

# 4-H Youth Development Program

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## Tuesday News



## Features

### Time is Running Out! Register Now for Know Your Government 2024

Time to register Delegations for this High School event. If you are looking for a delegation to join please check with your county office or email [Dorothy.elsner@wsu.edu](mailto:Dorothy.elsner@wsu.edu). Learn more <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/kyg/> The deadline to register is January 11, 2024.



2024 Know Your Government  
Registration  
Opens December 11-  
Closes January 11 at 5PM



"Visit <https://kyg2024.4honline.com> and click on the appropriate registration type at the bottom to begin. You will be prompted to log in with your 4-H Online credentials."

#### Who Should Register:

- Chaperones (Adult Resources) must be certified adult volunteers with 4-H
  - Youth Delegates. Need to be enrolled in 4-H. Grades 9-12
- ✦ Cost is \$260 for conference  
Cards will not be charged until after the registration deadline. (January 11)



Rooms at the DoubleTree, Olympia are separate, handled outside 4hOnline and each delegation's responsibility. Delegation Leaders will coordinate room payments for their delegations. Delegations may choose to share rooms. More information on this will be shared soon.

✦ Registration does not include the cost of the hotel. Rooms (single or double beds) \$53.00 There are no refunds after registration is processed. Alternate attendees and/or credits from unused registrations in previous years acceptable.



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## Introduction to Raising Rabbits Workshop

Hosted by the WSU Extension Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program

**Workshop Description:** The Raising Rabbits Workshop is an introduction to raising rabbits for meat, show, garden fertilizer (rabbit droppings) and youth market sales. The American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standard of Perfection and ARBA Raising Better Rabbits and Cavies guide book will be referenced for this workshop. Workshop discussion will include: selecting rabbits for breeding, the breeding process, care of the doe and kits, and selecting offspring for show and/or market.

**What:** Raising Rabbits

**When:** Sunday, 1/21/24

**Time:** 1 to 3 p.m.

**Who:** K-12 grade youth, 4-H and FFA members and their adult mentors

**Where:** Thurston County Fairgrounds, specific building and parking instructions will be shared with pre-registered participants.

Parents/guardians, advisors, and/or 4-H club leaders are encouraged to attend with youth participants to help supervise and support learning after the workshop. General public (not enrolled in 4-H) welcome to attend.

Pre-Registration Required. Please e-mail: [tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us)

**Pre-register by 1/19/24** with youth and adult participant names, club or chapter name, and youth ages. Note: a 4-H parent permission form will be required at check-in for those not enrolled in Thurston County 4-H.

Suggested Donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Informational Flyer: <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2024/01/raising-rabbits-workshop-1-21-24.pdf>



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## Teen Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

Dear Friends of 4-H,

We are so excited the Washington State 4-H State Teen Conference is returning in 2024! The event will occur at Washington State University's main campus in Pullman from **June 24-27, 2024**. Over 100 students from across the state will attend, participating in workshops that focus on career exploration, college preparation, and leadership development.

Supporting students as they pursue their passions and interests is critical to the future of Washington's economy, and your organization understands the importance of investing in today's youth. These students will be the ones who drive innovation and make a real difference in the world. The continued success of this conference depends on donations. I invite you to become part of this 4-H conference by supporting today's youth and tomorrow's industry leaders.

Make a check payable to: **WSU Foundation**

On the memo line include: **WA 4-H State Teen Convention GF007121**

Mail to:

WSU CAHNR's Development  
WA 4-H State Teen Convention  
PO Box 646228  
Pullman, WA 99164-6228

**View the 2023 4-H Teen Conference Impact Report [HERE!](#)**

## Washington 4-H Members Participate in the 2023 National 4-H Livestock and Meats Judging Competitions

The 2023 Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest held on June 24, 2023 resulted in the three senior teams (1<sup>st</sup> – Adams/Lincoln, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pend Oreille, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Snohomish) the right to represent Washington 4-H in one of three National Contests. Residual donor funds from the state contest were given to these teams to cover some travel expenses. The balance of their travel funds was raised locally by teams. The support at the state level was acquired from the following donors **Washington 4-H, Washington Cattle Feeders Association, Washington Cattlemen's Association, Washington Pork Producers Association, and Valais Blacknose Sheep of Washington**. We appreciate the monetary support as well as the following in-kind support provided by **WSUE faculty and staff, Ag West Farm Credit**, and the huge thank you to the **Grant County Fairgrounds** for supporting our efforts with hosting this event in the Ardell Pavilion. We thank all sponsors as the contest would not be possible without their support. The 2024 contest will be held at the same location on June 29, 2024 – more information to follow.



**Adams/Lincoln Counties** – our High Team in the state contest chose the American Royal in Kansas City, MO held on October 15, 2023 in the Hale arena. Team members included Maeve K., Amelia R., Lane T., and Alyssa W. and coached by Andy Williams. The team placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall, 6<sup>th</sup> in sheep/goats and 10<sup>th</sup> in reasons. Alyssa was 9<sup>th</sup> individual in sheep/goats. Ameila was the team's High Score in the contest.

*L-R: Amelia R., Alyssa W., Lane T., Maeve K.*



**Pend Oreille County** – our 2<sup>nd</sup> High Team in the state contest – chose the National 4-H Contest held at the North American International Livestock Exposition held on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Louisville, KY. Team members included Brody D., Kutter D., Blake K., and Margaret S.A. and coached by Amanda Driver and Colleen St. Amand. Brody was the team's high score at the National 4-H Livestock Judging contest.

*L-R: Front Row: Brody D., Margaret S.A., Kutter D., Blake K.; Back Row: Coaches Colleen St. Amand, Amanda Driver.*

**Snohomish County** – our 3<sup>rd</sup> High Team in the state contest chose the



4-H contest held at the Western National Round-up hosted by Colorado 4-H in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver, CO held on January 5, 2024. Team members included Allison B., Cadence S., Audrey S., and Kyler S., and were coached by Marlin Newhouse and Rylee Strovas. Allison was the team's high score at the Western National 4-H Round-up Livestock Judging Contest.

***L-R: Assistant Coach Rylee Strovas, Kyler S., Cadence S., Audrey S., Allison B., and Coach Marlin Newhouse.***



In addition to the teams that participated in the livestock judging contest, Blake Foraker faculty from the Department of Animal Science pulled together an all-star team for the National 4-H Meats Judging contest that was also held during the American Royal in Kansas City, MO on October 17, 2023. These individuals were selected from the first annual Washington State 4-H Meats Judging contest that was held August 12, 2023 at the WSU Meat Science Lab. Team members that

traveled to this National Competition included Beau F., Zoe G., Jonathan S., and Alyssa W., with coach Blake Foraker. The team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> High Team Overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each of the following Total Judging, Reasons, Retail Judging, and Beef Judging; and 4<sup>th</sup> in both Pork Judging as well as Retail ID. Zoe was 7<sup>th</sup> overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Reasons, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pork Judging, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Retail ID. Alyssa was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Retail Judging, tied for 5<sup>th</sup> in Reasons, and 7<sup>th</sup> in Total Judging. Beau and Jonathan were 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Total Judging, respectively. This was the first time that a team from Washington 4-H competed in the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest.

***L-R: Beau F., Alyssa W., Zoe G., and Jonathan S.***

A big "GO COUGS" and congratulations to those who represented Washington 4-H so well in 2023!

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## **WA State 4-H Equine Science and Horsemanship Series Continues!**

Hands-on Fun for Everyone! Every fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Zoom! Mark your calendars for the next meeting on January 25th. Topic and additional details to follow.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/WA4-HEquineScience> or by email to: [kim.baker@wsu.edu](mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu).



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## Washington State 4-H Equine Presentations

The Washington State 4-H Equine Presentations Contest will be held virtually on February 3, 2024. **Registration is open until January 25th.** You can find registration and contest details on the [WA State 4-H Horse](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/) page (<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/>) under **State & National Contest Resources, Dates & Entry Forms.**

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## Washington 4-H Equine Program Rule Book – Update

The Washington 4-H equine program is in the process of developing a specific rule book to replace the PNW 4-H Horse contest guide.

A sub-committee of the Washington State 4-H Equine Committee is working on this new rule book. The sub-committee includes county 4-H faculty and staff; key volunteers; and experienced Washington 4-H horse judges with a goal of completion on/about March 1, 2024.

Recommendations or suggestions to the rule book can be initiated by any judge, volunteer, staff/faculty, parent, or member by **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. These changes can be submitted by completing an online form, which can be found at

[https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7VXMiPuDScPG6y](https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7VXMiPuDScPG6y)

Rule changes will be reviewed by the above sub-committee and then submitted to the State Equine Committee for review with final approval from the State 4-H program leader. For policies or procedures related to the State 4-H Fair, those will be forwarded to the Washington State 4-H Fair board.

In the interim, we are still using the most current and accessible PNW 4-H horse contest guide (2015 edition) along with respective addendums, all located on the WA State 4-H Horse page (<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse>).

For questions and/or clarifications on the process for Washington State 4-H equine rule book, contact Jennifer Leach, 4-H Equine Specialist at [jleach@wsu.edu](mailto:jleach@wsu.edu)



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## Washington 4-H Horse Program Q and A Sessions Continue

The Q and A session for parents, leaders, county faculty/staff and 4-H members will continue to be offered monthly on the **first Wednesday** of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm to June 2024.

It will be on the following Wednesdays: January 3<sup>rd</sup>; February 7<sup>th</sup>; March 6<sup>th</sup>; April 3<sup>rd</sup>; May 1<sup>st</sup>; and June 5<sup>th</sup>. So “mark your calendars”!!!

Come join us anytime with your questions.

The zoom meeting ID is 452-082-9765 with no passcode. You must have a zoom account to participate.

The meetings are facilitated by Kim Baker, 4-H State Equine Coordinator and/or Jennifer Leach, State 4-H Equine Specialist





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