

2025 Fair Still Life Contests

Bucket of Junk

The objective of a “Bucket of Junk” is to create a sculpture using only the items in the bucket. A sculpture is defined as a three-dimensional work of art that can be viewed from 360 degrees. Five-gallon buckets of junk will be given to 4-H and FFA members on a first-come first-served basis. All 20 buckets will include the same number of items, with unique pieces, otherwise known as junk. Participants may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint or finish the items that are provided. No pieces may be added, and one item can be left out. The object is to use all the pieces to create a work of art. All sculptures must be presentation-ready when submitted. Projects may be mounted to a solid base for stability if needed. Please return your empty bucket.

****Buckets will be ready for pickup May 1st)**

Fairs: West Valley Fair/CWSF (2 Opportunities for judging)

Pallet Upcycle Contest

The challenge is to take a wood pallet and repurpose it for a new use. The sky is the limit. Two ways to participate.

1. Pallet Painting
 - a. Create a painted masterpiece. Can be themed or
 - b. Must provide own full size pallet
2. Pallet Repurpose- (furniture, planter boxes, décor etc)
 - a. You must provide your own pallet(s).
 - b. Must be composed of at least 75% of the used pallet(s).
 - c. Must be able to transport your project to the West Valley fairgrounds.

Fairs: West Valley Fair/CWSF (2 opportunities for judging)

Denim Upcycle Contest

The denim that we know and love today originated in 1860 when Levi Strauss and Co. debuted a new kind of work pant. Now we can use denim for so many applications other than protective leg wear. Just when you think you have worn out your favorite pair of jeans you can bring new life to them by upcycling. Rules: Create a project from used denim.

3. Categories to enter:

- a. Wearables – Convert used denim into a wearable piece of clothing that was not it’s original purpose (ie. Skirt, shorts, jacket, apron, etc)
- b. Accessories – An item that can be used with an outfit. Made from used denim (ie. Purse, hat, belt, backpack, etc)
- c. Crafts – Made from used denim. (Examples: coasters, garland, pillow, craft tote, ornaments)

Fairs Judged At: West Valley Fair/CWSF

Quilt Block Challenge

Pick up a quilt block kit to incorporate with your own fabric to create an unquilted square to be judged at fair. Submitted blocks will be used after the fair to create a community quilt that will be raffled off to benefit Yakima County 4-H.

- Your finished block must include all or most of the 7” challenge fabric from the kit. And may be patchwork, foundation, piecing or applique. The work may be done by machine or hand.
- Embellishments are allowed but must be securely attached and washable
- Only submit an unfinished square that measures 12.5”x12.5”
- All fabric must be pre-washed

Fairs Judged At: West Valley Fair/CWSF (2 opportunities for judging)

Table Setting Contest

The Table Setting Contest is a fun way to learn how to properly set a table, plan a nutritional meal, and express originality and creativity. Open to all 4-H Youth Members. The contestant will be required to fully set 1 table for an occasion selected by the contestant. Card tables will be used for the contest. A table will need to be provided by the contestant. The table should consist of a table cloth or covering, plates, utensils, glasses or cups, a centerpiece, and a menu for your occasion. Your menu should include 3 items that are grown here in the Yakima Valley. Highlight those items in **BOLD** font on your menu.

There will be two (2) categories:

1. Casual-themed place settings could be planned for indoors or outdoors using any type of table cover (tablecloth, blanket or paper) and any type of table service. Theme/Occasion examples: birthday party, family dinner, friends get together, harvest party, picnic, football watch party, etc.
2. Formal-themed place settings would include more than three (3) Theme/Occasion examples: Tea Party, New Years Eve, Christmas Dinner, Formal Birthday, etc.

Judging: During judging you will present your table setting to the judge by telling them about your theme/occasion and why you chose it. You should view yourself as the host of the judge as your guest. Remember to extend a welcome to your judge and present your ideas behind your theme/occasion. ***Please do no prepare food as this is a presentation only.***

*See Yakima County 4-H Extension website for the 4-H Table Setting Activity Guidelines C1075E.

Fairs: CWSF

Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cookoff

Say CHEESE!! This year's in person cookoff challenge will be a Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cookoff. A grilled cheese sandwich is defined as a toasted hot cheese sandwich that is prepared by heating slices of cheese between slices of bread and using a cooking fat to make it toasted.

Rules: Create a grilled cheese masterpiece. Any type of bread, cheese, cooking fats, or alternatives and inclusions can be used. Exhibitors will create their entry in the prep kitchen. Their sandwich will then be judged by the panel of judges.

Fair: CWSF