

4-H Youth Development Program

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Sign up Now for the WSU Horse Course!

The WSU Horse Course is an annual event put on by the Washington State University Student Chapter of the American Associate of Equine Practitioners. The event is a one-day short course that provides continuing education for horse owners and the general public. Topics vary to provide an interesting experience, whether you are just getting into the arena or have been working with horses for many years.

Lecture topics this year include Colic, Reproductive Techniques, Foal Assessment, and Acupuncture. Lab demonstrations on Endoscopy, Lameness Locator, and Nutrition and Body Condition Score are also available.

Visit <https://wsuhorsecourse.weebly.com> or email madison.gray@wsu.edu for details.



Don't wait! Register Now for "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 guidebook 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. The general public (not enrolled in 4-H) is welcome to attend.

Pre-Registration Required. Please e-mail: 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>



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!](#)

Questions? Contact Denise Echelbarger: denise@wsu.edu

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 (1st – Adams/Lincoln, 2nd – Pend Oreille, and 3rd – 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 11th overall, 6th in sheep/goats and 10th in reasons. Alyssa was 9th 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 2nd High Team in the state contest – chose the National 4-H Contest held at the North American International Livestock Exposition held on November 13th, 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 3rd 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 3rd High Team Overall and 3rd in each of the following Total Judging, Reasons, Retail Judging, and Beef Judging; and 4th in both Pork Judging as well as Retail ID. Zoe was 7th overall, 3rd in Reasons, 3rd in Pork Judging, and 4th in Retail ID. Alyssa was 2nd in Retail Judging, tied for 5th in Reasons, and 7th in Total Judging. Beau and Jonathan were 8th and 10th 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!

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.



9 Days Left to Register for 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.**
