TO: Equine Senior Groom Squad Participants

FROM: Washington State 4-H Fair

SUBJECT: State 4-H Fair Participation Information - 2024

Congratulations! Your achievements have made it possible for you to represent your county 4-H program at the Washington State 4-H Fair. I hope your experiences at State 4-H Fair this year will be good ones. State 4-H Fair organizers have prepared the following information for you, to help make your visit a satisfying one.

The Groom Squad competition is scheduled for Saturday, September 7. Registration of your squad will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Pierce County Meeting Room. The written quiz (for one team member) will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Pierce County Room (second floor of Building 50). Arena competition begins at 4:00 p.m., and will conclude by 6:30 p.m.

1. Please read this memo carefully. **Information in this letter will be printed in bold if it is new for this year.** Questions may be directed to your county Extension 4-H office or the State 4-H Fair. Check current maps for new or unfamiliar locations. Additional information about security, parking, dorms, passes, and camper space rentals is available in WS4HF/1.10m.

2. Due to heightened security, people entering the fairgrounds should expect to be stopped for a security check at the gate; allow extra time. Vehicles and all containers may be inspected, including your grooming box.

3. Your team must consist of three senior members who have been chosen in a county qualifying contest; if you must drop out of the contest, please let your County Extension Office know immediately.

   You must register online at: https://Washington-state-4H.fairentry.com

4. To participate at the State Fair.

5. State contest rules may be different than the rules used in your county contest. The State 4-H Fair Groom Squad Contest Rules may be found online at http://4-h.wsu.edu/horse/groom_squad_rules04.pdf

   We are concerned about your safety while working around strange horses. Please talk about safety with your team members.

6. As a State 4-H Fair participant, you are on exhibit to other 4-H’ers and the public. Behavior and appearance that shows pride and respect for yourself and the 4-H organization is expected of all 4-H exhibitors. Courteous, appropriate language and clean, appropriate clothing is part of your State 4-H Fair exhibiting responsibility. Boots are required for your contest.

7. Due to barn congestion and lack of space in the quiz room, please wait for your team member in some other location.