

# WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

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## *4-H Youth Development Program*



Washington State 4-H will be conducting a review December 6 – 10, 2009. The purpose of the review is to validate and strengthen the Washington 4-H Program by recognizing strengths as well as identifying opportunities for improvements. This review will focus on state level systems that are intended to support county programming. County level programming is not part of this review.

The process will facilitate long range planning and program development to position the Washington State 4-H Program for the future. Specifically the review will:

- a. Focus on strengths, concerns and recommendations for future improvements.
- b. Facilitate free flowing dialogue and interaction between 4-H staff, volunteers, youth, other Extension partners and collaborators.
- c. Involve broad representation in the review process to ensure that all voices are heard.
- d. Focus on recommendations that will help the Washington State 4-H Program become “state of the art” in positive youth development programming.

### **Review Process:**

An outside consultant, Jim Rutledge, Oklahoma State University, has been hired to lead a team in reviewing the systems that support county and statewide programming. The review team consists of professionals and volunteers from Washington State University Extension and professionals from extension services in other states. The team is:

- Roger Rennekamp (OR); Dale Leidheiser (CO); Stephanie Shank (AZ); Scott Nash (ID); Janet Frieling (School’s Out Washington, Seattle); William Freitas (Skagit); Natalie Kinion (Benton/Franklin), Ed Adams (Spokane County); Lisa Harness (Klickitat); Chuck Todd (Volunteer from 4-H Advisory Board), Kirk Gresham (Member of State Fair Board); José Garcia - Pabon, WSU Tri-Cities

The team will review reports provided to them from the State 4-H Staff on the following review components:

### **Review Components:**

1. Youth Engagement (includes delivery methods, curriculum, and programs)
2. Program Planning and Accountability
3. Volunteer Development
4. Professional Development
5. External Relations & Resource Development

### **How can you give input?**

There are three ways in which 4-H personnel, volunteers, youth and other stakeholders will be able to give input.

**Site Visits & Face to Face Group Discussions - December 9, 2009** The purpose of site visits and group discussions is to validate and further explore the ideas and issues that have been raised in the initial component discussions.

<b>Spokane</b>	<b>Everett</b>	<b>Tri-Cities</b>	<b>Chehalis</b>
<b>Contact: Gary Varrella 509-477-2163</b>	<b>Contact: Jana Ferris 425-357-6044</b>	<b>Contact: Lauri Sherfey 509-545-3511</b>	<b>Contact: Pam Watson 360-740-1212</b>
Conference Room WSU Spokane County Extension, 222 N Havana, Spokane	Cougar Auditorium WSU Snohomish County Extension, 600 128 <sup>th</sup> St. SE, Everett, WA	WSU Franklin County Extension Office, 404 W. Clark, Pasco, WA	156 NW Chehalis Ave. Chehalis, WA 98532
1:00 – 3:00 Regional 4-H personnel & Extension personnel	2:00 – 3:00 Regional 4-H personnel	1:00 – 2:00 Regional 4-H personnel	1 - 2:30 Regional 4-H personnel
1:30 – 3:00 <u>Teleconference</u> for Regional and Other Extension Personnel: 509- 335-4700, meeting ID 8229#	2:30 – 3:30 <u>Teleconference</u> for Regional and Other Extension Personnel: 509-335-4700, meeting ID 4852#	12:45 - 4:00 <u>Teleconference</u> for 4-H and Other Extension Personnel and stakeholders: 509-335- 4700, meeting ID 1468#	1 – 2:30 <u>Teleconference</u> Regional; 4-H personnel 509-335-4700 meeting ID 9205#
3:00 – 4:00 Other local/regional stakeholders	3:00 – 4:00 Extension personnel	2:00 – 3:00 Other Extension personnel	2:30 to 3:30: Other Extension Personnel <u>Teleconference</u> : 509- 355-4700, meeting ID 0155#
4:00 to 5:15 Dinner	4:00 – 5:00 Stakeholders	3:00 – 4:00 Stakeholders	3:30 to 4: 00 Break
5:15 – 6:00 Youth	5:00 – 6:00 Dinner	4:00 – 6:00 Break	4 -5 : Other stakeholder groups <u>Teleconference</u> : 509-335-4700, meeting ID 2705#
6:00 – 7:00 Volunteers & parents	6:00 – 8:00 Youth/Adults	6:00 – 7:00 4-H Youth and 4-H volunteers	5 - 6 : Dinner for review team
5:30 – 7:00 <u>Teleconference</u> for 4-H Youth and 4-H Adult Volunteers: 509-335-4700, meeting ID 6683#	6:30 – 8:00 <u>Teleconference</u> for 4-H Youth and 4-H Adult Volunteers: 509-335-4700, meeting ID 4853#	6:00-7:00 <u>Teleconference</u> 509-335- 4700. For 4-H Youth: meeting ID 6577# and 4-H Adult Volunteers: meeting ID 9623#	6 - 7:30: 4-H youth and 4-H adults <u>Teleconference</u> : 509- 335-4700, meeting ID 8663#
7:15 Depart for Airport	8:00 Depart for Seattle	7:00 Depart for Airport	7:30 Depart for Seattle

- **Teleconference participation on December 9 at the times and numbers listed above.**
- **Input to any of the Review Team listed above.** If you are unable to attend the December 9<sup>th</sup> forums either face to face or via telephone, please feel free to contact any of the Review Team members to give input.

If you have questions or input about the review process please contact Mary Katherine Deen, Review Coordinator, at [mdeen@wsu.edu](mailto:mdeen@wsu.edu) or 509-682-6956. Thank you.