



4-H members and volunteers are headed to the 2018 Grays Harbor County Fair soon. Will you be joining us? We sure hope so! This is always an opportunity for 4-H members, families, and clubs to have fun and learn together, so you probably have a few questions. We are here to help you navigate your way to a great fair experience. Please read the following information carefully, and if you have further questions, just ask! Fair resources can be found at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/>.

## THE BASICS

- Fair dates are August 8-12.
- Fair theme is "Ticket To Fun".
- Fair colors are yellow, pink, light blue and white.
- Please consider the fair theme and colors when planning your decorations.

## FAIR PASSES

- Enrolled 4-H members and leaders are eligible to purchase daily or season fair passes.
- All passes must be pre-ordered using the Grays Harbor Fair Pass Order Form.
- Each club will submit a Grays Harbor Fair Pass Order Form with payment for parent, leader, or member passes to the GHC Fairgrounds office no later than July 13.

## CAMPING AT THE FAIR

- Overnight camping is available at the fair beginning Sunday, August 5.
- Each site is \$50 for the week and includes one season parking pass.
- Camping rules and reservation form are available on our website (accepted beginning June 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Direct all camping questions to the Grays Harbor Fair staff 360-482-2651.

## TEE SHIRTS

- 4-H volunteers have created a great design that unifies Mason and Grays Harbor counties just in time for fair. The design is available on tee shirts or hoodies. Be sure to check out the image on the order form, which will soon be posted to our website.
- Shirt orders will be due in the second half of July.

## FAIR ACTIVITIES FOR 4-H MEMBERS

- There are many fun kitchen activities open to Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members. Consider signing up for Lunch on the Go, My Favorite Foods, Table Setting, Bread Making, and more. Just submit an Activities Registration Form by July 13.
- Cloverbuds may participate in Table Setting, and/or Lunch on the Go. Just submit an Activities Registration Form no later than July 13.
- Judging contests include most animals, art, food, clothing, garden & more! Include your choice on the Still Life Entry Form, due August 5.
- Clothing project members may participate in Fashion Revue, Creative Consumers, and \$10 Challenge. Registration due July 13.
- Get ready to present your Public Presentation, Equine Presentation, or Commodity Presentation. Registration due July 13.



## EXHIBITING AT FAIR

- Grab an Exhibitor's Guide at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/> and read the Department rules, as well as the Section rules for the class(es) that you plan to enter. This will help you to avoid surprises or disappointments when you arrive with your exhibit.
- Members may exhibit or compete only in the projects in which they are enrolled, except when specifically allowed in classes such as Division E, Section 4 (Photography classes 24-28) and Division K, Section 1 (4-H Scrapbooks).
- All state and county 4-H policies apply during the fair.
- Check the class rules outlined in the Exhibitors Guide to make sure how many items may be entered by a member in any one class; this could range from one item to multiples.
- If you have questions please ask – we will help you find the answer.

## STILL LIFE EXHIBITS

- Follow these easy steps;
  1. Use the Exhibitor's Guide to determine specific info about the way each entry is categorized, such as Division/Section/Class and any additional steps or forms that need to be completed.
  2. Write the appropriate Division/Section Class info on each exhibit tag.
  3. Organize entries by Section, and use a separate 4-H Still Life & Contest Entry form for each section. Complete each form using the same info and description as written on the Exhibit Tag. Make sure that the exhibitor signs their name and that contact info is clear.
  4. Complete the additional forms as needed for photography, textiles, creative arts, canned or dried foods, etc.
  5. Submit exhibits on 4-H entry days; Sunday, August 6 for most exhibits. Tuesday, August 8 for plant science exhibits.
  6. Bring your friends and family to the fair and showcase your exhibits. 😊
  7. Bring claim tickets to pick up exhibits after fair closes on Sunday.
  8. Exhibits receiving a blue ribbon placing qualify to be exhibited at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup in September.
- You can help expedite your entry process by completing the required forms and tags prior to arrival on exhibit entry day. Forms and tags are available at the Extension Office.
- Don't forget the 3 x 5 cards that many still life entries require. More info available online.
- Cloverbud exhibitors will need to connect with the Superintendent upon arrival.

## ANIMAL EXHIBITS

- Read your section rules, noting any rules regarding health requirements or certificates, number of entries, exhibitor meetings, attire, herdsmanship, equipment, etc.
- Animal Entry Forms are due to the GHC Fairgrounds staff no later than July 13. Forms are available on our website.
- If you have questions for the Department Superintendent, we can provide contact info.
- Animal entry times are Tuesday, August 7, 2:00-8:00, except rabbits which are 2:00-7:00.
- All animals are to be left outside of the 4-H barn until checked by the veterinarian. Please come prepared to keep animals and exhibitors cool and hydrated.



## **EQUINE EXHIBITORS**

- Equine exhibitors must have satisfied their clinic and volunteer hour requirements prior to exhibiting at the fair.
- Equine Entry Forms are due no later than July 2.
- Equine entry time is Tuesday, August 7 2:00-4:30.
- Judging is mandatory for all exhibitors. Contest is set for Tuesday, August 7 @ 4:45.
- Mandatory equine exhibitor meeting following judging contest.

The Grays Harbor County 4-H community is excited to partner with Mason County 4-H again this year to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit their projects and showcase their achievements side by side at the Grays Harbor County Fair in August 2018.

This is very exciting for our program, and means there will be new families to connect with as well as new opportunities for fun and learning that every Grays Harbor and Mason County 4-H family will experience. It also means that the Mason County 4-H community will be sharing volunteer time and talents with the Grays Harbor 4-H community to help where they can and where they are needed.

Thank you for helping us to welcome the Mason County 4-H community and for helping every 4-H family have a positive experience as we get set to head to fair!