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2020 has problems. The state of Washington thinks youth have the solutions. Young people in middle & high school and out of school programs can design solutions to some of the big problems related to COVID-19 and submit them to the State of Innovation Challenge.

Learn more: www.innovationwa.org
Explore the Cases

You can now explore the Challenge on the expanded website, where you will find detailed information on the three Challenge cases:

- “The Food Chain,”
- “Responding to COVID-19,”
- “Our Communities after COVID-19

Each case includes an instructional guide and an introductory video created by the teen apprentices at Reel Grrls Pro — not to be missed!

New Website Resources

On the expanded website you’ll also find guidance for submitting project solutions, a schedule of upcoming industry engagement opportunities for youth, information on postsecondary pathways, and resources for teachers and adult advisors.

Next Steps: Submit Solutions and Share with your networks – sample emails, social media, etc. included below

Youth can now submit their solutions for their chosen Challenge case through the website portal. Educators and adult advisors also have the option to upload lesson and activity plans to the lesson bank, to share with peers across the state. The most innovative ideas from both adults and youth will be recognized at our end of Challenge event in March.

Please share the Challenge with your networks and encourage them to sign up on the website to participate with their class, club, or youth-serving program. We’ve included a sample email, blurb, and social media post below that you can share with your networks. The Challenge is open to middle school, high school, and out of school youth statewide.

Washington has always been a state of dreamers, doers, and innovators. Thank you for helping us empower the next generation of problem solvers. We can’t wait to hear their ideas.

Brought to you by
Save the Date! 28th Annual Springtime Youth Calf Sale on March 20, 2021

Mark your calendars for the 28th annual Springtime Youth Calf Sale date of March 20, 2021 to be held at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA. We are making plans to move forward as January is the time we start making calf sale selections. As we look ahead, we would like to hear from you if you are interested in purchasing a dairy heifer project for 2021 as well as those who would be interested in the $500 calf grants. It will give us a better idea of how to make the sale happen and what it might look like in 2021.

Please contact sale chairman, Liz Holtcamp at sycs4h@gmail.com.

For more information about the Springtime Youth Calf Sale please go to this link: https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/dairy-endowment-fund/program-activities/springtime-youth-calf-sale/.

You may also find us on Facebook at Springtime Youth Calf Sale.

Possible Education Opportunity – CDC Museum Disease Detective Camp (DDC)

The Center for Disease Control Museum’s Disease Detective Camp is an interdisciplinary educational program organized by the CDC Museum. DDC reflects the museum’s mission of educating the public about CDC's work. This academic day camp is held at CDC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. Admission is open to high-school students during the summer before their junior or senior years. During camp students are immersed in the diverse field of public health.

Topics vary year to year, but may include: public health interventions, global health, infectious disease, chronic disease, injury prevention, data analysis, surveys, school wellness programs, violence prevention, environmental health, emergency preparedness, outbreaks, scientific communication, laboratory technology, disease surveillance, epidemiology, and public health law. Camp is a fast paced, academically demanding program. Participants are expected to fully immerse themselves, work together, and become a diverse team of disease detectives!

AUDIENCE: All students to who will be high-school juniors or seniors during the 2021-2022 school year and at least 16 years old on the first day of the camp session to which they are accepted.

HOW TO APPLY: Please check back at https://www.cdc.gov/museum/camp/detective/ February 1, 2021 for application information.
Highly Pathogenetic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Info Available for Poultry Project Youth

Highly pathogenic avian influenza is very active right now around the globe. Outbreaks are presently occurring in North Korea, China, Netherlands, Sweden, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Iran, Poland, Norway, France, and Ukraine. Wild waterfowl are one of the main ways the virus moves around. A major migratory flight path for wild waterfowl includes Washington State; many waterfowl species (swans, ducks, geese) overwinter in the state as well. These birds can carry the avian influenza virus and spread it to chickens, in which it is much more deadly. Please refresh your knowledge of the biosecurity practices recommended to keep your birds safe and take these actions every day!

Here are some good resources:


More Information on HPIA:
Washington State Veterinarian News:
Batten Down the Hatches Against Avian Influenza

Outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza are happening in several countries around the globe now. Please share this important info with 4-H members, commercial poultry owners, and any other stakeholders who would be affected by an outbreak in the U.S. We do NOT want this disease to get a foothold here! Thanks.

Link to the WSDA document here.

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Plea for 4-H Horse Project Youth to Vaccinate for Equine Influenza

Dr. Susan Kerr, WSDA Education and Outreach Coordinator

4-H horse project youth, your horse depends on YOU to keep him/her safe and healthy!

There were 33 confirmed cases of equine influenza in Washington State in 2020. There were an additional 29 suspected cases, and 25 more horses were exposed to the virus by infected horses. These cases were distributed throughout the state. Fortunately, none of these horses died, which is typical for this disease.

Part of influenza treatment involves strict rest, and some horses do not return to normal for six months! Can you imagine not being able to ride or exercise your sick horse for weeks or months? Horses infected with the influenza virus can develop secondary pneumonia, which can be much more serious and require antibiotic treatment.

If your horse is at risk of catching influenza from other horses, why not prevent this disease and all its complications by vaccinating him/her? The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) recommends horses at risk be vaccinated for influenza every six months.

Is your horse at risk of influenza? YES if he/she has contact with other horses “outside its bubble” at shows, trail rides, schooling, etc. Also YES if you keep your horse at a stable where other horses are coming and going and mixing with other horses. Even if your horse doesn’t go anywhere, another horse can bring the virus to him/her.

If your horse stays at your home barn with a steady “bubble” of barn mates and doesn’t have direct or indirect contact with other horses, he/she is at minimal risk of influenza.

A very good article with more details about equine influenza is available at https://www.equinediseasecc.org/disease-information.

For more information about equine vaccinations, see the AAEP’s recommendations at https://aaep.org/horse-owners/owner-guidelines/owner-vaccination-guidelines or speak with your veterinarian.

The foundation of animal welfare is preventing animal illness, pain, and suffering. Vaccinating against diseases of concern is a very simple and effective way to do this.
New Links For 4-H Horse Leaders and Members

4-H horse members and leaders–below are two links for you to look at and access. Thank you to Dr. Susan Kerr, Professor Emerita, WSU Livestock and Dairy Extension Specialist, for sharing this information with us.

https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.extension.iastate.edu/equine/how-many-horses-can-your-pasture-maintain__;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!7h58KXqPMs7IjowYRlO7Uo0oXHx48vGPL8NFQ8H8_QyRdCSUfhkL6SKijvp$

And this just for fun:

https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.equinelegalsolutions.com/equine-translation-guide.html__;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!7h58KXqPMs7IjowYRlO7Uo0oXHx48vGPL8NFQ8H8_QyRdCSUfhkLzLTLwVo$

African Swine Fever (ASF) Info Available for Swine Project Youth

African swine fever (ASF) is now active in North Korea, South Africa, Ukraine, Romania, Russia, Moldova, Hungary and Germany.

As every country is now separated by only a few hours of travel, please encourage swine project youth to learn about ASF, including its signs and how to prevent it.

Here is a simple and quick animation to encourage youth to do their part, followed by a link to youth-friendly resources for additional info.

https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://trello-attachments.s3.amazonaws.com/5c501da3a4ba4c2c50ce308d/5c5c08314034361366464284/2c1f08d209049669080ccc551a131121/EN_GIF_PigFarmers.mp4__;!!ImPEgBY0HMszNaDT!-R7x3C4t-YWd2zNwl-hpbRDvrZuJLcDHG3uM8dVbxDTm-1njBwL3co1QYEiZ$

https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/african-swine-fever-what-you-need-to-know__;!!ImPEgBY0HMszNaDT!-R7x3C4t-YWd2zNwl-hpbRDvrZuJLcDHG3uM8dVbxDTm-1njBwL3co1QYEiZ$ (the biosecurity links focus on birds, but principles apply to all species).

Know Your Government Registrations Due!!

Know Your Government delegates, Adult Resources and staff that plan to attend the conference in February must get their registration in on 4hOnline events by January 10!
4-H National Hall of Fame Nominations Are Now Open

The National 4-H Hall of Fame Committee of the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (NAE4-HYDP), in cooperation with National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters (now the Division of 4-H and Youth/NIFA, USDA), is pleased to announce that nominations for the Class of 2021 are now being accepted.

The National 4-H Hall of Fame honors 4-H volunteers, extension professionals and staff employees, donors and others who have made a significant impact on the
4-H program and/or 4-H members through the contribution of time, energy, financial resources, etc. Current employees of 4-H, Cooperative Extension, the Federal Extension System or National 4-H Council and those with 4-H or Extension administrative responsibilities will not be considered until three years following retirement. The three-year rule also applies to deceased employees. Unsuccessful candidates must be re-nominated for future consideration. The induction ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The goal is for NAE4-HYDP members, foundation/development professionals and 4-H faculty/staff at all levels to work together to select and nominate the most deserving candidate of each Land-grant institution to the National 4-H Hall of Fame. The State 4-H Leader’s signature is required to confirm the Land-grant institution’s nomination. All land-grant institutions are encouraged to nominate an outstanding individual who has had a significant impact on the 4-H program.

Please visit the National 4-H Hall of Fame website at: [http://www.4-h-hof.com/](http://www.4-h-hof.com/) to view laureate photos, biographies and other interesting information from recent classes.

Nominations should be submitted to Tony Dell at adell@wsu.edu, or Rachel George at rachelgeorge11@hotmail.com no later than February 10, 2021.

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Share Your 4-H Event on the 4-H Website!

Do you have an upcoming 4-H event scheduled that you would like to publicize to members across the state? Submit your event information for inclusion on the Washington State 4-H Website!

Submit your event information to adell@wsu.edu for inclusion on the event calendar!
Leader Training for Running Zoom Meetings Set For TODAY – January 5th!!

How can I make my zoom meetings more interesting for my members? This training is aimed at 4-H leaders to help give them more information on Zoom tools to use in their meetings and learn about running an effective 4-H club or project meeting using Zoom.

The Zoom session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021. It will open at 6:40 pm for technical support and to learn about the Zoom annotation function. The main training will begin at 7:00 pm. Support material for this course can be found at https://extension.wsu.edu/pierce/zoom-meeting-helps/.

This training is being presented to support club leaders:

· Run a 4-H club meeting virtually.
· Keep kids attention and engaged.
· Tips on virtual meetings.
· By providing a selection of activities to pick from.
· By showing some key Zoom functions.
· Showing the connection to the essential elements.

Contact mike.seiber@wsu.edu for more information and the zoom link.

Introduction to 4-H Western Heritage Project Zoom Recording is Now Available!

A Recording of the December 21st Zoom Meeting to introduce the 4-H Western Heritage Project on Monday, December 21st is now available. You can view the recording at https://youtu.be/G6SVKjauOxw.

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a combination of 4-H Shooting Sports and a study of the American frontier from 1860-1900.
For 4-Hers...

College and Career Compass Can Help You Navigate Life After High School

You’ve probably been thinking about what the current public health and economic crisis means for your future. While the present is uncertain, one thing is clear: education beyond high school is more important than ever.

Continuing your education after high school gives you more options. Research shows college graduates earn more and are less likely to be unemployed. Luckily, there’s a great tool available to help you prepare and plan for the future—and it’s free!

Check out Washington’s College & Career Compass:

- Explore educational programs that match your career interests.
- Learn more about the value of college and how financial aid can help you pay for a certificate, apprenticeship, or degree.
- Connect directly with a campus to get additional support.

Don’t be discouraged. Stay motivated, get ready, and focus on the future. College & Career Compass makes it easy. Learn more at compass.wa.gov.

A pdf document with clickable links can be found here.

Join In! Register for Experience 4-H Virtual Zoom Classes! January 9th is “Bad Hair Day!”

Experience 4-H is a monthly 40-minute introduction to 4-H programs and projects, offered to interested youth and families without obligation. Curriculum and instructors from many 4-H sources will be used. One or two sessions will be offered per month; topics will vary. This is a great way to try something new! Whether you are new to 4-H or a longtime member, you are invited to join Washington 4-H and find your spark! FREE Zoom classes are open to ages 6 - 18, unless otherwise specified. Parents must attend with youth under the age of 9. Please pre-register. After registering, you will receive an email confirmation and class supply list.
Thurston County 4-H Presents the Experience 4-H – Virtual Small Animal Series

Rabbit Selection & Breeding Workshop is January 16 at 1:00 p.m. PST

Thurston County 4-H is offering a series of Small Animal Workshops, delivered via Zoom. The workshops are free, but Pre-Registration is required (click the zoom link to register for individual workshops)

Classes include: rabbits, cavies (guinea pigs), and poultry topics. Virtual workshops are open to youth ages 5 to 18. Parents must attend with youth age 9 and younger.

The next workshop topic date and time:

January 16, 1 p.m. PST – Rabbit Selection & Breeding
https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsf–oqJtuGtC0isqFtiqwedGicuWLtwII

Questions? tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us

Don’t miss all the fun!

It’s FREE!

Experience 4-H

VIRTUAL SMALL ANIMAL SERIES

December 12, 1 p.m. PST - Rabbit Basics
https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/fjlucuopz4vHdnNyVO9Zx66Hu2NqprphTs9H

January 2, 1 p.m. PST - Cavy Basics
https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/fjlocemprjMoHt06WP8RtUz2g36_SypkjaZ

January 16, 1 p.m. PST - Rabbit Selection & Breeding
https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/fjwzrf-eqjluGlC5gFiquwGicuWLt81


Open to youth ages 5 to 18. Parents must attend with youth age 9 and younger.
Click the Zoom link above to pre-register.

WSU Extension programs, employment and volunteer service are available to all without discrimination (See WSU Extension Policy #15). Concerns regarding potential discrimination may be reported through your local WSU Extension office or directly to the WSU Compliance and Civil Rights (CCR) office, web: https://ccr.wsu.edu, email: ccr@wsu.edu, phone: 509-335-8288.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information or other reasonable accommodation should contact Thurston County 4-H at 3054 Carpenter Rd SE, Olympia, 98503, 360-867-2157, tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us at least two weeks in advance to the event.
As we enter cold/flu season at the same time as a very concerning covid-19 surge, WSU Klickitat County Extension and One Community Health have collaborated to create flyers that show some of the subtle differences between COVID-19, the flu, and a common cold.
IMPORTANT REMINDER Regarding WSU Extension Adult/Youth Interactions during COVID-19

As we are all in communication via technology with youth at this time, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of WSU Extension’s policy on interactions. **Under this policy, AT NO TIME should one adult be meeting or communicating with youth WITHOUT the presence of another adult.** This policy pertains to Zoom conferences, telephone conversations, text messages, social media posts, etc. To facilitate communication, make certain to cc another adult on written communications, and invite another adult to be present during virtual interactions.
meetings. The second adult is recommended to be a WSU volunteer; other adults can serve in this role if you’re in a pinch.

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A Reminder: COVID-19 Resources Available from WSU Extension

The WSU Extension COVID-19 Updates and Resources page is updated as new information becomes available. The Link to the page is
https://extension.wsu.edu/covid-19/

National 4-H Council Shares Survey on COVID-19 Effects on Youth Mental Health and Loneliness

A new survey commissioned by National 4 H Council, and conducted by the Harris Poll, finds that 7 in 10 teens are struggling with their mental health in the wake of COVID-19. More than half of those surveyed shared that the pandemic has increased their feelings of loneliness, with 64 percent believing it will have a lasting impact on their mental health. The survey, conducted in May 2020, is among the first to examine the impact this unprecedented public health crisis has had on U.S. teens. The aims of the survey are to help practitioners gain a deeper understanding of the state of teen mental health and to gather teen perspectives on the issue as 4-H aims to empower young people with the resources and support to address their health and well-being head on.

Read the full article at
https://4-h.org/media/new-survey-finds-7-in-10-teens-are-struggling-with-mental-health/

WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families has created a resource for parents during COVID-19. The WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19 was developed to help parents and their families navigate the pandemic and the days to follow.

The publication is available at
Keeping Your Distance to Stay Safe

With the number of COVID-19 cases increasing every day, psychologists offer insights on how to separate yourself from others, while still getting the social support you need.

https://www.apa.org/practice/programs/dmhi/research-information/social-distancing

Everyday Actions to Help Prevent the Spread of Respiratory Viruses

Here are everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

· Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
· Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
· Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
· Stay home when you are sick.
· Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
· Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

A WSU hand-washing video can be accessed here.

There’s also this link to the Washington State Department of Health’s ‘WashYourHandsingTon’ web page.

WSU has established an informational website that is being frequently updated – it can be found here. It has general information from the Center for Disease Control and the Washington State Department of Health.

Because of differing levels of outbreaks and risk of exposure to covid-19 and the coronavirus in different communities, please refer to your local health department and your local County Extension Office for information applicable to your community.