Please Process State 4–H Fair Checks by April!
The State Fair premium checks were issued on November 9, 2023. The State Fair Board will be closing the premium account in late April. Anyone who showed or participated in the State 4–H Fair is asked to process their checks by early April to ensure they will clear.

Equine Presentations Contest Results
The WA State 4–H Equine Presentations Contest took place via Zoom on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

In all, there were 13 Senior contestants from across Washington State. We were quite excited to see expanded participation and hope the momentum continues for our 2025 contest!

Congratulations to all for sharing your amazing presentations!

Individual Presentations:

- State Champion | Blue Award | Gold Medal – Madison E-C. of Snohomish County with Miniature Horses Guiding the Blind
Combating Strangles
- Third Place | Blue Award | Bronze Medal – Stella M. of Spokane County with AQHA Western Pleasure
- Fourth Place | Blue Award – Gabrielle T. of Whatcom County with Hoofprints Through Hard Times

Team Presentations:
- State Champions | Blue Award | Gold Medals – Leah A. and Maria K. of Thurston County with The Benefits of Dressage for Equines
- Reserve Champions | Blue Award | Silver Medals – Nora G. and Aerin C. of Snohomish County with Camping With Horses
- Third Place | Red Award – Paige M. and Winter F. of Pierce County with Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis

Public Speaking:
- State Champion | Blue Award | Gold Medal – Charlotte P. of Thurston County with Technological Advances in Racehorse Safety
- Reserve Champion | Blue Award | Silver Medal – Malorie L. of Pierce County with Equine Therapy for Vets with PTSD
- Third Place | Red Award – Hunter M. of Snohomish County with Equine Communication

Many thanks to all the coaches and mentors who helped our members prepare! Thank you also to Somer Meade for her technical assistance both on the contest today and with helping youth check their tech questions during the week ahead of the contest.

To Jennifer Leach, 4-H Equine Specialist for providing excellent oversight of the contest and for participating as a judge for the contest.

To Kellian Whidden, returning as a judge for the fourth time, and our newest judge, Sandra Farley, a very welcome addition to our judging team!

Also to Kim Baker, 4-H Equine Coordinator and contest coordinator for handling technical aspects and registration.

It is a team effort.

And CONGRATULATIONS TO Madison, Leah, Maria, and Charlotte who will be representing WA State at the Eastern National 4-H Round Up this November in Louisville, KY.

Remember: there is no state equine presentations contest at the State Fair this year. The next contest will take place in 2025.
For information on how you can be involved in the 2025 contest, please visit the WA State 4–H Horse page and look under State & National Contest Resources, Dates, & Entry Forms.

You may also contact State Equine Coordinator, Kim Baker (kim.baker@wsu.edu) or State Equine Specialist, Jennifer Leach (jleach@wsu.edu).

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**Calf Sale Grant Applications Due Soon! Don’t Wait!**

The Springtime Youth Calf Sale grant applications are due on February 20th! Don’t wait to send your applications in!

Save the dates for upcoming 4–H Dairy events scheduled for 2024! All of these events take place at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, WA.

- **Springtime Youth Calf Sale – March 16th**: The Springtime Youth Calf Sale is open for youth up to 21 to purchase a registered dairy heifer for a 4–H or FFA project. There are $500 calf grants available, but you must be 9–18 to apply. This is a sale in which the youth do the bidding. You may view the heifers and bid on them at the sale on Saturday, March 16. Contact Liz Holtcamp at sycs4H@gmail.com for more information.
  - *Calf Grant Applications: due February 20th*
  - *Scholarship Applications: due March 1st*

- **Washington State 4–H Dairy Quizbowl – March 16th**: You do not need to be a part of a team. Come and join us for a chance to compete in the National Quizbowl contest. Contact Gary Fredricks for more information: garyf@wsu.edu

- **Evergreen Junior Dairy Show – April 26–27**

Check out the Dairy Events page for more details (https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/dairy-endowment-fund/program-activities/).
Registration for the Washington State 4-H Shooting Sports Qualifying Event Opens March 1st!

Save the date for the Washington State 4-H Shooting Sports qualifying event on May 17–19 in Eatonville, WA at the Upper Nisqually Sportsman Club. This event is open to Intermediate and Senior 4-H members. Disciplines include Archery, Rifle (air and rimfire), Pistol (air and rimfire), and Shotgun. More details to come; stay tuned!

Coaches: we could really use your help! If you are interested in helping, please contact Ashley: a.hernandez-hall@wsu.edu.

Informational Flyer

Save the Dates for Upcoming Shooting Sports Leader Training!

The next Level 1 training has been scheduled! If you are a 4-H volunteer, 21 or older, and are interested in becoming certified to teach shooting sports to our amazing youth, this is for you!

- **Date:** March 22–24
- **Disciplines Offered:** Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, and Pistol (up to 2 disciplines per volunteer allowed)
- **Cost:** $110 for the first discipline, $30 for the second
- **Location:** 12736 Marksman St SW, Olympia, WA 98512

Registration opens on February 15: [https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/shooting-sports](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/shooting-sports)

Event Flyer

Preregister Now for the 4-H Livestock Nutrition and Health Workshop

Sponsored by the Keller Valley Highriders Club and the Colville Reservation Extension 4-H Program, this program features hands–on learning about a variety of topics, including:

- What and how much to feed your animal
- How to identify if your animal is sick and when to call a veterinarian
- How to take your animal’s temperature and administer vaccines

The workshops will be taught by Dr. Don Llewellyn, PhD. of the WSU Lincoln County
Extension, and students from the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

To ensure enough supplies, please **pre-register by March 5th**. Lunch will be provided to those who pre-register. Contact the WSU Colville Reservation Extension office to pre-register: 509-634-2304.

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**Save the Date for 4-H Horizons!**

The 4-H State Ambassadors are excited to announce an upcoming statewide Zoom event – **4-H Horizons** – presented on March 23rd. This Zoom event will provide a space for driven young individuals to connect with like-minded peers, fostering an environment where they can explore the next steps in their 4-H careers. It’s a wonderful opportunity for networking, sharing insight, and promoting the various programs available for our local youth.

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Check out all the cool things the ambassadors have done and have planned by visiting [https://bit.ly/wastateambassadors](https://bit.ly/wastateambassadors)

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