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.

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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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**Introduction to Seed Starting Workshop**

Hosted by the WSU Extension Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program this workshop will teach how to start garden plants from seed. This workshop will include a “make and take home” seed planting activity. There will also be a discussion about planting in containers and garden beds appropriate for urban/small spaces. Participants are also invited to tour the 4-H garden beds at the Thurston County Fairgrounds. **This class will be IN PERSON.**

**What:** Seed Starting Workshop  
**When:** Sunday, 4/21/24, 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.  
**Cost:** Suggested donation of $5 per person or $10 per family

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 4/19/24 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.
Last Chance to Register 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.gcfairgrounds.com/p/4-h-equine). 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)

Washington 4–H Equine Program Rule Book – Slight Revision

The Washington 4–H Equine Rule Book has some slight revisions and has been re-posted to the “horse page” located on the WSU 4–H Animal Science website under horse and then to WA State 4–H Equine Policies and Rules. Any changes/revisions are noted in blue font.

As stated in previous announcements this replaces the PNW 4–H Horse Contest Guide–PNW 574, effective March 1, 2024.

This is truly the final rulebook for the rest of the 4–H program year.

If there is interest in proposing rule changes, please submit them to the Qualtrics survey by July 1st. The link is here: [https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_es1ALiKhrX1J9Yy](https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_es1ALiKhrX1J9Yy)

Please share this new 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 process of submitting rule book changes or clarifications on the rules, please contact Jennifer Leach, State 4-H Equine specialist either at jleach@wsu.edu or LeachJ@cowlitzwa.us.

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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](#)
[Social Media Graphic](#)

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