

Washington State 4-H Fair

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Off Season (Oct 1 – Aug 15): 253-445-4630; Fax 253-445-4587
Fair Time (Aug 16-Sept 30): 253-770-5410; Fax: 253-770-5412

Website: <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>



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TO: 4-H RABBIT AND CAVY SHOW PARTICIPANTS

FROM: Washington State 4-H Fair

SUBJECT: State 4-H Fair Participation Information - 2009

Congratulations! Your achievements have made it possible for you to represent your county 4-H program at the Washington State 4-H Fair. I hope that your experiences at State 4-H Fair this year will be good ones. State 4-H Fair organizers have prepared the following information for you, to help make your visit a satisfying one.

ANIMALS WILL BE RECEIVED BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18. No accommodations are available for animals brought to the fair before 6 a.m. Friday.
ANIMALS WILL BE RELEASED BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. All animals must be removed from the barn before 8 p.m. Sunday.

RABBIT/CAVY SHOW SCHEDULE:

Friday

Animals received, vet-checked.....6 - 10 a.m.
Clerks training meeting.....10 - 11 a.m.
Herdsmanship meeting.....11 - 11:30 a.m.
Cavy type judging.....1 - 5 p.m.
Rabbit type judging.....1 - 9 p.m.

Saturday

Exhibitor meeting..... 8 - 9 a.m.
Cavy fitting & showmanship..... 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Rabbit fitting & showmanship..... 1 - 8 p.m.

Sunday

Register for Rabbit & Cavy Judging Contests..... 9 a.m.
Rabbit and Cavy Judging Contest..... 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Animals released..... 6 - 8 p.m.

1. Please read this memo carefully. **Information in this letter will be printed in bold if it is new for this year.** Questions may be directed to your county Extension 4-H office or the State 4-H Fair office. Check current maps for new or unfamiliar locations. Important information about security, parking, dorms, passes, and camper space rentals is available in WS4HF/1.10m and is not repeated in this letter. Be sure to ask for that information.

There are new gate opening and ticket sales times that you should be aware of, for anyone entering the fairgrounds before 10 a.m. For more information see WS4HF/1.10m or go online to www.thefair.com.

2. If you can't participate, please call the State 4-H Fair Assistant Manager's office at (253) 770-5413.
3. **You must complete WS4HF/1.01m. The form is available from your County Extension Office. Please mail it to the State 4-H Fair in time to be received before participation date.**

Those anticipating residency in the dormitories should be sure they read WS4HF/1.10m. Dormitories cannot house all who request space during the time of the 4-H

Rabbit/Cavy show. Some will be denied access. Check the information mentioned above to find out if you will be admitted or denied – BEFORE YOU MAKE FINAL PLANS TO ATTEND.

We cannot house rabbits or cavies on the fair grounds prior to the Friday morning vet check-in. Any exhibitor expecting to stay in the dorm Thursday evening will need to make alternative arrangements for the care of their animals.

4. The State 4-H Fair Premium Book is online at <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>. Please read all information relating to your participation prior to coming to State 4-H Fair.
5. As a State 4-H Fair participant, *you* are on exhibit to other 4-H'ers and the public. Behavior and appearance that shows pride and respect for yourself and the 4-H organization is expected of all 4-H exhibitors. Courteous, appropriate language and clean, appropriate clothing is part of your State 4-H Fair exhibiting responsibility.
6. If you have qualified for and want to make a public presentation at the State 4-H Fair, please let the Rabbit/

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Cavy Superintendent know early on Friday morning, even though you may wish to do your presentation on a different day. For your own convenience, you are encouraged to make your public presentation during the time you are at the fair with your animal.

7. Animal educational displays may either be sent to the fair with other still life exhibits (Sept. 7-8) or brought when animals are brought in. If delivered at the earlier time, the educational displays will have already been judged, and you may pick them up at the 4-H Exhibit Building to put into your barn display immediately. If you bring your educational display with you on animal check-in day, you will be given further directions in the barn.
8. Vehicles bringing rabbits and cavies enter through the south Service Gate located toward the southwest corner of the fair grounds. Vehicles must be off the fair grounds by 8:45 a.m. If you are carrying animals in, you should enter through the service gate off 5th Street SW, immediately south of the Poultry/Rabbit Barn "A". Animals must be transported in solid-bottomed containers.
9. Rabbit/Cavy exhibitors or their representatives will be able to pick up passes in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Friday. Passes will not be available in the Pass Office during those hours. After 10:30 a.m., passes will be available in the 4-H Pass Office only.
10. Food and beverages should not be consumed in public in any animal barns, either by exhibitors, parents, chaperones or other barn visitors due to WWF concerns about biological safety for exhibitors and barn visitors. Wash your hands frequently while handling animals, and

especially before touching any food. This reflects the serious nature of food contamination from animal contact – for barn visitors as well as exhibitors. Please cooperate in setting a good example for the more vulnerable urban public.

11. Exhibitors are required to participate in at least one herdsmanship shift. Individuals will be assigned herdsmanship duties of one to two hours. Herdsmanship will be assigned from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Individuals will sign up for herdsmanship duty, and the sign-up sheet will be used to determine participation. Read about herdsmanship in the State 4-H Fair Premium Book.

Most of the benching tables have a solid surface under the cages. Due to the difficulty in opening some of the cages, all exhibitors are responsible for feeding and cleaning the cages of their own animals each morning of the fair. Morning herdsmanship begins at 6 a.m. each morning.

12. The animal used in Fitting & Showmanship must be an animal also exhibited in Type by the same exhibitor. No milking does or doe/litter entries will be accepted, in consideration of the health and safety of the animals. Exhibitors may enter one crossbred rabbit or crossbred cavy, provided it is the only rabbit or cavy being entered in the State 4-H Fair.
13. Because of increased awareness of good animal welfare on the part of the general public, you are expected to handle and exhibit your animal safely and humanely. Violations will be dealt with appropriately and promptly.
14. Exhibiting an animal at the State 4-H Fair implies your acceptance of the Animal Project Exhibitor Commitment to Quality Animal Care agreement. A copy of the agreement follows. Please read it carefully. Participation indicates your intent to comply with these statements.

ANIMAL PROJECT EXHIBITOR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY ANIMAL CARE

This is an agreement, formal or implied, between 4-H participants and the management of the State 4-H Fair. Its purpose is:

- **To encourage ethical decisions and activities by 4-H youth**
 - **To ensure the overall well being of all 4-H animals exhibited**
 - **To ensure the use of commonly accepted practices in preparing and exhibiting animals for show**
 - **To maintain a safe and wholesome food supply**
 - **To maintain the intent and integrity of animal competitions and displays for future generations**
1. The purpose of my participation in the Washington 4-H Animal Sciences Program is to strengthen my own knowledge, ability, and skill as a feeder, manager, trainer, caregiver, and exhibitor of animals and to develop my sense of responsibility and good character. If my project includes 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. I will not use or allow abusive, fraudulent, or illegal practices or products to be used in the feeding, care, fitting, training, and showing of my animals.
 4. I will not misrepresent my animals or myself in any way.
 5. I will read, understand, and follow the rules, without exception, of animal shows in which I am a participant and ask that my parents and my 4-H leader do the same.
 6. My animal 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 animals with the same respect and care I give my own animals.
 7. I realize that I am responsible for the proper care and safe, humane treatment of my animals. I realize that I am also responsible for demonstrating strong moral fiber and good character as an example to others.
 8. I will voice any objections to events related to my participation by using the protest policy described in the premium book. I will not directly interfere with the judge, show management, or other exhibitors before, during, or after the event.
 9. I accept that failure to uphold this commitment could result in forfeiture of my right to participate in the 4-H Animal Sciences Program.