



May 14, 2021

Hello, Snohomish County 4-H Community,

To Fair, or Not to Fair has been a question on a lot of our minds. On Thursday, May 13, 2021 the Evergreen State Fair announced: To FAIR! We stand with the fairgrounds in their excitement to announce that plans are being developed to open an 11-day Evergreen State Fair. Full press release [here](#). With increased sanitation, capacity limits, and adherence to health guidelines like social distancing and mask usage, the Fair staff has plans in place to keep everyone safe and healthy while at the Fair Park.

4-H is also very busy working to provide safe options for members to showcase what they have been able to accomplish this year! Following a year of very unique participation, accommodations and options for virtual, in-person, and hybrid ideas are being worked out. Requirements that do not affect safety will be relaxed. In addition to your club leader, program leader, and superintendent, the Exhibitor Handbook (to be released soon) will help you decide which options will be best for you. And as always, if you have ideas on how something can be done, we are very interested in hearing them!

Finally, as the sun comes out and this exciting news shifts thoughts toward preparing for Fair, we want to remind everyone that there is an approval process that must be followed to hold an in-person activity. This includes submitting a plan to your 4-H staff and attending an orientation virtually. You can find more information on the Washington State 4-H website under [4-H In-Person Resources](#). You can also reference our [March 12th Community Statement](#).

In addition, we have been offering the mandatory resuming in-person orientation via Zoom more frequently to accommodate your needs. **All adult volunteers who will be involved in an in-person activity must attend this orientation**, and we strongly encourage youth to attend as well. Beth and Ashley will be offering this orientation every Wednesday and Friday at 6pm. The orientation lasts about 40 min, but we will be available both before and for a short time after for additional questions. Join us in Tea Time/Office Hours Zoom meeting for the orientation. You can use the Zoom Link found on our [Stay Home Stay Healthy Resource page](#), or you can call into the meeting using the following information:

Meeting ID: **941 3867 9686**

Password: **440717**

Phone Call (long distance): **1 253 215 8782**

If another time is needed, please contact Beth and she will schedule a time to host the training that meets your or your group's needs. (NOTE: Office Hours on Wednesdays will be limited to the 6 pm orientation only until August.)

Thank you for all that you do for your community!

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