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YQCAPROGRAM.ORG Update Paul Kuber



It's that time of year again to be thinking about Youth for the Quality Care of Animals – YQCA (<https://yqcaprogram.org>). As spring approaches and youth begin their food animal projects it time to offer YQCA. It is a useful tool to help guide youth through best practices when raising a food animal. This program will provide youth with the skills to produce a safe and wholesome product from an animal that was raised humanely while enriching their life-skills through thoughtful content. It is supported by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Pork Board and the American Sheep Industry Association as an equivalent to their adult quality assurance industry educational programs. Having youth participate prior to the beginning of their project will result in youth having the resources through-out their project for success.

Link to learn more about the YQCA program at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nc9su34t1WM>

As a reminder on March 23, 2022, YQCA moved to a new platform resulting in web address change. PLEASE RE-DIRECT all youth, parents and instructors to use the new website <https://yqcaprogram.org> so that they can participate in this dynamic program. The old website address and link is no longer an active youth education website. This change (new platform and web-address) has given the YQCA organization the opportunity to move the program forward as originally planned, but that required us walking away from a third party vendor and a web address that they owned.

The following instructional videos that YQCA recently released, will guide youth and parents through the registration process and participation on the new website and with the new program:

Sign-up and Participate in a Web-based Training:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC5n5YWx1rl>

Sign-up and Participate in an Instructor Led Training:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHW2qtMIOc>

Key items:

- Assure that wherever you have YQCA training links online they need to link to <https://yqcaprogram.org>
- Assure that all print material including PDF's (or other) from past years with the inactive website are removed from public access
- Encourage leaders, parents, and youth to view the linked YouTube videos for either web-based training or instructor led training

If you have questions about offering, or becoming a certified instructor for YQCA please contact Paul Kuber at pskuber@wsu.edu

State 4-H Dog Committee Meeting On February 12th!



The Washington State 4-H Dog committee is meeting on February 12th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting Information:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or

Android: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/94888556761>

Meeting ID: 948 8855 6761

Date & Time: Feb 12, 2023 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

No Passcode

Phone Call (long distance)

+1 253 215 8782

+12532158782,,94888556761# US (One Tap Mobile Call)

Important Note: Both internal and external WSU meeting attendees must be signed into Zoom to join the meeting.

Please refer to this guide on Joining WSU Zoom Meetings before trying to join the meeting: <https://confluence.esg.wsu.edu/display/KB/Zoom+-+Joining+Meetings+and+Best+Practices>

The state meeting is open to all, but membership guidelines as stated in State Dog Committee by-laws are as follows:

There are two types of membership:

- Voting. Voting members are appointed at the county level and shall consist of one youth and two adult leaders. The Chair may only vote to resolve ties.
- Non-Voting. All other members shall be considered non-voting and may participate in all activities of the Dog Project Committee such as discussion and serving on sub-committees.

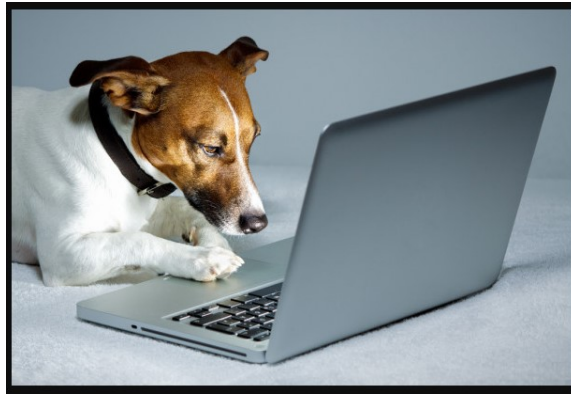
Very Important: Please check with your “county leadership” AHEAD OF THE MEETING to find out who are voting delegate(s). Depending on your county—county leadership should also include communication with County 4-H staff person in addition to county dog committee (if your county has one)

Who to contact:

The current state 4-H dog program chair is Chip Taylor who can be contacted at jesse@nventure.com

Or contact Jennifer Leach at jleach@wsu.edu, 4-H staff liaison to State Dog Committee

Submitted by Jennifer Leach, WSU 4-H Faculty and staff liaison to State Dog Committee



Washington State University Extension and University of Idaho Extension Present Youth Livestock Field Days

YOUTH LIVESTOCK FIELD DAYS

Washington State University Extension and University of Idaho Extension are pleased to present Youth Sheep and Goat Field Day on **March 11, 2023**, at Asotin County Fairgrounds and Beef Field Day, **March 25, 2023**, at University of Idaho Livestock Pavilion. Topics for the field days include: mandatory paperwork, quality assurance, meat science, health care, feeding and nutrition, selection of the project animal and fitting and showing.

Registration for both events is now open! Registration cost is \$10 per persons and is due March 3, and March 17, respectively. The registration fee includes lunch and handout materials. To register, click on the links below.

For more information, see the brochures linked below.

[Sheep and Meat Goat Field Day Brochure](#)

[Sheep and Meat Goat Field Day Registration](#)

[Beef Field Day Brochure](#)

[Beef Field Day Registration](#)



2023 Cougar Invitational Youth Meat Judging Contest

Update

Paul Kuber



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COUGAR INVITATIONAL YOUTH MEAT JUDGING CONTEST



**Ensminger Pavilion, 455 Lincoln Dr., Pullman, WA
WSU Meat Laboratory, 2155 Wilson Rd., Pullman, WA**

Registration Deadline: March 10

Register at <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=16212>

March 17th

Clinic for Coaches and Students

March 18th

Cougar Invitational Judging Contest and Awards

The 2023 Cougar Invitational Youth Meat Judging Contest is coming up soon! Contest information pages and the registration link are now available!

Register at this link:

<https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=16212>

The Cougar Invitational Tentative Schedule, Contest Rules, Registration Information and other contest details (Scoring, What to Bring, Awards, and Contact Information can be found by clicking [HERE](#).



Opportunities In Virtual Horse Judging

Pat Pehling

While clinics and contests with live horses (and riders) are definitely more effective, sometimes it is difficult to find an acceptable location and/or arrange for enough suitable horses to create a contest.

Subscription service livestockjudging.com has over 100 classes on horses or performance. It is suitable for teaching judging, but also allows a subscriber to set up contests. Available classes include halter, reining, ranch riding, trail, western equitation, western pleasure, huntseat equitation and hunter under saddle.

Snohomish County has four Horse Judging events each 4-H year with live “live” and one Virtual. Each Contest includes 4 classes and written reasons on one class. While there is no option for reasons on the Virtual platform, the members are instructed to email their written reasons to a volunteer who is trained to evaluate the reasons.

livestockjudging.com scores each participants’ placings and results are soon available. The subscriber chooses the classes, determines the contest placing of each class or has a judge place the class (there are class placings available to view when deciding the official placing of each class), sets the times and dates of the Contest and gives directions to the participants. Participants can be “invited” or a PIN can be shared to allow access to the program. Contests can run for a couple hours or several days.

Since it is desirable for the Judging Contest to also be educational, the judge should always give reasons for placing classes at a Contest. On the Virtual Contest, it is recommended that written reasons be shared on whatever method of communicating with the youth is available at the county level. Some of the available classes do have reasons available.

Livestockjudging.com



Second Statewide 4-H Virtual Photography Club Meeting Scheduled For February 12th!

FEB. MEETING FOR STATEWIDE 4-H PHOTO CLUB



*2nd meeting, Feb.
12th at 2 PM,
pre-registration now
open!*



Our first Statewide 4-H Virtual Photography Club meeting was held on January 15th. Thank you to those who joined us and participated! We recorded that meeting because the educational portion from the first meeting is the shooting challenge assignment for the next meeting.

Please find the recording at: <http://bit.ly/3j126SK>

Our second meeting will be on Feb. 12th at 2:00 PM. The pre-registration link for that meeting is <http://bit.ly/3Dup9MS>

If you would like to submit any photos for our critique at the second meeting, please e-mail them to Pam Watson at pwatson@wsu.edu as *attachments by Friday, February 10th. Make sure you put "4-H Photo Club." in the subject line of the e-mail.* Each person may send up to three photos, but we may not get through them all.

For now, keep working on the challenge assignment!

Pam Watson, M.Ed., pwatson@wsu.edu
WSU Lewis County Extension
4-H Youth Development Agent, WSU Faculty

Shooting Sports Certification For 4-H Volunteers Scheduled In Ellensburg March 3rd Through 5th



Attention 4-H volunteers interested in becoming certified as shooting sports instructors! We have a Level 1 training coming up in March!

Thank you for your interest in our WSU 4-H Volunteer Shooting Sports Certification March 3-5 in Ellensburg, WA!

This training is for certified 4-H volunteers who are 21 and older only who are interested in becoming certified in one of the following disciplines: Pistol, Rifle, Archery, Hunting Skills, Shotgun, or Muzzleloading.

Training cost for all volunteers is:
Registration: \$85

National Online Shooting Sports Module (if you have not completed in the past 3 years): \$20

2nd discipline: \$30

We encourage volunteers to check with their clubs and county council's for financial assistance. As of now, we do not have a state funding source to assist.

The deadline for enrollment is February 24th. Sign up by clicking [HERE](#)

Training schedule:

Friday, March 3rd, 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Classroom Instruction – ALL DISCIPLINES

Topics: Shooting sports risk management, club basics, and QPR suicide prevention training

Note – the content in this section was updated in 2021. New volunteers and returning volunteers who received certification in any discipline prior to 2021 are required to attend this classroom section. If you attended the classroom section in 2021-2022 for another discipline, you do not need to repeat this.

Saturday, March 4th, 8am – 5pm

Range Instruction – lunch provided

Disciplines: Pistol, Rifle, Archery, and Hunting Skills

Sunday, March 4th, 8am – 5pm

Range Instruction – lunch provided

Disciplines: Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, and Muzzleloading

Royal Rabbits 4-H Host Rabbit Roundup In Vancouver Washington On March 12th!

The Royal Rabbits 4-H Club in Clark County, Washington is hosting their annual rabbit show on March 12th and invite all bunny clubs in the state to participate!

The focus of our show is FUN, growth, and community. **The direct link to register is [HERE!](#)**

ROYAL RABBITS ROUNDUP

ROYAL RABBITS 4-H CLUB
INVITES YOU TO OUR
RABBIT SHOW
MARCH 12, 2023
5610 NE 199th St., Vancouver, WA 98686
REGISTRATION DUE MARCH 10

Rabbit Costume Contest
Yummy Concessions
Silent Auction
Raffle
Bunny Photo Booth

SIGN
UP
HERE

Skagit County 4-H Clubs Fill Sandbags to Battle King Tides

In late December, Skagit County was especially hard hit by flooding along coastal areas. “King Tides” were responsible for many residents finding their homes and property underwater, and more of these high tides are expected this month.

Skagit County Department of Public Works delivered a dump-truck load of sand and burlap bags for Samish Island Residents, at the request of a long-time resident.

On December 31st, coming to the aid of Samish Island residents, young people from the Burlington chapter of “Her-Ang-Dus” 4-H Club volunteered to fill sandbags.



Pictured here are the “Her-Ang-Dus” 4-H participants:

- Stephanie Knutzen, “Her-Ang-Dus” 4-H Chapter Leader, and 4-H parent with her children Trygve and Hayden.
- Bill and Kali Howard, 4-H parents, with their children Jacob and James.
- Claire Collins, 4-H parent, with her children Jack and Luke.
- Andrea Ratfield, 4-H parent, with her children Esther, Jillian, Mae, and Henry.
- Jeremiah Hastings, 4-H volunteer.

Also filling sandbags on Samish Island during the King Tides were members of the Burlington Edison Roadrunners 4-H Club.



Club members pictured in this photo are Cassidy Pruiett, Kiersten Dotzauer, Danica McKee, Sydney Quatsoe, Casey Quatsoe, and Vivian Armas. Adults pictured are club leader Sharrie Nelson, Stacie Quatsoe and Julie McKee. Many thanks go to these 4-H volunteers, along with Sue Ratfield and other neighbors who donated their time and efforts.

This project exemplifies the spirit of neighbors-helping-neighbors, and what the 4-H program stands for: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.



Introducing Q and A Sessions for the Washington 4-H Horse Program!

Have questions about the Washington 4-H horse program? We are planning to have a monthly Q and A for leaders, parents, members, and staff on the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Zooms will start in February and run at least through June.

The first one will be Thursday, February 16th. No need to register...just come and join the zoom by 6:30 pm.

There will be no specific topics for this first zoom but will be around the theme/parameters of horses and youth development. It will be more than “what are the rules.” However, there will be time set aside for input on future topics for the subsequent Zooms. **The Zoom meeting ID is 452-082-9765 with no passcode.** You must have a zoom account to participate.

The meeting will be facilitated by Jennifer Leach, WSU 4-H Equine Specialist. If you need further clarification of the meeting, feel free to contact Jennifer at jleach@wsu.edu



From National 4-H Council....






Who Makes A Good Friend?

What qualities are important in your friendships? Let's look at what it means to be a good friend and evaluate the health of current friendships.

[VIEW ACTIVITY!](#)

State 4-H Ambassadors Present the 4-H Youth of the Month for January!

The Washington State 4-H Ambassadors recognize the 4-H Youth of the Month honoree for January, Lily Grabenkort of Clark County! The Ambassadors are proud to highlight 4-H youth monthly throughout the year!

 4-H YOUTH OF THE MONTH	 Lily Grabenkort
 <p>Lily Grabenkort <i>Intermediate Clark County</i></p> <p>PROJECT: Rabbit</p> <p>Washington State 4-H</p>	<p><u>Favorite Part About 4-H:</u> Lily loves her club's annual rabbit show, the Royal Rabbits Roundup, which is open to all 4-Hers in Washington state. She loves spending that time hanging out with friends and showing her bunny.</p> <p><u>Favorite Hobbies:</u> Lily loves reading, swimming, playing ukulele, letting her bunny hop in yard, and sewing.</p> <p><u>Favorite 4-H Memories:</u> Her time at the Clark County fair, where she enjoys the awards, rides, shows, and food.</p> <p><u>Biggest 4-H Achievement:</u> Lily was honored to earn the Lucky Rabbit's Foot award this past year. This award is given to the highest scoring member of the Rabbit project, and it takes into account the 4-Her's showmanship, record book, educational poster, public presentation, and more.</p> <p><u>Favorite Food:</u> Fresh chocolate chip cookies</p> <p><u>Future Career:</u> Lily wants to own a charcuterie board business.</p> <p><u>What Has 4-H Taught You:</u> Leadership skills, and meeting new people.</p> <p><u>Favorite Ice Cream:</u> Chocolate cookies and cream</p> <p><u>Favorite Book:</u> Watership Down</p> <p><u>Favorite Vacation:</u> Hawaii</p> <p><u>Time in 4-H:</u> Lily has been in the rabbit project for 6 years.</p>

If you have any questions about the State Ambassadors, or are interested in joining, please email wa4hsa@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you!

4-H Scholarship Applications Now Live on 4-H Online!



The application for 4-H Scholarships are now available in 4-H Online. The application is open to all active 4-H youth in the 12th grade who have been in 4-H for at least two years. Youth must be attending an accredited two or four-year college or university in the fall of 2023.

Applications must be submitted by March 15th, no later than 9:59 PM, via 4-H Online.

Emailed applications will not be accepted. No exceptions are made to this policy. Applications **MUST BE COMPLETE**, with submission of all five pieces included, in order to be considered. Each applicant will be considered for all Washington State 4-H Scholarships. These scholarships may be used at any accredited two or four-year college or university.

For more information on the application process, including requirements, tips and individual scholarship information, go to:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>.

Four Big News Items for Washington State 4-H Equine!

The New Year brings big news for the 4-H Equine Program!



Save the Date! State Horse Bowl and State Hippology May 6-7, 2023

The 2023 WA State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest and WA State 4-H Hippology Contest will be held over the first weekend in May at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. Horse Bowl will be on Saturday, May 6 and Hippology will be on Sunday, May 7. **All the details are in the registration packets, available below.**

[**2023 Horse Bowl Registration Packet**](#)

2023 Hippology Contest Registration Packet

We hope 4-H members will try both!!

Lodging Information for teams needing overnight accommodations:

- Camping is available at the Grant County Fairground, including RV spaces. Those interested in this option may make arrangements directly with the fairgrounds here: <https://www.gcfairgrounds.com/p/fair/fair-camping>
- For hotel accommodations, we recommend national name hotels with rooms that open to hallways rather than the outdoors.

As with all State 4-H Equine Contests, each county may select their teams in any manner they choose (e.g. County Contests, Tests, Tryouts, Attendance) and those teams are approved by the County 4-H Educator. Other members are welcome to attend to observe the Contest but only designated County Teams may participate.



The list of sources that state contest questions and materials will be drawn from has been condensed to those that are free and/or easily accessible in hopes that addressing accessibility challenges will increase participation in state equine knowledge contests. **These sources are free downloads from our WA State 4-H website:**

- The 4-H Horse Member Manual <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/the-4h-horse-project>
- The 4-H Horse Judging Manual <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/4h-horse-judging-manual>
- Beginning Horsemanship <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/beginning-horsemanship-mm>
- Contest Guide <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2022/06/PNW574-REV-2015.pdf>
- 4-H Driving Manual <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/4h-driving-manual>
- 4-H Dressage Manual <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/4h-dressage-manual>
- Hunt Seat & Jumper <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/hunt-seat-and-jumper-manual>
- Groom Squad <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/washington-state-4h-fair-groom-squad-contest>

And one additional source, available for purchase or digital rental:

<https://www.ayhc.com/shop>

- Equine Science by Jean T. Griffiths



We are hosting an **Introduction to Horse Bowl and Hippology** on January 23rd at 6:30 pm via Zoom for all 4-H members and adults who want to learn about the contests. Come have your questions answered and maybe start contests in your county!! **Register to join us here:** <https://bit.ly/intro2contests>.

A promotional poster with a green and dark grey background. The text is in white and yellow. It includes a red silhouette of a horse head on the left and a green four-leaf clover on the right. The text reads: 'ZOOM WITH US TO Learn ABOUT & HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY January 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM For 4-H members and ADULTS WHO WANT TO Learn ABOUT THE CONTESTS Have your questions answered! START CONTESTS IN your county! REGISTER: https://bit.ly/intro2contests'

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**& HORSE BOWL
& HIPPOLOGY**

January 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM

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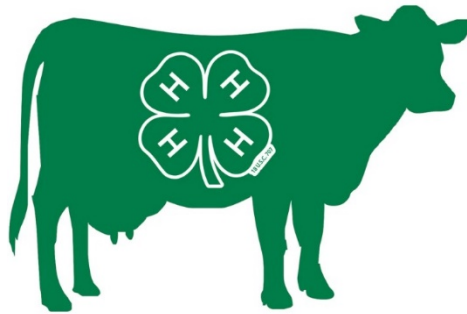


Having a county hippology program is not a requirement of registration for the state hippology contest. Recognizing that a county may have only one or two interested, eligible members, the following provision is provided:

- A county may combine with another county (or multiple counties) to form a team. If unable to coordinate with another county, you may register your county's interested members as individuals. The contest coordinator will form catch teams, if possible, and notify you. If impossible to form a catch team, individuals may compete independently in all phases except team problem solving. All contestants are eligible for overall individual awards.

- To provide additional support, a **Prepare for State Hippology Zoom** is scheduled for Sunday, March 26, 2 to 3:30 pm. All 4-H members are welcome to join, from those who are definitely planning to compete to those who aren't quite sure yet. Come learn about the competition so you can feel prepared to do your best! Supporting adults are very welcome! **Register in advance for this meeting:** <http://bit.ly/3CltFga>
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SAVE THESE DATES From the 4-H Dairy Program!!



Springtime Youth Calf Sale March 18, 2023,
Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe

WA State 4H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest March 18, 2023,
Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe

Evergreen Junior Dairy Show, April 28 & 29,
Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe

WDFW Issues Statement On Avian Influenza Outbreak Among Waterfowl Around Skagit Bay

Media contact: communications@dfw.wa.gov

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) biologists recently responded to reports of sick or dead waterfowl in western Skagit County on and around Skagit Bay, as well as in northwestern Snohomish County and on Camano Island and Port Susan in Island County.

WDFW has retrieved more than 700 deceased birds of several species—primarily juvenile snow geese—from this area. Samples have been taken from these birds for testing for [avian influenza](#) (also known as bird flu), with H5N1 strain Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) suspected.

WDFW continues to ask members of the public who find sick or dead birds to **[report them immediately using this online form](#)** and not touch them. As resources are available, biologists may respond to remove bird carcasses and, if

in an area or species where avian influenza has not been confirmed, test for the virus. Due to the magnitude of this outbreak, WDFW staff will not be able to respond to all reported cases.

Infected birds may appear lethargic, unable to fly, and exhibit wheezing, vomiting, or have diarrhea or secretions from their mouth or nostrils. More detailed information about avian influenza is available [on this WDFW webpage](#) and in [this blog post](#).

Avoid all contact with sick and dead birds. DO NOT attempt to move sick birds to a veterinarian or rehabilitation center, or to your home, as this can spread the disease. If a dead bird must be moved, it is best to wear disposable gloves while handling it and to double bag and dispose of the carcass in the garbage where pets and scavengers can't reach it.

Reports of suspected avian influenza in domestic flocks should be sent to the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Call 1-800-606-3056 or [visit their webpage](#) for more information about how to protect poultry and other domestic birds.

From fall through spring, western Skagit County, Island County, and northwestern Snohomish County are major feeding and roosting areas for snow geese and other migratory waterfowl. The recent avian influenza hotspot around Skagit Bay follows a similar [outbreak in November around Wiser Lake in Whatcom County](#). More than 450 dead birds have been removed from that area.

HPAI is very contagious among birds but the risk to people is low. This current strain of bird flu does not appear to easily infect humans. As a precautionary measure, people with known extended contact with infected birds should contact their local health department if they develop flu-like symptoms.

For hunters, waterfowl and other birds that appear healthy or are actively flying likely present minimal risk but should be cooked thoroughly before consumption. Dead geese and ducks found in western Skagit and Whatcom counties and northwestern Snohomish County are likely the result of avian influenza. Goose hunting has been closed in this area (Goose Management Area 1) since Nov. 27 and will reopen Dec. 10 through Jan. 29.

[Dogs and other animals](#) can become sick with avian influenza, and care should be taken to avoid contact between pets and either sick birds or carcasses of diseased birds. Wherever possible, maintain control of and discourage your dog from touching birds that were not shot immediately beforehand.

To reduce the risk of disease transmission, hunters are asked to **not** clean and dispose of bird carcasses in the field, but to do so at home and to double bag and dispose of bird carcasses in the garbage.

Additional safety tips include:

- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning harvested birds or cleaning bird feeders.
- Do not dispose of processed carcasses in the field where they could be eaten by raptors. Bag them and place in the garbage, bury, or incinerate them.
- Take special precautions to ensure that all equipment (boots, clothes, vehicles, firearms) are cleaned and disinfected to prevent the spread of diseases.
- Do not harvest or handle wild birds that are obviously sick or found dead.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke while cleaning game.
- Wash hands with soap and water or alcohol wipes immediately after handling game or cleaning bird feeders.
- Wash tools and work surfaces used to clean game birds with soap and water, then disinfect with a 10 percent solution of chlorine bleach.
- Separate raw meat, and anything it touches, from cooked or ready-to-eat foods to avoid contamination.
- Cook game birds thoroughly. Meat should reach an internal temperature of 155 to 165 degrees Fahrenheit to kill disease organisms and parasites.

For additional information on avian influenza please visit: wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/diseases/bird-flu

Individuals who need to receive this information in an alternative format, language, or who need reasonable accommodations to participate in WDFW-sponsored public meetings or other activities may contact the Title VI/ADA Compliance Coordinator by phone at 360-902-2349, TTY (711), or email (Title6@dfw.wa.gov).

For more information, see <https://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/requests-accommodation>.

Submitted by:

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4-H Youth Development Agent, WSU Faculty

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WSU Extension – Clallam County

Remember to Sign Up for 4-H Equine Science and Horsemanship Series Thursdays!!

We are excited to launch the 2022-2023 WA State 4-H Equine Science and Horsemanship Series!! Hosted virtually on the 4th Thursday of the month,

December 2022 – December 2023 (*5th Thursday in November 2023, due to Thanksgiving) from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

All are invited to attend to learn more about horses! Sessions will incorporate hands-on opportunities and fun learning games! **Use this link to sign up and receive the zoom link:** <https://bit.ly/WA4-HEquineScience>

Registered participants will be emailed a suggested supply list prior to each session for the hands-on component.

NOTE: Instructors are needed for some of our upcoming sessions. If you have interest in teaching, please contact kim.baker@wsu.edu | 425-520-3908.

We are interested in hearing from staff, equine professionals, and alumni of the horse program that would like to share their area of expertise with an audience of youth.

Interested parties should be prepared to share an overview of their topic and how they envision incorporating a hands-on component in a virtual format. More details about the review process are available upon request.

Thank you!



The poster features a close-up photograph of a horse's head in the upper left corner. The background is split into green and dark grey sections. A white four-leaf clover logo with 'H' symbols is in the upper right. The text 'WSU EXTENSION | WA STATE 4-H' is above the main title 'EQUINE SCIENCE & HORSEMANSHIP SERIES'. Below this, it says 'FUN VIRTUAL EQUINE LEARNING FOR EVERYONE!' and '4th THURSDAYS* DEC 2022 - DEC 2023 6:30-7:30 PM'. A note specifies '*NOV 30, 2023 (5TH THURSDAY DUE TO THANKSGIVING)'. The registration link 'REGISTER HERE: HTTPS://BIT.LY/WA4-HEQUINESCIENCE' is provided, along with a QR code. The bottom left shows the WSU Extension logo and '4-H' with a clover.

WSU EXTENSION | WA STATE 4-H

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Save the Date! – 2023 Washington State Junior Horse Show



The Washington State Junior Horse Show will be held June 22-25, 2023. The WSJHS Clinic will be held on June 22. The WSJHS 4-H Horse Show is June 23, 24, & 25. There is also an Open WSJHS Show on June 24 & 25.

More information to follow!

Save the Date! 2023 Prairie Hatchers Annual Poultry Show!



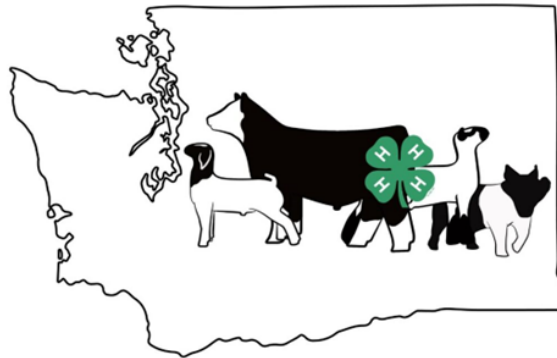
Save the Date, March 25, 2023, for the Prairie Hatchers 4-H Club's 23rd Annual YOUTH SHOW, taking place at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield,

Washington. Things to look forward to include Showmanship, confirmation/type, BIG Raffle, and Show quality poultry/chick auction!

Donations are always appreciated. If you would like to donate **show quality birds** or any raffle items please e-mail us! Your donations help us run next year's show. Help us keep it going!

If you would like more information or get on the list to receive our premium book in January please e-mail: prairiehatchers4hclub@gmail.com

Save the Date! – 2023 4-H Livestock Judging Contest



Make plans to attend the 2023 Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest, scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Ardell Pavilion on the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Washington.

More details coming soon!

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Vaccination Mandate Lifted For All 4-H Volunteers

In coordination with Washington State University, CAHNRS Extension and the State of Washington, Washington State 4-H will no longer require 4-H volunteers to receive either a COVID-19 vaccination or an approved Religious or Medical Exemption as of October 31, 2022.

The memorandum from WSU Extension Associate Dean and Director Vicki McCracken to all Extension faculty, staff and volunteers can be viewed [HERE](#).

What does this mean for WSU 4-H Extension volunteers (Leaders)?

- Volunteers who chose to take a leave of absence during the 2021-22 4-H Year may return to active status in 2023.
- New volunteers who apply to become WSU Extension 4-H Volunteers during the 2022-23 4-H year are not required to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Washington 4-H sincerely thanks the volunteers who have helped navigate the program through uncharted territory over the past couple of years and look forward to an exciting new 4-H year, full of increased opportunities for youths and volunteers.

You can view Governor Inslee's announcement here:

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-end-remaining-covid-19-emergency-orders-and-state-emergency-october-31>

View Center for Disease Control recommendations here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

View Washington State Department of Health recommendation here:

<https://doh.wa.gov/>

Go Cougs!

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Youth Livestock and Poultry Biosecurity Learning Modules Updated

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Livestock and poultry are susceptible to infectious diseases and many of these diseases are zoonotic, meaning they can be transmitted to people. A few more well-known zoonotic diseases include ringworm, rabies, and soremouth. The most effective strategy for protecting farm animal health is to prevent or reduce the chances of introducing a disease into a herd or flock.

An online learning experience about livestock biosecurity was developed during a five-year livestock biosecurity grant project, directed by Animal and Veterinary Sciences Research Associate Professor Julie Smith. The result was the **Healthy Farms Healthy Agriculture (HFHA) Biosecurity Learning Module Series**. The learning modules are appropriate for students in grades 6 to 12, FFA and 4-H participants, college students studying animal science, and other agriculturally related youth groups.

The link for the learning modules, teaching guide, certificates of completion and more is <https://learn.healthyagriculture.org>.

The goal of the series is to create a new generation of biosecurity advocates. The first four modules help youth in agriculture discover biosecurity, the preventative measures that protect farm animals from the spread of infectious diseases. The last two prepare youth to communicate what they have learned with others.

Topics for the six modules—plus a hands-on activity—include:

1. What is animal biosecurity – an introduction to biosecurity concepts.
2. Routes of infection and means of disease transmission.
3. Finding sources of disease transmission – students become biosecurity inspectors.
4. Farm biosecurity management plan – students learn how to develop a biosecurity plan.
5. Public speaking for biosecurity advocates I – students create a persuasive public presentation.
6. Public speaking for biosecurity advocates II – students learn how to deliver a persuasive speech.
7. A “SCRUB Kit” was also developed during the project, with hands on activities that complement the learning modules.

Updated learning modules were released in 2022, incorporating interactive elements and accessibility improvements.

Discovery learning is key to the design of the learning modules’ interactive curriculum. Students are presented with questions or tasks to complete to which they might not know the answers. They are also given supplemental information that introduces biosecurity concepts and helps the students make logical decisions. A printable guide is available for instructors with additional ideas and activities, career suggestions, and sets of homework and quiz bank questions. There are three paths available for interacting with the biosecurity learning modules:

1. A self-guided experience for students where the modules are hosted at Wisc-Online through Wisconsin’s Technical Colleges system.
2. Learn as part of a course – this option is for learners who are assigned one or more modules to complete on their own as a course requirement.
3. Learn with a leader – club and group leaders guiding learners through any of the modules.

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