



# CLOVER REPORT



## Skamania County 4-H Newsletter AUGUST 2021

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 12<sup>th</sup> – Mandatory Horse Barn Meeting (6p-8p)
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – Mandatory Barn Work Day for Fair (10a-4p)
- August 16<sup>th</sup> – Swine & Small Animal Haul In (9a-1p)  
All other Livestock Haul In (2p-6p)
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – Shows begin
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – Game night: Food Drive Sweep Relay (7p)
- August 18<sup>th</sup> – Small Animal Costume Contest (7p)
- August 19<sup>th</sup> – Game night: Walk the Plank (7:30p)
- August 21<sup>st</sup> – Parade, Market Brunch, Market Sale
- August 21<sup>st</sup> – Game night: Watermelon eating contest (7:30p)
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Awards Ceremony (8:15a)
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Animal Haul Out & State Fair sign ups
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – State Fair in Puyallup
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – Extension Office Closed
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – 4-H year ends

### QUICK CLICKS

- Virtual 4-H+ Activities [here](#)
- State 4-H Newsletter [here](#)
- National 4-H newsletter [here](#)
- Virtual 4-H Resources [here](#)
- 4-H Curriculum [here](#)
- Leader Resource Page [here](#)
- Like us on Facebook [here](#)
- View Projects & Publications Guide [here](#)
- WA State 4-H Projects List [here](#)
- County Extension Website [here](#)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



Get your animal certificates signed for your record books! Some will be at the horse barn on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm and near the ribbon shack on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00pm.

Volunteers are needed for the Fair Info Booth. Consider signing up for a shift and helping our event organizers:  
<https://signup.com/go/HwfbEPa>



Parking for Livestock & Horse Trailers is EXTREMELY LIMITED this year. The open lot where trailers had previously been parked is no longer available. Be prepared that there may not be parking for your trailer and you may have to haul it back home after you have dropped off your animal projects. More info will be shared at the mandatory work day (8/14).

### NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR:



★ 4-H Volunteer of the Year  
&  
★ Teen Leader of the Year  
2020-2021

### AWARDS

The 4-H year is coming to a close and we are accepting nominations for the Skamania County 4-H Volunteer of the year and Teen Leader of the year! We know the 2020-2021 4-H year has been one full of challenges, and we would love to celebrate everyone who worked hard to keep 4-H happening here in Skamania County. Nominate them by August 13<sup>th</sup>, and voting will take place the week of fair!

4-H Volunteer of the Year:

<https://forms.gle/J5V2EkKPwZvJisQq8>

4-H Teen Leader of the Year:

<https://forms.gle/KZR1tKWNt3ckwqt8>

SKAMANIA COUNTY FAIR

## GAME NIGHTS!

Open to all youth exhibitors

**Tentative Schedule:**  
 Tuesday Night (7pm)- Food Drive Sweep Relay  
 Wednesday Night (7pm)-Small Animal Costume Contest  
 Thursday Night (7:30p)-Walk the Plank  
 Saturday Night (7:30p)- Watermelon Eating Contest



**FIND ALL THINGS COUNTY FAIR:**  
[Skamania County Fair & Timber Carnival Website](#)



**STATE**  
*fair*

September 3-26, 2021  
 Puyallup, WA

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Anxiety and tensions are high when it comes to COVID-19, mask wearing, & big public events. Remember that 4-H is about respect, compassion, kindness, and opportunity. It's about being the best version of yourself. At fair, we ask our community to remember these guiding principles and in all things you do, be kind!



## GO TO STATE!

The Washington State Fair will take place September 3 through 26 in Puyallup with a full face-to-face fair. They will be moving forward with a livestock schedule similar to 2019. A tentative schedule of activities/events for this year's fair can be found by clicking [HERE](#). NEW! The 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide is now available by clicking [HERE!](#)

Please note, there are several changes this year:

- The dormitories will not be available
- Kitchen activities will be virtual
- Juniors will be eligible for participation in all judging contests
- County qualifying is not required this year, however we are limited in many animal project areas by available space and time
- Counties are still responsible for determining who will represent their county at the state 4-H fair
- Information on allocations was sent to 4-H staff last week. Next up will be the revision of the exhibitor letter and forms. That info will be sent as it is revised.
- They will have a virtual option for public presentations. Information on that class will be forthcoming soon.

**\*DON'T FORGET\***

During county fair, if you qualify for state you can find Somer on Sunday morning (8/22) near the ribbon hut to complete your state fair paperwork and pick up your tickets. She will be available immediately following the awards ceremony until 11:30am.

The Exhibit Hall needs you!

*Bring in your home-grown goods!*



Fun activities & special prizes await!

*Check out the premium book for more info...*

## GRAB & GO KITS @ FAIR

Over the last year, your regional 4-H team has been creating and distributing free 4-H Grab & Go Kits chocked full of fun supplies and activities. If you have missed out and would like to pick up one during fair week, contact Somer to make arrangements. Kits still available: Healthy Living, Art & Math, & Animal Science

4-H GROWS HERE

Have you listened to the new Cougs Talk Stock podcast, put on by a great team from WSU Extension including Skamania County's own Extension Director Hannah Brause? Visit their website at: <https://soundcloud.com/cougstalkstock> or subscribe at Apple Podcasts. Please contact us with any questions, comments, or episode suggestions at [cougstalkstock@wsu.edu](mailto:cougstalkstock@wsu.edu).

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 ANIMAL SCIENCE PODCAST

# 4-H In Person Activities

On June 30, 2021, Governor Inslee reopened Washington under the Washington Ready plan, and since then new guidance for youth development programs has been released from the Washington Department of Health. As a result, the COVID-19 protocols for child-focused settings, which include 4-H have been updated. These protocols supersede any information you may have seen from other counties or the state 4-H news. In acknowledgement that a large population of our 4-H members are not yet eligible for the vaccine, our county is following the state mandates and the guidance from the Washington State Department of Health.

One of the biggest questions we have received is about mask wearing, especially at fair. Effective immediately, please note:

## WHILE INDOORS, EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

This policy is required to protect the safety of all and to model the behavior for youth, who are still required to wear masks.

If an activity is conducted outdoors, there is no requirement to wear masks. However, people who are unvaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings such as sporting events, fairs, concerts and similar settings where it's hard to maintain physical distance.

Here is more information from the Washington Department of Health for your reference:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/820-105-K12Schools2021-2022.pdf>

Here are the other key changes to our Covid-19 guidelines:

- Group size limits are **no** longer in effect. Small groups with no inter-mingling are still encouraged whenever unvaccinated individuals are present (this includes children and unvaccinated adults).
- Orientations/Trainings for in-person activities are no longer required.
- Plans for in-person activities are **no** longer required.
- Health screening attestations **no** longer need to be collected, but attendance **must** be recorded and signage must be posted requiring all attendees to be free of COVID-19 symptoms, diagnosis, and exposure.
- Food **may** be served. Unvaccinated participants must maintain 6-ft distancing while eating. Serve food on individual plates, rather than family- or buffet-style.
- High-touch surfaces should **still** be sanitized frequently.
- Hand washing and sanitizing should still be done frequently.
- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosis, or who has been exposed to COVID-19 while not fully vaccinated, **must** stay home.
- Outdoor gatherings are still preferred over indoor gatherings, whenever feasible. Indoor gathering spaces should have as much ventilation as possible. Mask wearing should be strictly enforced for all people regardless of vaccine status or age when indoors.
- Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering, even when it is not required, should be supported in doing so.

The guidance and requirements could change at any time, especially if we see another rise of COVID-19 cases in our region. We will keep you informed as circumstances continue to evolve!

If your club needs hand sanitizer, masks, or anything else to help you stay safe, let the 4-H office know!

As a reminder, when around youth



PLEASE KEEP

YOUR DISTANCE

Thank you for practicing social distancing.  
Your safety is our priority



WASH YOUR HANDS!



PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST  
GERMS & DISEASE

Brought to you by Skamania  
County Community Health & the  
WA Department of Health

Get Vaccinated at Fair  
Care-A-Van

The COVID-19 Vaccine Care-A-Van will be set up at the fair every day starting Wednesday 8/18 from 12:00-6:30pm through Saturday 8/21. The Care-A-Van has incentives for getting the vaccine, including gift cards!



Washington State  
Department of  
Health



# FAIR FOOD DRIVE

2021 will be the first annual Skamania County Fair food drive. This event will take place during the Skamania County Fair and Timber Carnival from Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>. All donations will benefit the Stevenson Food Bank, which is part of the Washington Gorge Action Program and works to alleviate the problem of hunger in our communities. As this fair is the original "Free-gate" fair in the Northwest, a food drive is a great way to give back and support the local community.

Exhibit hall and animal barns will have decorated shopping carts for visitors to leave their donations, which is part of a friendly competition for the best decorated cart and most donated items. The ultimate goal will be to fill the horse trailer stationed outside of the main exhibit hall. At the conclusion of the fair the horse trailer will be weighed to get a final amount in pounds of all the donations. This list of most needed items is in the flier, and each day of the fair will have a set of items emphasized for donations, any items are welcome any day though.

Donation drop-off locations will be in the following areas around the fairgrounds

1. Horse barn
2. Beef barn
3. Sheep barn
4. Small animal barn
5. Exhibit hall
6. Swine barn
7. Goat barn



LET THE GOOD TIMES GROW

# 2021 SKAMANIA COUNTY FAIR FOOD DRIVE

All donations can be dropped off at the Exhibit Hall or one of the animal barns in the decorated shopping carts.

AUGUST 18-21 | 12 PM TO 10 PM  
STEVENSON, WA

All donations will benefit the Stevenson Food Bank

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| <b>WED:</b><br>dried goods<br>pasta<br>rice<br>beans | <b>THURS:</b><br>non-food<br>items<br>personal<br>hygiene | <b>FRI:</b><br>fruits<br>and<br>veggies | <b>SAT:</b><br>protein<br>canned meats<br>stews<br>chili |
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## We're here if you need us!

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## AROUND THE OFFICE

What a summer! I have been incredibly busy with the Forest Youth Success program that we operate in partnership with the school district, the Forest Service, and Mt. Adams Institute. Through this program, we've been able to keep a gaggle of local teens hard at work supporting the forest service and other public agencies, while also working on life skills. Our healthy habits virtual program wrapped up this last week, following several offerings for multiple groups. And finally, fair prep and fall planning are in full effect! I'm looking forward to reconnecting with our 4-H community at fair! Stay safe out there!

## DEMOS

Are you planning on doing a kitchen demonstration? How about a presentation? On Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> head to the exhibit hall any time during mandatory work day and sign up for your preferred time slot. Please note, available times are based on judge availability. Be sure to sign up for your time, don't wait!