



Chelan/Douglas
County 4-H
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EXTENSION



Fair Season
2024

SPECIAL 4-H NEWSLETTER

2024 FAIR GUIDE

Chelan/Douglas County



4-H IS THE LARGEST YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD



FAIR TIME 101

4-H AND FAIR

The 4-H Program and county fairs have been inextricably linked since the early 1900's. In most cases 4-H does not coordinate the fair itself, 4-H professionals do work closely all year with other extension staff, county officials, fair board members, and fairground management to plan and bring about the annual county and state fairs that showcase the area's finest resources.

While any member of the general public can exhibit at their county fair, only enrolled 4-H youth members can enter exhibits and contests in the 4-H categories. (Division 20 at NCW Fair, Department 800 at Chelan County Fair.) Only members of youth organizations such as 4-H, FFA, or Grange may sell project animals at the fair livestock auctions or participate in special activities such as Knowledge Bowl, Cooking Contests, and the Style Show. Additional rules and requirements apply to 4-H exhibits and members than the general public, and greater importance is placed on the educational component of projects. **Exhibiting at fair is not the overarching goal of 4-H - positive development and education are the primary goals. However, fair is a culminating event to showcase all you have learned and accomplished during the 4-H year, and we encourage you to participate!**

"IN THE LATE 1800'S, RESEARCHERS DISCOVERED ADULTS IN THE FARMING COMMUNITY DID NOT READILY ACCEPT NEW AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES, BUT FOUND THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WERE OPEN TO NEW THINKING AND WOULD EXPERIMENT WITH NEW IDEAS AND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH ADULTS. IN THIS WAY, RURAL YOUTH PROGRAMS INTRODUCED NEW AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY TO COMMUNITIES."

-4-H HISTORY, 4-H.ORG

THE COMMUNITY LEARNS FROM YOU!

By exhibiting at your county and state fair, you are contributing to the long tradition of youth showcasing the newest and best practices to their community! This is why it's very important to learn all you can about your project and do your best work to share with the community.

These historical photos with descriptions can be found at www.wikipedia.org/wiki/4-H



DID YOU KNOW?



ENTERING EXHIBITS

4-H Members may only enter contests and exhibits for projects in which they are enrolled on 4honline.com. For example, to enter cookies, you must be enrolled in a foods project; to enter a craft item, you must be enrolled in creative arts.

The final day to make adjustments to 4-H project enrollments on www.4honline.com is Tuesday, July 30.

Please read the rules concerning the exhibits you wish to enter in the Exhibitor Guide for the fair. Specific limits and rules apply to most exhibits.

- [NCW Fair Exhibitor Guide 2024](#)
- [Chelan County Exhibitor Guide 2024](#)
- [WA State Fair Entry Information & Premium Books](#)



4-H AGE CATEGORIES

For all 4-H activities, youth members are grouped by age category **as of October 1 last year**:

- ★ Cloverbuds - ages 5-7
 - Juniors - ages 8-10
 - Intermediates - ages 11-13
 - Seniors - ages 14-18



CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbud 4-H members, ages 5-7, are encouraged to participate in the fair, but all participation is non-competitive. Cloverbuds receive participation ribbons and blue ribbon premium points for all contests.



ONLY GET 1 PER FAIR

EXHIBITOR NUMBER

At each fair, every individual exhibitor will receive one (and *ONLY* one) Exhibitor Number. This unique number identifies you as the exhibitor for every item or contest you enter, no matter what department, class, lot, barn, youth organization. etc. For example, if you enter a steer project with 4-H and also a gardening project in Open Class, your Exhibitor Number is the same for both. Please make sure that your Exhibitor Number is written *legibly and correctly* on every Exhibit Tag in each location where requested. This is your unique ID throughout the entire fair and is very important in calculating and distributing your premium points and awards during and after fair.

See page 5 for how to secure exhibitor numbers for Chelan and Douglas County Fairs.



PRO TIP: WRITE YOUR EXHIBITOR NUMBER ON YOUR ENTRY WRISTBAND!

JUDGING AND AWARDS

Every contest at the fair has a judging and awards process associated with it. In nearly all 4-H contests, the Danish System is used, which means that each exhibit is judged against an established standard rather than against the other exhibits. In the Danish system, an entry earning a score of 90-100 receives a blue ribbon, 80-89 receives a red, and 79 or below receives a white. In some departments/classes, a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion may be awarded at the judges' discretion. These distinguish certain exhibits as "the best of the best", and are typically not awarded until there are at least 5 entries in the same department/class.

CURIOUS TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT JUDGES ARE LOOKING FOR IN YOUR EXHIBIT?

JUDGING STANDARDS

Judging Scoresheets for every class/department are available to see how specific projects will be judged. Visit the [WSU Publications website](#) to find over 75 score sheets used for exhibits at the county fair. [Record Books](#) and [Demos](#) are judged using Score Sheets specific to Chelan/Douglas Counties which are posted on the [4-H Forms page](#) of our County website. Contact the 4-H Office if you can't find the one you're looking for!

DANISH RIBBON SYSTEM



Blue = Excellent
Scores 90-100



Red = Good
Scores 80-89



White = Fair
Score 79 & below



PREMIUM POINTS

Premium points are earned each time an exhibit earns a ribbon or award. The premium point value for each contest is different. For example, gardening project premium points might be 70/50/30 for blue/red/white ribbons, while participation in the Style Show might be 50/40/30 for blue/red/white ribbons, with an additional 50/25 available for winners of Grand/Reserve Champion Awards. Premium point checks are mailed from the fair to exhibitors within about 60 days after fair. Typically checks under \$5 will not be printed unless special arrangements are made with the fair office.



HOW TO EXHIBIT



NCW FAIR

AUGUST 22-25, 2024

THEME: TO THE FAIR & BEYOND

Entering Exhibits: 4-H Entries Division 20

- Animal Exhibits: Animals must be registered online at www.fairentry.com by July 15. An exhibitor number will be assigned to you in the online system. Use your unique Exhibitor Number for all entries including any still-life.
- Still Life Exhibits: Exhibits may be registered online at www.fairentry.com through August 10. An exhibitor number will be assigned to you in the online system. After August 10, exhibits may only be registered in-person on entry day;
 - August 17: quilting, sewing, knitting, spinning, crochet, needlework, photography, arts, crafts, canning, and dehydrated foods
 - August 21: baking, horticulture, and floriculture.

Exhibitor Ticket for Admission

- It is free to exhibit at the fair. However, if you would like to ATTEND the fair (*required for animal exhibitors*) you may purchase an Exhibitor Ticket for the discounted price of \$10 (students) or \$12 (adults) which allows regular fair entry on all days. This is half the price of a regular Season Pass!
- Exhibitor Tickets purchased with exhibit registration online will be mailed to you.
- Exhibitor Tickets may not include admission to all special events such as concerts or rodeos



**Check the
2024 Exhibitors Guide
or visit the
NCW Fair website
for more details.**

NCW Fair

601 N Monroe Street // P.O. Box 460

Waterville, WA 98858

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CHELAN COUNTY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 5-8, 2024

THEME: BACK TO OUR ROOTS
IN COWBOY BOOTS



Entering Exhibits: 4-H Entries Department 800

- Animal Exhibits: Animals must be pre-registered at the Fair Office by July 31. Required forms can be found here. An exhibitor number will be assigned to you; use your unique Exhibitor Number for all entries including any still-life.
- Still Life Exhibits: Club Leaders must submit a list of exhibits to the 4-H Office by August 19. Exhibits should then be brought to the fairgrounds on entry day, September 4, between 12-8pm. Additional still-life exhibits can be registered in-person on entry day.

Exhibitor Ticket for Admission

- It is free to exhibit at the fair. However, if you would like to ATTEND the fair (*required for animal exhibitors*) you may purchase an Exhibitor Ticket for the price of \$10 - less than half the price of a regular Season Pass!
- Exhibitor Tickets may be pre-ordered with pre-registration paperwork due to Fair Office July 31, or purchased in-person WEDNESDAY ONLY.

**Check the Fair Exhibitor Guide or
Chelan County Fair website for more details.**

Chelan County Fair

5700 Wescott Drive

Cashmere, WA 98815

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WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE ALL 4-H MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING:

DEMONSTRATIONS

We encourage ALL youth members to give a demonstration (*aka "Demo"*) at fair. No pre-qualifier is required to do your Demo at a County Fair, and earning a Blue Ribbon makes you eligible to give your Demo at the WA State Fair in Puyallup! Sign-up in the 4-H Building when you arrive at the fair, or contact the 4-H Office now to claim your spot ahead of time. Demo times are available as follows*:

- Thursday: 4-6pm (CCF Only)
- Friday: 3-6pm (CCF Only)
- Saturday: 1-4pm
- Sunday: 10-12pm



Would you like to see what judges are looking for in a Blue Ribbon Demo? Familiarize yourself with the Demo Score Sheet to deliver a demonstration to impress any judge!

*Additional times may be added if necessary.

RECORD BOOKS

You can exhibit your Record Book at the fair to showcase all you've accomplished this year and earn more premium points! See what judges are looking for by reviewing the Record Book Score Sheet on the 4-H Forms page of our County 4-H website.

IS YOUR 4-H
RECORD BOOK
UP TO DATE?

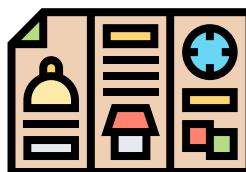


KNOWLEDGE BOWL

Knowledge Bowl is an activity that showcases 4-H members' knowledge on various subjects. Written tests are available for each age group. You do not have to be enrolled in a project to take the quiz for that subject. Ribbons and premium points are awarded for each individual test. Pre-registration not required.

- At NCW Fair, only rabbit Knowledge Bowl is available; ask the rabbit superintendent for details.

- At the Chelan County Fair, knowledge bowl for numerous subjects from swine to sewing is available in the 4-H building during all open hours.



EDUCATIONAL POSTERS

Educational Posters are a stand-alone educational exhibit. Posters can focus on any topic relating to your 4-H project and should be designed to educate members of the public about the topic without any other explanation from the exhibitor. Using an Educational Poster as a visual aid for your Demonstration is discouraged. A great Educational Poster does all the teaching and explaining by itself, while a visual aid for a Demo should be more simple (such as a prop, photo, or bullet list) to help illustrate the points in your presentation.

For Educational Poster best practices, please refer to this guide for suggestions.

★ ITEMS OF NOTE ★

REQUIRED!

HOSTING SHIFTS IN 4-H BUILDING

All 4-H Clubs attending fair must serve one shift as building helpers/hosts in the 4-H Building*. Club leaders can sign up with the 4-H office before August 15 or clubs will be assigned a time. Responsibilities include welcoming the public, answering questions, ensuring the exhibits are safe, clean, and presentable, and representing the 4-H program to all who visit. We ask that at least 2 people be present at all times during the assigned shift and that members are always supervised by an adult.

**Members with animals must also sign up for Barn Duty for each species they are exhibiting. More info on the following page...*



Your entire club does not need to be present at the same time. Ideally, groups of 2-3 kids and 1-2 adults are providing coverage at any given time.

HEAT SAFETY



FOR PEOPLE

It's crucial that everyone take personal measures to protect themselves from heat stress. Heat stress symptoms in people can include dizziness, headache, fatigue, cramping, or nausea. If left unattended, heat stress can quickly progress into heat exhaustion or even heat stroke. Pay attention to your body on hot days. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water, juice, or sports drinks even if you don't feel thirsty. Wear light clothing, wear sunscreen, and limit your time spent in direct sun/heat. Place cold rags on your neck, wrists, or the front of your elbows.



FOR ANIMALS



It's also very important to take care of your animal in the heat. The effects of prolonged exposure to high temperature can cause severe illness or even death for animals. In animals, signs of heat stress might be drooling, panting, lethargy, or decreased feed intake.

- Make sure your animal has access to cool, fresh water at all times.
- Minimize the time they are in direct sunlight.
- Utilize fans to circulate the air around animal enclosures where appropriate.
- For small animals, freeze water bottles and place them inside the enclosures; many animals enjoy laying against the cold surface.
- When possible, avoid handling your animals in the heat of the day.
- If you are concerned about the health of your animal, notify a responsible adult immediately for assistance.

ANIMAL EXHIBITS

WHAT YOU MUST DO AT FAIR:

- FITTING & SHOWING
- HERDSMANSHIP
- BARN DUTY

WHAT YOU SHOULD ALSO DO AT FAIR:

- EDUCATIONAL POSTER
- DEMONSTRATION
- KNOWLEDGE BOWL
- JUDGING CONTEST

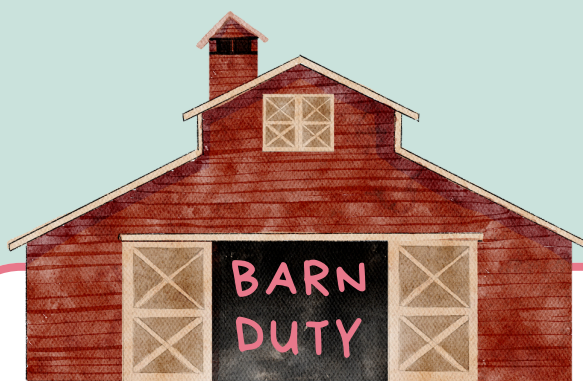


FITTING & SHOWING

You must fit and show one animal of each type you bring to Fair; for instance, one rabbit and one chicken. All work preparing the animal for fitting and showing must be done **by the exhibitor**, not a parent!



**STALLS/ENCLOSURES
MUST BE CLEANED BY
8:00AM EACH MORNING.**



Members exhibiting animals must sign up for Barn Duty* for each animal project area they are exhibiting at the fair. Sign-ups are handled by each individual Barn Superintendent, and shift time and duration will be determined by the number of total exhibitors. Find your barn superintendent upon check-in for more details and to sign up.

**Barn Duty is IN ADDITION to serving as Building Hosts with your club in the 4-H Building for one shift.*

BARN HERDSMANSHIP

4-H members exhibiting animals will be judged on Barn Herdsmanship at both fairs. Proper Barn Herdsmanship means that exhibitors properly care for their animals, pens & equipment, keep them safe, and keep the animals and surrounding areas clean and attractive at all times.

Herdsmanship also takes into account the stall decorations and educational elements displayed in the animal enclosure.

Some criteria for judging include:

- Is the animal clean and groomed?
- Does the animal have water?
- Is the bedding clean?
- Are tack and equipment put away?
- Is the exhibit space clean?
- Are the animal, exhibitor, and club properly identified?
- Are displays and decor neatly maintained?



Herdsmanship is the responsibility of the exhibitor, not the parent! **Parents should never be in the stalls unless a safety issue occurs!**

STALL DECORATIONS

Stall decorations are an important part of making the animal barns inviting and educational. The decor in your animal enclosure is also taken into account by the judges in scoring your Barn Herdsmanship. Livestock Exhibitors may begin decorating stalls/pens at the following times until directed otherwise by Barn Superintendents:

- NCW Fair: Saturday, August 17 at 8am
- Chelan County: Tuesday, September 3 at 2pm

All stall decorations must be completed prior to judging on Thursday. Barn decorations should reflect the theme for the current year fair. Barn decorations and equipment cannot be removed from animal exhibit areas before 5pm on Sunday.



MARKET LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE FORMS

Producer Affidavit/Market Livestock Quality Assurance forms for market Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats must be complete and ready to submit at weigh-in.

Forms are available
on the 4-H Forms page at
www.bit.ly/ChelanDouglas4-H



★ STILL LIFE EXHIBITS

STILL LIFE ENTRY

While animal registrations are due to each fairgrounds in July, still life entries can be submitted right up until Entry Day! So if you have any projects you'd like to enter, just ensure that you're enrolled through 4-H in the appropriate project category (www.4honline.com) by July 30.

- For NCW Fair, register entries online at FairEntry.com by August 10, or register it in person when you bring it to fair! (non perishables Aug. 17, perishables Aug. 21)
- For Chelan County Fair, come to entry day prepared to fill out exhibit tags on September 4.

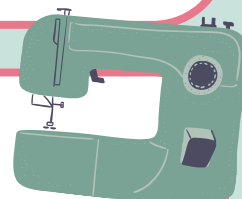
FOOD PRESERVATION EXHIBITS



Food Preservation exhibits must be canned according to USDA and WSU recommendations in order to be judged and given a ribbon at the Fair. Jam, jelly, and pickle products do not have to be made from Extension recipes, but jerky does. Contact the Extension Office for specific recipes, as improperly prepared jerky can cause illness. Any canned food entered without a canning label or with incorrect information can suggest a safety problem and will not be judged. Labels are available from Extension offices prior to Fair.



CLOTHING CONTESTS



For those enrolled in clothing, knitting, and crocheting projects, there are several activities and contests in which to participate at fair:

- **Clothing Contest:** sew an item at the fair in under 2 hours!
- **Creative Consumers of Fashion:** style an outfit to show off your clothing and textile knowledge!
- **Style Show:** (Sunday, 3pm) Strut your stuff on stage and showcase clothing or accessories you've made

Additional paperwork is required for those participating in the clothing contests, Style Show, and the Creative Consumers of Fashion Contest. Members registered for these will receive more information from the 4-H Office.

WANT ADDITIONAL PREMIUM POINTS?!



EXHIBIT, EXHIBIT, EXHIBIT!

Looking to enter more projects in the fair?

- Enroll in crafts to enter things like: art/painting/drawing, jewelry, candles, scratch art, Lego projects, string art, leather projects, etc. (max 3 entries per lot, ex: 3 different Lego designs)
- Enroll in gardening to enter things like: carrots, corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, gourds, squash, sunflowers, watermelon, blackberries, raspberries, container garden (floral or garden), flowers, fairy gardens, weeds, flower arrangements, etc. (2 max entries per lot)



DRESS FOR THE OCCASION!

While you are at Fair, you are representing the 4-H program - not only in Chelan County, but for the state of Washington and the U.S.A. Be sure your clothing and manners represent 4-H in a positive manner. 4-H club T-shirts are always appropriate.

FAIR CAN BE STRESSFUL
FOR BOTH ANIMALS &
PEOPLE! MANAGE
YOUR STRESS LEVEL
BY GETTING ADEQUATE
REST, FOOD & DRINK,
AND BY MAINTAINING A
POSITIVE ATTITUDE.
HAVE A SENSE OF
HUMOR; IT REALLY
HELPS!



HELMETS REQUIRED FOR
ALL MOUNTED CLASSES



CARE FOR
YOUR ANIMALS



CARE FOR
YOURSELF



DO YOUR
BEST



HAVE
FUN!

CHARACTER COUNTS

4-H is part of the nationwide "Character Counts! Coalition" that has committed itself to teaching the six pillars of character identified by the Josephson Institute of Ethics.

TAKE THESE PILLARS OF CHARACTER WITH YOU TO FAIR!

PILLARS OF CHARACTER

- **Trustworthiness** - keep your commitments; do your own work; speak positively about the 4-H program
- **Respect** - Take proper care of your animals; listen to judges, parents, superintendents, and leaders
- **Responsibility** - Take care of animals & equipment; always do your best; never give up.
- **Fairness** - Accept winning or losing graciously; follow the standards for your project; abide by the rules
- **Caring** - Encourage fellow 4-H members; treat your animal humanely; offer to help someone
- **Citizenship** - Accept instructions; win/lose) with grace; teach younger members; make sure your market animal is safe for consumption.

VOLUNTEER!



Many hands make light work, and there's so much work to be done at fair! Volunteering in an official capacity can be a great way to secure a free or reduced-price ticket for those planning to attend fair with their children. For all days of fair, 4-H needs volunteers to assist with judging, barn hosting, barn herdsmanhip, clerking, and more. No special knowledge is needed for most roles!

- NCW Fair: Sign up with the 4-H Office for details on discounted/free entry tickets for volunteers.
- Chelan County Fair: Volunteers working less than 4 hours can purchase a discounted ticket for \$5/day or \$10/season pass. Volunteer 4+ hours to receive a free day pass!

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

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NCW FAIR

- July 15: Animal Registrations Due (if you missed this deadline, contact the NCW Fair office ASAP!)
- August 10: Final day to enter non-animal exhibits into the fair on www.fairentry.com (after this date, entry registration must be done upon arrival at entry day)
- **August 10: NCW Fairgrounds Work Party Day, 8am-12pm**
- August 17: NCW Fair Entry Day for still life
 - Coastal, E Wen: 8-12pm
 - NCW Fairgrounds: 1-8pm
- August 21: NCW Fair Entry Day for Livestock, Plants, & Baking Projects, 1:00-8:00pm
- August 22-25: NCW Fair, Waterville, WA

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CHELAN COUNTY FAIR

- July 31: Chelan County Fair Registration Forms due to Chelan County Fair Office
 - Exhibitor List
 - Stall Reservation Form
 - Camping Reservation Form
- September 4: Chelan County Fair Entry Day, 12:00pm-8:00pm
- September 5-8: Chelan County Fair, Cashmere, WA

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WSU Extension programs, employment, and volunteer service are available to all without discrimination (See WSU Executive Policy #15). Concerns regarding potential discrimination may be reported through your local WSU Extension office or directly to the WSU Compliance and Civil Rights (CCR) office, web: <https://ccr.wsu.edu>, email: ccr@wsu.edu, phone: 509-335-8288.



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