**RESUMING 4-H IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES-**

On March 11, Governor Inslee announced that all counties will move to phase 3 on March 22. If you would like to hold a 4-H in-person activity or event contact the office. All new in-person plans must be approved by your local 4-H Staff/Faculty and County Director.

We will be following the Governor’s Agricultural Events COVID19 Requirements for agricultural and animal events and the Department of Health’s Youth Development guidance for other in-person 4-H activities. We also will follow recommendations by WSU Health and Safety. The Governor will re-examine the COVID-19 situation and may make changes on April 12.

For the 4-H Youth Development Program, WSU has expanded the group size from **5 to 15 youth participants plus two adults (Extension personnel and/or Certified Volunteer Leaders)**. If the event is anticipating larger numbers, please consider staggered participation or a “shift” schedule to stay within the limits. More information can be found [here](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/4-h-in-person-resources/). As always, all safety protocols must be followed and any activity that can be accomplished at a distance should be.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

[COVID19 Agricultural Events Guidance](https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2021/03/COVID19-Agricultural-Events-Guidance_2.1.2021.pdf)

[In-Person Extension Activity Plan 4-H (03/12/2021)](https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2021/03/In-Person-Extension-Activity-Plan-4-H-March12-2021-1.docx)

[DOH/OSPI/DYCF Schools/Child Care Guidance 2021](https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2021/03/DOH-OSPI-DYCF-SchoolsChildCareGuidance-2021.pdf)

**Youth Livestock Field Days – Save the Dates**

This year, we will be offering our Youth Livestock Field Days virtually.  We have a great line-up of topics and presenters!  For the beef field day, we will focus on: feeding, virtual tour of the U of I Meats Lab, information on meat inspection, meat quality, carcass evaluation, meats judging, and 5 Minutes to Better Health.  To register visit: <https://bit.ly/2021livestockfielddayregistration>

Cost: $5.00 per person per session. For questions call the office, 509-397-6290.

Beef- March 20, 2021  9 AM – 12 PM

Swine- March 27, 2021  9 AM – 12 PM

Sheep- April 3, 2021  9 AM – 12 PM

Goat- April 10, 2021 9 AM – 12 PM

**Facilitate the Awesome trainings**

WSU Extension is holding another round of Facilitate the Awesome trainings starting in April. These trainings will be held virtually via Zoom and registration is open to all 4-H Certified Adult Volunteers. The training is specifically designed for adults who work with adolescent youth. Registration is open now. Spring 2021 Workshop Options:

Sessions on Thursdays (starting either April 1 or April 15, 2021) Sessions on Wednesdays (starting April 7, 2021) Sessions on Mondays (starting April 12, 2021)

*Facilitate the Awesome is a series of five workshops intended to build important skills in adults who are helping teens achieve their highest potential.*

The 5 workshops will cover:

* The What and Why of Positive Youth Development
* Adolescent Development: *Implications of Current Research*
* Empowering Teens: *Motivating Teens with Positive Youth Development Models*
* Key Elements of Teen Programming: *How to Support Strengths-based Programming*
* Encouraging Safe & Inclusive Behaviors in Teens: *Decision-Making & Risk Management*

Training includes experiential activities for different learning styles and models for virtual engagement.

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/yp8mk43a>

**Shooting Sports Training Coming in April!**

Our good friends in Idaho are once again sharing their training opportunities with the “neighbors.”  These classes will be small and held in Post Falls, Idaho (just across the state line from Spokane). If you want to attend, you are encouraged to apply **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.  For volunteers that intend to participate, please contact the Extension Office***.***The registration forms are included in the packets.

**Rifle Training is April 10, 2021** – The Information Packet link is [**here**](https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2021/03/21-CdA-Rifle-Flyer.pdf).

**Archery and Pistol Training is April 17, 2021** – The Information Packet is [**here**](https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2021/03/21-CdA-Archery-and-Pistol-Flyer.pdf).

**Activities, Information, and Opportunities from other Counties & States**

**AZ 4-H Ag at Home: Animal Projects**

This webinar series will focus on providing solid, educational information on a variety of animals used in AZ 4-H Animal Projects. Topics will include health, nutrition, well being, disease prevention, and more. These webinars are appropriate for anyone with an interest in animals. Register individually for each webinar that you are interested in attending.

[Bonus - Attend 5 AZ 4-H Ag at Home: Animal Projects Webinars and Receive a T-Shirt](https://extension.arizona.edu/events/2021-02-25/webinar-series-az-4-h-ag-home-animal-projects%20)

**Upcoming Webinars in the Series**

* **March 18, 2021 6:00 pm MST AZ 4-H Ag at Home: Animal Projects - Turkeys**[**Register for 3/18**](https://arizona.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ONH2AwYZSZafyHHe-ks25A)
	+ Turkeys are not chickens! During this webinar, we will discuss the unique aspects of turkey-keeping that differ from raising chickens. This discussion is especially pertinent for those folks not familiar with rearing these fun and productive birds. Dr. David Frame, a poultry veterinarian who is currently a faculty member at Utah State University, will talk about proper health, feeding, management, and care of turkeys. Besides learning the basics of turkey-raising, participants will be able to impress friends by knowing what a snood is, that baby turkeys are not called chicks, and how the humble turkey became a Thanksgiving national icon. Josh Moore (Assistant Agent, 4-H Youth Development) will finish with a brief discussion about the 4-H turkey project.
* **March 25, 2021 6:00 pm MST AZ 4-H Ag at Home: Animal Projects - Goats**[**Register for 3/25**](https://arizona.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bFFyBGSiT1iKU3GAgYLeOw)
* **April 8, 2021 6:00 pm MST AZ 4-H Ag at Home: Animal Projects - Cavies (Guinea Pigs)**[**Register for 4/8**](https://arizona.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oy2f6JyzQgqQA19Sv0NXAg)
* **April 22, 2021 6:00 pm MST AZ 4-H Ag at Home: Animal Projects - TBA**[**Register for 4/22**](https://arizona.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EFaQeB2lRzeo8NWzPwoKdA)
* **May 6, 2021 6:00 pm MST AZ 4-H Ag at Home: Animal Projects - TBA**[**Register for 5/6**](https://arizona.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YF8WekvgSuiA0MR72dPUKw)

**Spring 4-H Volunteer Education Classes- March 20**

Snohomish County 4-H will facilitate a series of Spring Continuing Volunteer Education Classes on Saturday, March 20, 2021. These classes are open to all Extension programs statewide. Classes to be offered are:

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  Group Basics

12:00 p.m.  Group Agreements (Please join at 11:45 if you are not familiar with Zoom annotation tools).

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  Peer Consultation

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Conflict Management

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Delegation

For further information, including class descriptions, and to sign up for classes use this link.

<https://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/4h/volunteers/continuing-education-for-4-h-volunteers/spring-4-h-continuing-volunteer-education/>

**Presenting:  Workshops on Raising Poultry and Rabbits for Home Use**

The WSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Small Animal Committee is presenting the following workshops:

**Raising Poultry for Home Use:**

Have you been thinking about or have you just started raising poultry for your family? Raising Poultry for Home Use is an introduction to raising poultry for eggs and/or meat. This workshop will be informational with an opportunity to ask questions. Raising Poultry for Home Use is designed for adult 4-H volunteers, parents/guardians, and teens (such as Int./Sr. 4-H and FFA members). The information presented may not hold the attention of a younger audience.

**When:  Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 6:30 to 8:30 PM** Pacific Time

Register in advance for this meeting:
[https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAudu2upjIqE9J3UORFqZTKeFPlAoLKdsIS](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAudu2upjIqE9J3UORFqZTKeFPlAoLKdsIS__;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!9DWVzsEvQb8r6fw31piY3kFnTRdbMkbNrY6mpdSf4jU53ngWmDVvx28KkHD3$)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Raising Rabbits for Home Use:**

Have you been thinking about or have you just started raising rabbits for your family? Raising Rabbits for Home Use is an introduction to raising rabbits for meat. This workshop will be informational with an opportunity to ask questions. Raising Rabbits for Home Use is designed for adult 4-H volunteers, parents/guardians, and teens (such as Int./Sr. 4-H and FFA members). The information presented may not hold the attention of a younger audience.

**When:  Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 06:30 to 8:30 PM** Pacific Time

Register in advance for this meeting:
[https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kd-qgrD4iHtPMBrq6JT4lL-1ZQo29gykF](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kd-qgrD4iHtPMBrq6JT4lL-1ZQo29gykF__;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!9DWVzsEvQb8r6fw31piY3kFnTRdbMkbNrY6mpdSf4jU53ngWmDVvx_e-zm7d$)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**The WSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Small Animal Committee will offer the following workshops in April and May:**

***Introduction to Showing Cats:***

Join us for a Zoom workshop all about showing cats. This workshop is for 4-H youth in the cat project and anyone interested in learning about what it takes to show a cat. You do not need to own a cat to participate in this workshop.

**When: April 3, 2021, 1:00 to 2:30** PM Pacific Time

Register in advance for this meeting:
[https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqcuGprDoiE9LUrqoY\_kC1CYyks1z4ZsVC](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqcuGprDoiE9LUrqoY_kC1CYyks1z4ZsVC__;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!5-KkDxlOy_4RvePAlRujyJwQ0lq39u2XuHC1Ul5dcp0nl_MibYne9-Jfi1UP$)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

***Cavy Basics*** (this workshop is a repeat of the same workshop previously offered in January):

Cavy Basics is a Zoom workshop covering introductory information for youth new to caring for and raising cavies. Youth do not need to own a cavy to participate in the Zoom. Topics covered will include feed, water, housing, and basic handling for safety (picking up a cavy, holding a cavy, posing a cavy on a table).

**When: April 17, 2021, 1:00 to 2:30 PM** Pacific Time

Register in advance for this meeting:
[https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIvceGsqTkrGdRue2ANWVZ4cbCVn8QjmEqo](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIvceGsqTkrGdRue2ANWVZ4cbCVn8QjmEqo__;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!5-KkDxlOy_4RvePAlRujyJwQ0lq39u2XuHC1Ul5dcp0nl_MibYne96bDLcmV$)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

***Introduction to Judging Contests for Rabbit & Cavy 4-H Members:***

You get to be the judge! An introduction to judging contests and how to mark your scorecard. Judge a few practice classes from photographs of rabbits and cavies. Note to parents: This workshop may be challenging for younger 4-H members as understanding number patterns is part of participating in a Judging Contest. Youth age 9 and younger should have an adult helper present during the workshop.

When: May 15, 2021, 1:00 to 2:30 PM Pacific Time

Register in advance for this meeting:
[https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtd-irrD0vHNP\_CC-ojyESIwcoHoRMXIPS](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtd-irrD0vHNP_CC-ojyESIwcoHoRMXIPS__;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!5-KkDxlOy_4RvePAlRujyJwQ0lq39u2XuHC1Ul5dcp0nl_MibYne95iAxKYg$)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Helpful Links**

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| [**4-H Online**](https://v2.4honline.com/%23/user/sign-in) | [**Volunteer Hours**](https://volunteers.cahnrs.wsu.edu/logon.aspx) |
| [**Whitman County Extension Website**](https://extension.wsu.edu/whitman/) | [**State 4-H Website**](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/) |
| [**4-H In-Person Resources**](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/4-h-in-person-resources/) | [**Extension Facebook Page**](https://www.facebook.com/WSUWhitmanCountyExtension) |