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Dear Snohomish County 4-H Community,

We'd like to start our letter this week with exciting news and introduce our plans to form a **Snohomish County 4-H Youth Advisory Council**. For some time now, we have been intending to launch a county-wide, 4-H Youth Advisory Council. While our day-to-day is currently shifting, we believe now is just the right time to engage our youth in this new and meaningful way. This pandemic has changed how we interact with our world and in doing so, it has pushed us to explore and implement participation options we had not necessarily considered previously. As we make those adjustments and changes, it is even more important to hear from our youth, especially as they understand firsthand the value and relevancy of 4-H. We hope that this Council will provide a platform to hear their voices as we develop a "new normal" together. We are excited to host an informative meeting to outline our next steps, answer questions, and connect with interested youth on **Friday, May 29th at 7 pm**. All are welcome and we hope that you will join us! You can access the meeting through this Zoom link: [4-H Youth Advisory Council Zoom](#) (Password: 4-HFUN!) or you may email kim.baker@wsu.edu for a formal Zoom invitation that includes information needed to join by phone.

Important Updates This Week:

We promised an update for our livestock youth, and we are happy to say that the Evergreen Youth Livestock Show (EYLS) board is committed to helping all of our youth, regardless of participation in EYLS, sell their market animals and make connections with potential buyers. At this time, youth are encouraged to reach out to the EYLS superintendents for assistance. If you need contact information, Kristi Boyd can help! You can reach her at 425-357-6044 or snoco.4H@wsu.edu. If you have questions or interest in purchasing an animal(s), please visit: [EYLS Information](#)

We continue to welcome all your ideas for Fair as we work with our program leaders, superintendents, Fairgrounds leadership and staff, and Extension leadership to respond to the needs of our youth. Share with us at a.hernandez-hall@wsu.edu or kim.baker@wsu.edu. You can find ideas for brainstorming in our Week 6 Challenge, as well as more Weekly Challenges, past updates, and educational resources on our [Stay Home, Stay Healthy Resources](#) page. We recognize the need for a plan, information, and for updates, and we promise to keep you up to date as decisions and plans are finalized.

If you're not already aware, fun statewide opportunities and information can be found in the 4-H [Tuesday Newsletter!](#)

Finally, we want to let everyone know that as we get updated information from our local, state, and national leadership, we will continue to keep you updated. For now, we can re-state that 4-H in-person is suspended through June 19th. For any activities, meetings, events being planned for after June 19th, we strongly encourage all clubs, projects, and programs to consider virtual options as their "Plan A," and in-person options as their "Plan B".

Thank you for your continued patience, ingenuity, and positive attitudes as we navigate this new frontier together!

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