Registration of 4-H enrolled youth, 4-H enrolled certified volunteers and WSU staff/faculty for the Washington State Teen Conference is now open! The conference will be held on the Pullman campus of Washington State University from June 24–27, 2024. Workshop and tour descriptions are available on the state website here: https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/stc/

Costs are: $295 for youth, $195 for youth presenter/planning committee, and $200 for chaperones (4-H volunteers and WSU Staff/Faculty).

- 4-H Youth and Volunteers will register under events on 4-H Online – https://www.4honline.com
- 4-H enrolled youth presenters/planning committee will also enroll in 4-H online (their enrollment will be initiated for them when they go to events).
- WSU Staff/Faculty will register via Qualtrics here: https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3IxXvIr2vlZHCk
- Non 4-H Enrolled Youth Registration will open May 6, 2024

*Please work with the youth in your county regarding payment for conference and transportation to Pullman.

Kelly.a.stewart@wsu.edu or 509–397–6290.
2024 Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

This will be our third year hosting the Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA. The committee is looking forward to another successful contest year. In 2023 we had 121 participants across the 3 divisions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) offered. The 2024 contest is scheduled for June 29 and will be held at the Ardell Pavilion, centered on the Grant County Fairgrounds. Contest guidelines and rules with NEW for 2024 updates are attached to this news and notes and are up for viewing on the Washington 4-H website. Additionally, the travel guidelines document and fillable registration forms specific to Junior, Intermediate, and Senior contest registrations are attached. Again, there is NO Requirement for Qualifying, just come and participate.

Remember to read the rules as some items will impact your team’s participation in this contest. There are some simple requests that we ask you to pay attention to, such as the dress code. This is something that was implemented in 2023 and I would say that many met the request with appropriate clothing and accessories; let’s keep this up for 2024! Further, entry fees have increased for this year to cover additional expenses for contest execution. The registration deadline this year for early registration is June 15, 2024. All registration materials signed by the county extension professional (specialist, educator, coordinator, administrative, etc.) will be due by the end of the day to qualify for early registration fees ($40/team; $15/individual). Late registrations that are recorded by the WSUE Spokane County office after June 15 will be accepted with a late fee charged ($20/individual). All fees (check, credit, or cash) will be collected on the day of the contest. Checks will need to be made out to WSUE Spokane County and in the memo line note “State 4-H Livestock
Judging. As a reminder teams and coaches will need to be prepared to identify the contests they would like to travel to by the end of the state contest. *If the first-place team has not determined that when asked, then they will forfeit first choice and so on.* So, please coaches and parents be prepared before you come to the contest to compete.

Registrations will need to be sent to Robert.kestell@wsu.edu and CC pskuber@wsu.edu by end of day June 15, 2024. Late registrations will be charged a late registration fee. Any questions about the contest please contact Paul Kuber pskuber@wsu.edu. See you on June 29th!

Documents

**2024 Rules and Guidelines**

**Team Travel Guidelines**

**Registration Forms:**

- Junior
- Intermediate
- Senior

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**Save the Date for 4-H Teen Film Camp!**

Don’t wait to register for 4-H Teen Film Camp! The event is at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island, July 18–21. Registration is open to senior 4-H members and space is limited to 20. Applications must be submitted by May 15th.

Details are available at [https://extension.wsu.edu/island/youth/youth/teen-film-camp/](https://extension.wsu.edu/island/youth/youth/teen-film-camp/).

**Event Flyer**

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**Washington State 4-H Dog Committee Updates**
The Washington State 4-H Dog Committee approved the PDF (link below) from The Baker Institute for Animals by Cornell University as a curriculum source for the CPR procedure on dogs. The committee asks that leaders using the 4-H Dog Project Manual as a county resource be aware that the CPR Guidelines for Dogs on page 72 (right hand margin) of the manual are out-of-date and should not be used to teach members and their families how to perform CPR on a dog. AKC is aware of the error and will be correcting the manual before it is published again. [https://www.vet.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/BakerInstitute-CRPinfrographic-01102018_2.pdf](https://www.vet.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/BakerInstitute-CRPinfrographic-01102018_2.pdf)

The Washington State 4-H Dog Committee also approved the new *Washington State 4-H Dog Showmanship Knowledge Topic List* outlining approved topics for each Showmanship question category at each age level, and the *Washington State 4-H Dog Showmanship Questions Study Guide* for every 4-H member across our state. Showmanship questions at the Washington State Fair will be chosen from this study guide. Counties are encouraged to use these sources for their county contests, but it is not required.

These documents can be found on the Washington State Dog 4-H Facebook page and are also on the [WSU 4-H Dog page](https://www.wsu.edu/).  

*Note: if you previously downloaded and/or printed the Washington State 4-H Dog Showmanship Questions Study Guide from the Washington State Dog 4-H Facebook page, please note that the second question on page 2 was removed by the Curriculum Committee; it is advisable to strikethrough the question [Name another breed that belongs to the same AKC breed group as your dog.], or reprint the affected page as opposed to having to print the entire document again.*

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**2023 State 4-H Fair Checks Must Be Cashed by May 31st**

If you received a premium check from the Washington State 4-H Fair in November 2023, please process your check as soon as possible. The bank account for these funds is scheduled to be closed on May 31, 2024. Checks will not be honored after that time.
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 contact Jennifer Leach, State Equine Specialist, no later than July 1st for the survey link and process.

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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