

4-H WSU KITSAP COUNTY

The mission and purpose of 4-H is to assist youth in developing skills and abilities to become positive, self-directing, contributing members of our society. These critical life-skills include positive self-esteem, effective communication, critical thinking skills, problem solving, decision making, caring, a sense of responsibility and a strong sense of belonging. These life skills give young people the tools necessary for successful adulthood. The 4-H mission is not reached through any one activity or event, but rather through a number of delivery methods that relate to the total concept of youth development. These methods include: leadership, public presentations, judging events, record keeping, club work, project work, cross cultural experiences, service learning, school enrichment and special interest programs.

4-H is a youth development program sponsored by Washington State University Extension. It is a partnership between Kitsap County, community volunteers, Washington State University faculty and staff, and 4-H members. Volunteer adult and teen leaders give their time and talents to encourage youth in their efforts to "learn by doing."

Participation in Kitsap County Fair offers 4-H members opportunity to:

- Develop personal life skills and responsibility while learning about projects.
- Display their project work for judging recognition.
- Broaden their relationships with youth and adults outside of their own experience.
- Take advantage of new opportunities and experiences.

The Fair-going public is offered a comprehensive view of 4-H and it's opportunities for youths and adults.

For more information about the 4-H program, contact the Washington State University Kitsap County Extension office at 345 6th Street, Ste. 550, Bremerton, phone 360-337-7157 or see the Extension display at this Fair.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

1. 4-H volunteers, who have been designated to work at the Fair to provide guidance and instruction to members, will be eligible to receive 4-H Leader Work Passes at a reduced rate. Those applying for a 4-H Work Pass are to purchase them with their club's Fair registration.
2. 4-H leaders working at the Fair in an official capacity as Superintendent or assistant Superintendents will receive necessary credentials and passes for admission to the Fairground during the actual opening times for the Fair.
3. Requests for reserved parking are to be submitted by Superintendents, assistant Superintendents or by 4-H club leaders for the use of 4-H leaders and 4-H parents working with livestock. The Parking Committee will screen requests.
4. 4-H volunteers are responsible for providing a positive role model for youth. Courtesy to others, respectful behavior and fulfillment of responsibilities as outlined in County government and 4-H policy is expected. Fair management and WSU Extension reserves the right to interpret, implement and determine all matters related to Fair.
5. Volunteer violations are to be referred to WSU Extension Staff.

EXHIBITOR RULES

This department is for youth enrolled in the 4-H Youth Development Program. Any 4-H member enrolled by May 1st of current year is eligible to enter exhibits and participate in contests under the following rules and regulations:

1. All 4-H exhibitors who enter exhibits and/or contests in the 4-H Department of Kitsap County Fair for the purpose of receiving premium money and/or ribbons paid by the Fair and for which judges' fees are paid by the Fair, are eligible to purchase a valid season pass or exhibitor pass. Those not holding a valid season pass or exhibitor pass and desiring admission to the Fairgrounds may purchase the passes at the time their exhibits are submitted for entry. Purchase of a 4-H exhibitor pass does not entitle exhibitor to enter items in the Open Class division without the purchase of a second exhibitor's pass.
2. All exhibitors must comply with general rules and regulations as printed and approved by the Fair Board of Directors and the Manager of the Kitsap County Fair. Exhibitor should read all rules and regulation.
3. All exhibitors are presenting themselves and their exhibits to the public. 4-H exhibitors are expected to abide by the 4-H member code of practice at all times.
4. Classroom projects that are not part of a 4-H enrichment program are not eligible for exhibition.
5. A committee will review member violations if necessary. The membership of this committee is Department Superintendent, Extension Agent or assigned staff member.
6. All 4-H member record books must be up to date as verified by the 4-H leader/Superintendent. All exhibitors need to bring their record book to Fair. It is the record of what the exhibitor did in their project, and will be used if there are questions regarding a member's exhibits.
7. All judging at this Fair shall be based on the Washington State University scorecards. 4-H judging will be by the Danish system.

8. Members entering animals in type must also enter an animal into showmanship.
9. Out of County 4-H member exhibits are accepted in this department subject to availability and on first come first served basis. Out of County 4-H member exhibitors in this department will not be eligible for special awards.
10. All exhibits must be left in place until Fair closing, Sunday or 2:00 p.m. Monday, the day following the Fair, except for livestock, which may be removed after 6:00 p.m. Sunday. The 4-H department will not be responsible for exhibits not removed by member or leader by 7:00 p.m. on Monday.
11. Removal of any exhibits prior to dismissal time from display area will be seen as a final act and will result in immediate forfeiture of all premiums, points and privileges by the exhibitor. Further, exhibitor may be suspended from future exhibiting at the Kitsap County Fair.
12. An adult must accompany any 4-H member staying after 11:00 p.m. or over-night on the Fairgrounds.
13. Notification of intent to file protest: In all departments, all protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00 cash, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. This deposit is to cover administrative costs in handling the protest. Protest must state plainly, cause of complaint or appeal with specific charges and recital of the fact relied upon, or the rule violated, naming witnesses and their addresses by which proof is made. Protest must be filed with the Fair office/Fair Board within 24 hours of cause of protest.
14. Possession or use of alcohol or drug (other than prescribed medication) by exhibitors is strictly prohibited. Exhibitors may NOT use tobacco products.
15. All exhibitors and volunteers are required to wear appropriate clothing for the duration of the Fair. Clothing is expected to represent the personal pride and standards of 4-H policy. Example: clothing completely covers parts of the body usually covered by underwear.
16. Members must turn in emergency cards to Superintendent, with their entries. Absolutely no entry is accepted without an emergency card.
17. Age classifications of competitive events: Junior – grades 3, 4, 5. Intermediate: 6, 7, and 8. Senior: grades 9, 10, 11, 12 and beyond during current year. Primary members – K – 2nd grade may participate only in non-competitive events.

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H YOUTH WITH DISABILITY GUIDELINES

The 4-H Youth Program of Washington State University, through its curriculum, programs, and events, provides a supportive environment for diverse population groups with over-arching respect for individual's personal values and ideas. 4-H takes seriously its responsibility to offer educational programming opportunities, equitably to all qualified persons who can be reasonably accommodated.

For the 4-H Youth Program to accomplish its goals, parents of youth with disabilities seeking accommodation, need to ensure that 4-H Leaders are informed of the disability. The parents and youth should work with staff and leaders to insure that the 4-H experience is a positive one for all youth involved. 4-H Leaders and event officials should make all reasonable accommodations to allow youth with disabilities to participate in 4-H activities. These accommodations may include assistance from another person for the event or activity.

The steps in the accommodation process are:

1. Any needed accommodation should be specifically noted on the entry form. A request that specifically states the needed accommodations must be submitted with the entry form no later than July 15.
2. Event or program staff will evaluate all accommodations requests to insure that the requests can be provided. The program staff will always strive to make all reasonable accommodations for our 4-H Youth.
3. If accommodation is not requested at least ten days in advance, we cannot guarantee the availability of accommodation on site at the event.
4. If the event or program organizer needs additional support, they should contact their County 4-H Youth Educator, or State 4-H Staff for assistance with these accommodations as needed.
5. In events where the member is being tested or judged to specific criteria, those criteria may not be compromised by any accommodations. All youth to be judged must be measured by the same criteria.

ANIMAL EXHIBITOR RULES

1. All equine, goat, sheep, swine, beef, poultry, rabbit/cavy, cat, and dog members must be owners or responsible for the care and management of the animals they exhibit by May 1, of the current year. Two 4-H members may jointly care for and show one animal. These two members may not compete in the same class or lot at an event. Regular care and management of a shared animal must be recorded in 4-H member's record book. The Extension Office needs notification of this.
2. Equine and Goat exhibitors must file certificates with the Extension office by May 1st. All certificates need to be available for Superintendent check. Sheep and Swine Market Animals ownership deadline is May 15th. Market Beef ownership deadline is March 1st.
3. 4-H livestock exhibits must be received at the Fairgrounds by 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday of Fair according to the veterinary inspection schedule to be released later by the Fair management or Livestock Director. Market sheep, swine and beef are required to be present at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday for weigh-in.
4. No animals will be allowed inside the barn until they have health clearance from the official Fair veterinarian.
5. All livestock members may enter in Division XX – Class C – Entomology and Class D – Weeds.
6. Registered or grade animals may enter in the 4-H Animal Science Division.
7. Members entering animal(s) in type must also enter fitting and showing.
8. No livestock less than 3 months of age to be shown, except where otherwise specified in division rules.
9. Animals in the market animal program must be entered in a sale or non-sale market class.
10. No animal from a quarantined area or premises will be permitted to enter the Fair or Show.
11. All out-of-state entries must comply with State of Washington import regulations. Entry permits are required for all out of state cattle and breeder and feeder swine. Permits are issued upon request by calling 360.902.1878.
12. It is recommended that all animals be vaccinated in the current show year.
DOGS: Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Parvo, Corona yearly. Rabies vaccination every 3 years.
CATS: All cats must have been vaccinated against rabies with an approved vaccine within 12 months (36 months is acceptable where product label so indicates.)
13. All livestock must be kept un-blanketed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day of the Fair except on the day of showing when they may be washed and blanketed until time of showing. An exception may be made by the Superintendent of the department in the case of animal under veterinarian's care.
14. All cattle shall be double tied in the stall. Except during show days, animals may not be in aisles during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., except by permission of the Division Superintendent.
15. **Barns will be cleaned by 9:00 a.m. BY EXHIBITORS ONLY.**
16. There will be a 10:00 p.m. closing time in all livestock areas unless specified otherwise in division rules. (Closing on Sunday night of Fair will be 6:00 p.m.). Barn doors will be locked at 10:00 p.m.. There will be a master-at-arms on duty at all times, 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., to supervise the livestock areas. No 4-H'er may sleep in the barns overnight EXCEPT senior boys. All 4-H members are to be out of the barns by 10:00 p.m. unless Division Superintendent has made previous arrangements.
17. Safety precautions to be observed:
 - a. Equine being exercised by riding shall be saddled (with exception of Bareback Class riders on Thursday morning only).
 - b. Exhibitors in the livestock area shall be required to wear shoes at all times (no sandals or open-toe shoes).
18. Animals sent home by veterinarian or Superintendent due to illness or excessive aggressiveness will not lose premiums earned up to time of removal.
19. In any dangerous situation, such as lack of control or misbehaving animal, the Superintendent has the authority to remove the animal from class and/or send the animal home.
20. Member exhibit entries shall be made to Division Superintendents no later than July 15, and any special division requirements must also be completed by the date.
21. An individual in any one lot may enter only one animal unless otherwise specified. Out of County 4-H livestock exhibitors are accepted on a space available basis.
22. No animals are to be housed on the Fairgrounds unless exhibited.

4-H ANIMAL OWNERSHIP APPEAL BOARD

PURPOSE: To arbitrate animal ownership issues as a result of death or severe injury due to emergency, after ownership deadline, and to establish replacement animal's participation in the Kitsap County Fair.

OBJECTIVE: Be fair, honest and consider each individual situation as a separate situation.

PROCEDURES:

1. The severe injury, death or broken lease agreement must have occurred no later than July 31 of current year.
2. Written statement of situation must be received in the Extension Office by August 1. Statement shall include:
 - a. Member name and phone number
 - b. Parent name and phone number
 - c. Leader name and phone number
 - d. Description of situation
 - e. Leader or veterinarian certification if death or letter of details if injured
3. Member shall submit Fair entry forms to the Division Superintendent by July 15.
4. If a horse or dairy animal is involved, the past certificate and certificate of new animal shall be presented.
5. It is understood that the substituted animal will not be eligible for State 4-H Fair and the animal/member will not be eligible to receive champion or reserve champion awards in any class.
6. In Animal Division in which high point awards exist, substituted animals are not eligible for those awards.
7. Any substituted animal must meet all Fair health requirements.
8. The member shall appear before the Appeal Board and present the fact about the situation.
9. If the member has an additional project animal available, the appeal board process is not an option.
10. Ruling of the Appeal Board is final.

MEMBER CODE OF PRACTICE

4-H members exhibiting at Kitsap County Fair must have a Code of Practice on file at the 4-H Office.

1. The purpose of my participation in the Washington 4-H program is to strengthen my own knowledge, ability and skill and to develop my sense of responsibility and good character. If my project includes food or food production animals, my goal is to produce safe and wholesome food.
2. I will do my own project work to the best of my ability.
3. If my project includes animals, I will not use or allow being used, abusive, fraudulent or illegal practices or products in the feeding, care, fitting, training and showing of my animals.
4. I will not be dishonest in presenting my project or myself in any way.
5. I will read, understand and follow the rules, without exception, of shows in which I am a participant and ask that my parents/guardian(s) and my 4-H leader do the same.
6. My project is an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome. I will treat other people's projects and/or animals with the same respect and care I give my own.
7. I realize that I am responsible for the proper and safe care of my project and if my project includes animal, the proper care and safe, humane treatment of my animal. I realize that I am also responsible for demonstrating strong moral character as an example to others.
8. I accept that failure to uphold this commitment could result in forfeiture of my right to participate in the 4-H program.

ANIMAL HEALTH AND THE USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

The use of illegal drugs and/or the improper use of animal health products or foreign substance will not be tolerated in the Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program. Extension personnel, 4-H volunteers, families, youth, and Fair/show officials have a legal and moral obligation not to misuse these products. We have the responsibility to tell others not to use these substances, and to report those who do use any illegal substance.

The administration of any drug or medication that could affect an animal's performance resulting in an unfair advantage or the disposition of the animal is unacceptable. Additionally, there are federal penalties for using illegal substances in animals that are going into the nation's food supply.

It is the expectation that all Fairs and Shows in Washington State that wish to use the 4-H name and emblem will fully adhere to this policy.