for souvenirs and special purchases, they have their own health insurance. If you are interested in learning more about hosting a Japanese youth or chaperon, contact Carol Beckman at 253.445.4623 or via email at beckmanc@wsu.edu

State 4-H Teen Conference:

Engaging Youth in Reaching Their Fullest Leadership Potential
June 29 - July 1, 2008

WSU - Pullman Campus

<http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/teenconf/>

Attend the annual leadership conference to learn about college life, careers, and skill development for a positive future. Get on board, fasten your seat belt, and revisit the happenings on the fast track!

- Teens participate in educational programs that are applicable in their lives.
- Positive adult and teen partnerships are promoted.
- Interactive and hands-on educational sessions, displays, and programs.
- Nationally known speakers, university faculty, staff and students, community members, and 4-H members as presenters.
- Recognize successful 4-H programs and activities conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

Who can attend?

8th through 12th graders

(That would be those who finish the 7th grade this year in June and up.)

4-H Club Gives Back



The Valley Green Acres 4-H club organized a canned soup drive for the Friendship House in Mt. Vernon in February. Friendship House is a homeless shelter with one home for men and one home for women and children.

The soup drive was held at the Mt. Vernon Haggen Store. Haggen also donated all of the proceeds from their Johnsonville Brat lunch demonstration to the Friendship House. Over 200 cans of soup and \$168.00 were received for the Friendship House.

u p c o m i n g e v e n t s

March/April 2008

- 20 Public Presentation—6:00-9:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 27- 31 National 4-H Camping Institute
- 29 Foods for All Occasions Contest—10 a.m., Fairgrounds
- 29-Apr 3 National 4-H Conference
 - Fair Participation Enrollment Due**
 - 1 **Foods for All Occasions - 6-9 p.m., Fairgrounds**
Ownership deadline for swine going to Puget Sound Jr. livestock Show
 - 5 State 4-H Hippology Contest
 - 7 **4-H Leader's Council, 7 p.m., WSU Extension office**
- 12-13 Pacific Science Center 4-H Camp-In, Seattle, WA
Whatcom County Youth Fair
- 14 Ownership deadline for sheep going to Puget Sound Jr. Livestock Show
- 17 – 20 The Spring Puyallup Fair, Puyallup, WA
- 26 Hope Memorial Dairy Judging Contest, 9:00 a.m., Stanwood

May 2008

- 1 **Animal/ownership forms, blue and green, due to 4-H office**
- 2 4-H Camp Cornet Counselor Training Application Deadline
- 3 State Horse Bowl, TBA
- 5 **4-H Leaders' Council, 7:00 p.m. – WSU Extension Office**
- 17 4-H Camp Counselor Training, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Snohomish County Ex-
- 16 & 17 Enumclaw Spring Dairy Show – Enumclaw Fairgrounds
- 26 **Memorial Day Observed (Extension Office will be closed)**