Register Now for State Hippology and State Horse Bowl Contests

The State Hippology Contest (May 4) and State Horse Bowl Contest (May 5) will be held at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. Registration forms are uploaded to the WA State 4-H Equine page. Registration and payment due April 15. Please be sure to familiarize your team with the approved source list included in the registration packet.

New this year: we will be hosting a “Derby Party” at the Fairgrounds after the Hippology Contest to provide a social time for teams to play games, eat pizza, and get to know each other. We’ll coordinate with team coaches for the pizza order upon receiving their registration.

*Please be advised – there is also a softball tournament in town that weekend that affects hotel room availability. We recommend securing rooms ASAP. If you need overnight lodging and are unable to find suitable rooms in Moses Lake, you might check with other lodging opportunities in Ephrata. There is also camping available at the fairgrounds. You can find information about reserving sites here: https://www.gcfairgrounds.com/p/rentals/camping

Washington State Sheep Producers Scholarship Now Available

Apply now for the Washington State Sheep Producers Youth Scholarship. The deadline to apply is May 1st. The scholarship is open to youth members who are a junior member or a family member of someone who belongs to the WSSP. Check out the registration form for details

Registration Form
Submit Your Designs for the State 4–H Fair Patch!
The 4–H Fair Board is asking for help designing the 2024 State 4–H Fair patch! Entrants are open to 4–H members from 8–18. Entries are due by May 15th! See the registration form for more details. A social media graphic is also available for you to help spread the word.

Registration Form
Social Media Graphic

Save the Date for the 2024 Washington State 4–H Teen Conference
Please mark your calendar for June 24–27, 2024 for the Washington State 4–H Teen
Conference, “Discover Your Universe”. This event is a 3-day conference for 8th (completed 8th) – 12th-grade teens on WSU’s Pullman campus. This event focuses on college readiness, career exploration, leadership, and life skill development. Participants will enjoy workshops, tours, speakers, team-building activities, a banquet, a dance, and a chance to experience campus life by staying in campus dormitories. Dates and registration fees have been updated on the state website: https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/stc/ When registration links open, they will also be on the website. Please plan to register early (April 29) because this conference has limited spaces and is expected to fill. Workshops and tours will be filled based on registration date/time, as well. Please direct all questions about the Teen Conference to Kelly Stewart at kelly.a.stewart@wsu.edu.

Time is Running Out to Register for Level 1 Shooting Sports Training

Don’t wait! Register now for the next Level 1 Shooting Sports Leader Training. The event is March 22–24 and offers Archery, Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun. Details and registration information can be found at https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/shooting-sports or scan the QR code in the graphic below.
Spring Youth Calf Sale Catalog Availability and Upcoming Dairy Events

Spring Youth Calf Sale Catalog Available Now!
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. 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 sycs4H@gmail.com for more information

Upcoming Dairy Events:

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest 2024
The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest will be March 16, 10:00 am at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds during the State Holstein Show. This year’s contest will determine the 4-H team to go to the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest in November of this year (2024).

4-H Dairy Judging Contest 2024
The 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will be July 16, at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds during the State Holstein Show.

Questions? Contact Gary Fredricks garyf@wsu.edu | 360–577–3014 Ext. 3

Join the 44th Annual Spokane County 4-H Tack Swap March 22–23
Mark your calendar for the region’s largest horse tack sale! The event will take place at the Spokane County Fairgrounds. Browse over 15,000 new and used items including saddles, blankets, bits, barn supplies, and more. Please share this opportunity using the event flyer below.

Event Flyer

Reminder – 2024 WSU and UI Youth Livestock Field Day for Swine is March 23

4-H and FFA Youth, leaders and families are invited to attend Youth Livestock Field Days for Swine on March 23 at the Latah County Fairgrounds. Topics covered at the field days include the selection of project animals; Health Care, Feeding and Nutrition; Fitting and Showing Demonstration; Clipping Demonstration; and other pertinent topics.

The cost for each field day is $10 per person (+$1.30 transaction fee) and includes lunch and handout materials. Registration is now open and will close when maximum capacity for each event is reached. Register soon as it fills fast! Registration details are at bit.ly/clearwater_events and listed under transaction item.

Speakers for the program include local Veterinarians, Extension Faculty and Staff from the University of Idaho and WSU, UI Block and Bridle Students, WSU Veterinary Students, Industry Representatives, and 4-H/FFA volunteers. Whether beginner or advanced, this program is designed to provide information and skills so youth will
be successful with their market livestock projects. For more information contact 509.397.6290 or 509.243.2009.

**Washington 4-H Equine Program Rule Book Now Available!**

The Washington 4-H Equine Rule Book is now available on the horse page located on the WSU 4-H Animal Science website under Horse and then to WA State 4-H Equine Polices and Rules: [https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/)

This replaces the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide–PNW 574, effective March 1, 2024. Please do not use and discard the above publication.

The new rule book has very few actual rule changes, there are many additions and clarifications. To highlight these changes, all changes and additions are in blue colored font.

The Washington 4-H Equine Rule book was the effort of the State 4-H Equine Sub-committee members: R-A Mazzola, Island County 4-H Program Coordinator; Pat Pehling, 4-H Volunteer; Kim Baker, 4-H Equine Coordinator; Stephanie Roeter Smith, 4-H Regional Specialist; Connie Medeiros, 4-H State Fair Board/Equine Superintendent; Kate McCloskey, Spokane County 4-H Coordinator and Jennifer Leach, 4-H Equine Specialist along with four 4-H horse judges—Dusti Kissler; Dawn Spencer; Patti Burns, and Anne Garrett.

This was a very large effort that started in November by the sub-committee and truly a collaborative effort and a big thank you!!!

Please share this information with your 4-H parents, members, and others involved in the Washington 4-H horse program including your 4-H judges that may have already been secured for judging your county 4-H horse events.

For questions about the new rule book, please contact Jennifer Leach, State 4-H Equine specialist either at jleach@wsu.edu or LeachJ@cowlitzwa.us or 360.577.3014 Ext. 4.