

# 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: Public Presentations/Public Speaking Participants  
National Equine Presentation Participants  
Commodity Public Presentation 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 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. **Please see the last page of this letter for important instructions and personalized information.***

**PRE-ATTENDANCE INFORMATION:** Please read this memo carefully. **Information in this letter will be printed in bold if it is new for this year.** Check current maps for new or unfamiliar locations. Additional information about security, parking, dorms, passes, and camper space rentals is available in WS4HF/1.10m, and is not repeated in this letter. Ask your county office for a copy if it is not included with this letter.

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](http://www.thefair.com).

The State 4-H Fair Premium Book is online at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>. Information in the State 4-H Fair Premium Book is not duplicated here.

The 4-H Exhibit Building is #17 on the fair map. The 4-H building opens at 8:30 a.m. 4-H staff are not prepared for your earlier arrival. If you arrive in Puyallup after 11 a.m., allow yourself 1 hour to park, go through search checkpoints, find the 4-H Exhibit Building, and bring in any supplies you have. If you arrive after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday, allow yourself 1½ hours. There is a delivery tram available inside the Service Gate (14<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to deliver heavy items to on-grounds locations. Allow at least ½ hour extra time for use of the delivery tram; they deliver to various on-ground locations on a pre-determined schedule.

## **EXHIBITOR INFORMATION FORM:**

Please complete Exhibitor Information Form WS4HF/1.01m. The form is available at your County Extension Office. This form should be mailed in time to be received at the State 4-H Fair before your first day of activity.

## **SCHEDULING YOUR PRESENTATION:**

If you are one of your county's candidates for the National Equine Presentation contest on Sept. 20, you will be contacted by a representative of State 4-H Fair to schedule your presentation time. This is the only day for that contest. You should become familiar with the specific rules and expectations of this contest prior to arriving. **Your presentation will be given in the Dog Arena Barn.** Please arrive in time to check in with the superintendent *at least* ½ hour before your assigned presentation time. If you are late arriving, your presentation time will be given to another contestant, and you will be rescheduled – if a vacant time period remains.

If you are one of your county representatives in the Commodity Public Presentation Contests or the Food Safety Presentation Contest, you may choose the time for your presentation. You may choose any day of the fair and any time between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Please be sure your County Extension Office reports your time to us on their report form. You will need to bring everything required for your presentation. The 4-H kitchens are not available for use this year.

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If you will be making your presentation or speech while at the State 4-H Fair with your obedience dog, your county's coordinator for State 4-H Fair will not schedule your presentation time; instead, you are expected to let the Obedience Dog Superintendent know of your plan early on your dog show day. Arrangements will be made for you at that time. **Live animals may not be used in any public presentation.**

If you will be making your presentation or speech while at the State 4-H Fair for your livestock show or horse show, your county's coordinator for State 4-H Fair will not schedule your presentation date or time; instead, you must let your show superintendent know of your plan early on check-in day. Arrangements will be made for your activity on one of the days you are at the fair with your animal. **Live animals may not be used in any public presentation.**

If you are a home schooled 4-H member, you are encouraged to schedule your participation at State 4-H Fair during the weekdays, regardless of your assigned county day. Your county's coordinator for State 4-H Fair can help you by requesting the date, but you will need to call the State 4-H Fair to schedule the time for your presentation.

If you plan to make your presentation or speech on your county's scheduled day, the county's coordinator for State 4-H Fair will schedule your activity time on that day. You will not need to make any pre-attendance contact with the State 4-H Fair.

If you are scheduled and then can't participate, please call the State 4-H Fair Asst. Mgr.'s office at **(253) 841-5175**. This telephone number will work beginning August 25. If you need to change your scheduled time, please call the superintendent's number. You are encouraged to ask for rescheduling assistance.

For your convenience, you are encouraged to ask for your presentation to be scheduled on a day you are at the State 4-H Fair with other activities or exhibits. However, **if your name is not on the list of quali-**

**fied participants from your County Extension Office, you will not be allowed to give your presentation at State 4-H Fair.**

Please check in with the presentations superintendent immediately upon arrival, to make or confirm your time assignment. Then, plan to be at least 15 minutes early for your public presentation or public speaking activity. Sometimes there are opportunities to begin earlier than scheduled, due to "no shows" by other participants.

Presentation schedules are a guideline only; the length of each presentation differs, and affects the schedule of remaining presentations.

**GIVING YOUR PRESENTATION:** The presentations superintendent will instruct you to set up your presentation area while the judge is in conversation with the previous presenter. Your presentation should use no more than 20 minutes from the time you begin to set up until you complete your presentation and take down your equipment. The judge will then spend a few minutes discussing your presentation with you, and giving you a ribbon and score sheet. Please note that National Equine Presentations and Commodity Presentations have a different time limit. Please refer to the premium book.

As a State 4-H Fair participant, you represent the Washington 4-H Program. 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 is expected. Wearing clean clothing, appropriate for the activity you are participating in, is part of your State 4-H Fair exhibiting responsibility.

A podium, microphone and microphone stand will be provided for public speaking participants. A table, poster easels, and head-set microphones will be provided for public presentation participants. Microphone use is *required* for both Class 1 and 2.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE HAS FORWARDED YOUR NAME TO THE STATE 4-H FAIR AS A PARTICIPANT IN EITHER THE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS CLASS, THE PUBLIC SPEAKING CLASS, OR THE NATIONAL EQUINE PRESENTATIONS CONTEST.

YOUR NAME WAS PLACED ON LIST # \_\_\_\_\_ (below). YOUR PRESENTATION WAS SCHEDULED FOR (day) \_\_\_\_\_, SEPT. \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR PRESENTATION WAS WAS NOT SCHEDULED FOR A SPECIFIC TIME. (circle one)

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION MARKED FOR YOU BELOW, AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFIC TO THAT INFORMATION:

- LIST #1:** YOU HAVE AGREED TO GIVE YOUR PUBLIC PRESENTATION/PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTATION AT STATE FAIR ON YOUR COUNTY DAY. DATE AND TIME ARE LISTED ABOVE.
- LIST #2:**  
 YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN OTHER FAIR ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY YOU HAVE ASKED TO BE SCHEDULED FOR YOUR PRESENTATION  
**OR**  
 YOU HAVE INDICATED YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE FAIR ON OUR ASSIGNED COUNTY DAY.  
  
*YOU MUST CONTACT THE **PRESENTATIONS SUPERINTENDENT**, TO ARRANGE A TIME FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.* Please call 253/841-5175 (beginning September 7) to schedule your presentation day and time. If you delay scheduling your presentation, you may have difficulty getting the presentation time you want, or getting any time assignment on that day. Presentations must end at 7 p.m.
- LIST #3:** YOU WILL BE COMPETING IN THE COMMODITY PUBLIC PRESENTATION CONTEST OR THE FOOD SAFETY PRESENTATION CONTEST. YOUR ASSIGNED DATE AND TIME ARE LISTED ABOVE.
- LIST #4:** YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO REPRESENT OUR COUNTY IN THE NATIONAL EQUINE PRESENTATIONS CONTEST AT STATE 4-H FAIR ON SEPT. 20. THE WINNER IN EACH LOT IN THIS CLASS WILL BE INVITED TO COMPETE AT THE NATIONAL CONTEST IN LOUISVILLE, KY. *YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY THE STATE 4-H FAIR TO SCHEDULE YOUR PRESENTATION TIME.*