From the State 4-H Fair Manager’s Desk:

Greetings 4-H Families and Faculty! I am finishing up building the Washington State 4-H Fair in Fair Entry and I understand that there are a lot of questions. I’m hoping to be able to answer a few questions here.

Once all the classes are built in the Fair Entry, county fairs that also use Fair Entry will have the opportunity to integrate the classes. I recommended that counties that wish to integrate do so after they have finalized their county fair this year. Integrating this spring will interfere with their classes and premium points already uploaded into Fair Entry. Once a county integrates with the State 4-H Fair, they will be able to click a button to promote to the State Fair.

Counties that do not use Fair Entry for their county fairs will not be required to install or use the program. The members from those counties will enter their classes that they have qualified to show in through Fair Entry. I will be interfacing 4-H Online with Fair Entry so families can use their 4-H Online login and password to enter Fair Entry. This will also bring over all the family’s address, email and phone number, youth members, animals, and projects. All I will need from the county extension office is a round-up form telling me who qualified to represent their county at the State Fair. These will be very similar to the round-up forms that were used in the past.
All 4-H members who qualify to participate in the State 4-H Fair will be required to enroll in 4-H Online. Please make sure that you have added all projects that you wish to participate in. If you wish to enter a baked good, make sure that Baking is added to your 4-H enrollment. I will be adding as many projects as I can to all the classes in Fair Entry. We will show you how this works in the next zoom.

As we get closer to the State Fair, I will be posting guidance on how to enter classes in Fair Entry and hold Zoom meetings for all the 4-H volunteers, members, and staff members.

Please feel free to reach out if you have other questions.

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**4-H Market Poultry Workshop Recording**

If you are working on a Market Poultry Project and need to get some basic or more advanced info, see our recording from March 10th, 2024, linked below. We covered fryers, turkeys, ducks, and geese, with a focus on fryers and turkeys. This program is open to all, not just 4-H youth. Please take a few minutes at the end of the recording to take our survey. Follow the link to view the recording [https://bit.ly/3TjJ6gE](https://bit.ly/3TjJ6gE)

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**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](https://www.waselection-wa.org/4h-4-fair). Registration and payment are 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](https://www.gcfairgrounds.com/p/rentals/camping)

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**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](https://www.waselection-wa.org/4h-4-fair)
[Social Media Graphic](https://www.waselection-wa.org/4h-4-fair)

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