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4-H State Ambassadors to Host an Informational Meeting on February 4th!!

Join the Washington State 4-H Ambassadors for an Informational Meeting this Thursday at 6:30pm! We will play a fun game and explain the State Ambassador Program and how to get involved. Plus you will get a chance to meet some of the current state Ambassadors!

Zoom Info for Thursday’s Event: https://zoom.us/join  Call ID: 889 3181 1278  Password: 013 253

Spokane County 4-H Hosts FAFSA Workshop for Military Families!

Register at 4hfafsworkshop.eventbrite.com.
Register Now for the Authors of Change Virtual 4-H Retreat!

Washington State 4-H teens are invited to register for this upcoming event! The retreat is free, registration is open until full and there are also retreat kits available to order (until February 10) through the website for those that want a t-shirt, etc.

For more information, to register and order kits, go to wa4hteenequity.weebly.com.

New Experience 4-H Workshop Scheduled for February 13!!

Register Now at https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIkcO6prj4uGNw5waRFB9L-YrxMDWiDFG5W
New Workshops Scheduled:
Experience 4-H Virtual Small Animal Series!

The Washington State 4-H Small Animal Committee has added new topics to the Experience 4-H – Virtual Small Animal series! Check out what is upcoming! Please pre-register by clicking the link for the workshop you would like to attend. Youth age 9 and younger need to have an adult helper attend with the youth participant.

Thank you to the Washington State 4-H Small Animal Committee for providing these workshops that are being facilitated by many individuals across the state!
February 6, 1 p.m. PST – Cat Basics
Come learn about the 4-H cat project!
https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIof-CgqzwsGtHs3ZcFXbnZmEj7KqQI3a_Y

February 20, 1 to 3 p.m. PST – Market Rabbits & Poultry
An introduction to raising rabbits and poultry for youth market sales.
https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcudu2uqjgjGdO6m7u7nmTruLfW7X7FzZVf

March 6, 1 p.m. PST – Poultry Basics
An introduction to raising poultry for youth.
https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEvc-qrrjgtGdzyra_AoETCeVlHdFWrUIm2

Future Topics:
Questions? e-mail tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us

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Save the Date! Virtual Super Saturday!

Super Saturday ‘21

Save the Dates!
For 4-H Volunteers & Members
Choose the classes you want!
Explore new projects, learn more about a project you are enrolled in, and have fun with friends!

Registration is Free

Want to lead a session? Let us know by emailing brittany.briggs@wsu.edu!

Save the date for March 6th & 13th for Super Saturday, hosted by Central Washington 4-H. Super Saturday is open to all 4-Hers Statewide!
New 4-H Facebook Site for Virtual Trainings!

Please join our Explore 4-H Facebook Page! There are over 30 trainings that are open to everyone online.

Find it at https://www.facebook.com/Explore4HWSUExtension

Please go to this site and “like” it. Thanks!

2021 National 4-H Conference Update

Theme: Shaping the Future
Dates: April 10-14, 2021 Virtual Format

The link to the information letter is here.

Cost: $325 for youth participants. Adult chaperones are free but need to register to attend.

Maximum 350 Participants

Registration Timeline:
- January 26: Registration opens (online only, no paper forms) Active link will be available on the National 4-H Conference Website
- February 23: Late registration begins $50 upcharge per delegate.
- March 2, 5:00 pm EST: All registrations close

28th Annual VIRTUAL Springtime Youth Calf Sale on March 20, 2021

New! Calf Scholarship and Grant Application Links!

Updated January 26, 2021

Mark your calendars for the 28th annual Springtime Youth Calf Sale date of March 20, 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the sale WILL NOT be held at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds at Monroe, but will be held virtually. More details will be provided closer to the sale date.

Questions? 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/.

The link to the Calf Scholarship Application is here.

The link to the Calf Grant Application is here.

Also find us on Facebook at Springtime Youth Calf Sale.
Resource Update: The State of Innovation Challenge!

Updated January 26, 2021

The following resource was shared in one of the State of innovation Industry Engagement Zooms this week.

**Take Action Today to Improve Teen Mental Health and Digital Wellness**

The #Work2BeWell digital wellness and empowerment program focuses on positively impacting the emotional well-being of teens and promoting mental health. Access free curriculum, resources, and implementation tools to make an impact as a student mental health advocate, educator, or parent. Work2BeWell bridges the conversation around difficult topics and partners with experts to provide access to credible resources including crisis lines, clinical leaders, and educational resources. Work2BeWell is committed to anti-racist work, bringing a diversity, equity, inclusion lens to programming, working to expand resources for BIPOC teens. Work2BeWell is strategizing culture and language specific resources for the future, working to reduce mental health stigma and promoting teen wellness.

Access resources at [work2bewell.org](http://work2bewell.org).

**Challenge Check-in**

**State of Innovation Challenge Update**

It’s only weeks until the March 4 deadline for project submissions, so if you haven’t already started, now is a great time to get going on your projects:

- **Visit our “Get Started” page** to find everything you need to get going with the Challenge
- **Download our instructional guides**, your one stop shop to implement the cases with youth

What happens to project submissions?

All students who submit a Challenge solution — whether it’s a Nano project, a Micro project, or a Macro project will be recognized for their contribution.

**The most innovative projects will be awarded special recognition at our award ceremony in March** — for those innovation awards we are looking for projects that meet most of the submission guidelines.

I don’t have a lot of time for special projects, can my students still participate?

**Yes.** A Challenge solution doesn’t have to be a major project, it can take as little as one hour or one class period to create an idea to submit.
• If you have limited time, have your students submit a “Nano” solution, using Flipgrid — No Flipgrid? Vimeo, Youtube or even email work
• Got more time or looking for a more challenging project for your students? They can submit a “Micro” or “Macro” solution.

The Challenge is scalable based on the needs and capacity of adults and students — so choose what works best for you — the State of Innovation Challenge team can’t wait to see the responses!

CHECK OUT THE LINK!
Read the press release from the Office of the Governor – “State of Innovation Challenge invites Washington youth to design solutions to the state’s big issues.”


Application Open! – 2022 Youth In Action Awards

Applications for the 2022 4-H Youth in Action Awards are open! Four dynamic youth leaders will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage,
recognition in the media and a $5,000 college scholarship. Open to youth age 15-19. Apply beginning January 6 through March 29, 2021. The four youth leaders will represent STEM. Healthy Living, Agriculture and Civic Engagement. Please pass this information along to anyone working with our youth!

Apply at https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/#!application.

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MORE 4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMITS

2021 National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science
Online, March 5-7, 2021
Registration Closes Friday, February 19, 2021

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

DOWNLOAD AGENDA

REGISTER NOW

Eight registration Scholarships of $75 each have been arranged that will be covered by either Brightmark or Corteva. If you have youth interested in receiving one of these scholarships (four each sponsored by Brightmark and Corteva), please email Tony Dell at adell@wsu.edu and/or Kristi Axtell at Kristi.axtell@wsu.edu

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US Soccer Foundation

This is a new partnership for us, more will be coming soon! The 2021 Urban Soccer Symposium is free for everyone!

The 2021 Urban Soccer Symposium March 25-26, provides a unique crossroads for youth sports practitioners, administrators, coaches, and community members to envision a world where all young people have the same access to high-quality sports programming and, ultimately, healthier lives.

Achieving play equity for all requires the power of a network. Help us make this the most impactful Symposium to date by sharing this free and accessible virtual event with your network today!

Register for the Symposium below and send this along to those you know! It’s free!

REGISTER HERE!
Register Now for the 2021 Virtual Sewing & Stitchery Expo!

The 2021 Virtual Sewing & Stitchery Expo is Feb. 24-28, 2021. You can register now! The 2021 Class Catalog is online now! Follow [this link](https://sewexpo.com) to find it on the Sew & Stitch website. More information and registration link is at [https://sewexpo.com](https://sewexpo.com).

Washington State 4-H Scholarship Applications Are Open!

The 4-H Scholarship application is now available for Washington 4-Hers in the 12th grade. Information can be found at [https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/)

Please note: 4-H Scholarship applicants must be enrolled and approved in 4-H Online to be eligible. Previously, applicants only needed to be enrolled in the previous two years.

12th graders are encouraged to check out the available scholarships and apply! Applications close on March 15th.

Youth Opportunity: Apply for the Youth Preparedness Council!

Do you know of, or are you a teen who has a passion for preparedness? FEMA is accepting applications for its 2021 [Youth Preparedness Council (YPC)](https://www.fema.gov/youth-preparedness-council). Since 2012, FEMA has brought youth from across the Nation together. Each year, teens apply to the YPC for an opportunity to join FEMA in encouraging emergency preparedness. Teens serve on the YPC for two years.
As part of the YPC, members can build leadership skills and represent their schools and communities. They also share their perspectives, feedback, and opinions with FEMA. The YPC gives youth the chance to meet peers from across the country and work on projects, such as preparedness fairs for their communities. A virtual summit in July gives members a chance to meet each other and hear from FEMA experts.

The application period is open to teens in grades 8-11 until March 7, 2021. Learn more on Ready Kids and apply here!

**Important Dates**

- **January 18:** YPC Application open
- **January 27:** Webinar – The Philadelphia Resilience Playbook: A Case Study (12 p.m. ET)
- **February 3:** Webinar – 10 Ready-Made Tips You Can Use to Prepare for Disasters (12 p.m. ET)

Disclaimer: The reader recognizes that the federal government provides links and informational data on various disaster preparedness resources and events and does not endorse any non-federal events, entities, organizations, services, or products. Please let us know about other events and services for individual and community preparedness that could be included in future newsletters by contacting:

[FEMA-prepare@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-prepare@fema.dhs.gov)

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**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 the CDC website at this link: https://www.cdc.gov/museum/camp/detective/ for information on the summer camp schedule – both a potential in-person camp or all-virtual camp as the COVID-19 situation dictates, as well as a link to the application form.

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
CORRECTED ARTICLE

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 CORRECTED 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!7h58KXqPMs7IjowYRI07Uo0oXHx48vGPL8NFQ8H8_QyRdCSUfhkL6SKijyp$

And this just for fun:

https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.equinelegalsolutions.com/equine-translation-guide.html__;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!7h58KXqPMs7IjowYRI07Uo0oXHx48vGPL8NFQ8H8_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-1njBwL3cla_RrRF$ (the biosecurity links focus on birds, but principles apply to all species).
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/ 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.

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!

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**CAREERS**

**Exciting Career News for 4-H Dog Project Youth!**

Check out these opportunities!

Seven things to know about being a military veterinarian:

[https://www.military.com/off-duty/2021/01/13/7-things-know-about-being-military-veterinarian.html](https://www.military.com/off-duty/2021/01/13/7-things-know-about-being-military-veterinarian.html)

More opportunities for “sniffer dog” trainers:


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**COVID-19 RESOURCES**

**Resource Illustrates Differences Between COVID-19, Flu, and Common Cold**

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 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/

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 https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/FS_0039.pdf

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.