Important dates:
- Oct 10 Ice Cream
- Oct 12 Open House
- Oct 18 Alaska Day Parade. Line up at 12:30pm at State Farm

Visit the alaska4h.org page to learn more about 4-H! The Sitka page will be ready soon!

Update from the Office
By Mary Wood, 4-H Program Assistant

Welcome back everyone! I know lots of you were busy with project over the summer, learning life skills and having fun with friends! Now that the school year has started, we are getting back into the swing of things, project style!

I would like to welcome Molly Johnson to our club! As many of you know, Sarah’s year of service finished in the end of July, which opened the door for Molly to come share her skills and passion with us! She brings lots of enthusiasm and passion for outdoor education with her to our community. We are lucky to have her with us for the year!

Your 4-H enrollment is good through the end of the month, which means we have registration coming quickly! Alaska 4-H is coming out with an online enrollment system this year. It should be live October 1 but be patient with us as we work out the bugs. When this is up and running, you will be able to create an account and register as a 4-H member online. There is no electronic payment option however, so you will turn your registration fee into me!

Complete those record books and get them to me ASAP to document your progress from the past year!

I look forward to seeing everyone again!

Mary Wood

Ice Cream social at the Sitka Pioneer’s Home
Come join us as we meet some of our community elders and share a tasty treat with them on Saturday October 10 from 12:30-2pm. We will play games and chat with our new friends. Please RSVP with Molly by Thursday October 8 if you plan on attending. molly@sitkawild.org

Club Meetings
We will have a Sitka Spruce Tips 4-H Open House on Monday October 12 at UAS room 106. It will be open from 5-7pm to register as a 4-H member, turn in payment, meet the leaders and mingle with club members.
Alaska Way of Life Project Update
Many 4-Hers have been busy harvesting the local bounty from the forest, muskeg, and ocean and learning how to preserve it for the year!
New series: Ecosystem Explorers is starting soon in October! Stay tuned for information regarding sign up from Molly!
Bird Walk: October 9 from 3-4:30pm Open to all birders!
SNEP/4-H Hike for middle school. September 23 from 3:45-5pm
Interested in Hiking? Contact Mary!

Shooting Sports Update
Shooters have begun again practicing skills at the Sitka Sportsman Association. Archery bows for all ages are on the way! Contact Paul for more information on new shooter orientation: paulg.rioux@gmail.com

Photography Update
There will be two groups this year! Cloverbuds will meet once each month, and older 4-Hers will meet twice each month. A basic camera is necessary, no phones. Contact Shoshauna for more information!

Climbing Update
Climbing is open to grades 6-8. Contact Mary if you are interested and have time in your schedule to climb with us!!

Project Update
Hey Middle Schoolers! Do you know how bikes work? Do you want to ride with a group? Let me know if you are interested in a 4-H bike project!

We are currently in need of both sewing and knitting leaders!! Please contact Mary if you are willing and able to mentor youth!

Current Projects & Leaders
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FOOD & NUTRITION Amy Sweeney a_sitka_sweeney@yahoo.com

Volunteers needed as well! Contact us if you are interested in assisting the leaders with project activities!

SHOOTING SPORTS: Paul Rioux paulg.rioux@gmail.com
CLIMBING Jen Whalen Sewing Leader
NEEDED!! KNITTING Knitting Leader Needed!