

# fair challenge!

challenge submissions due May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by 11:59 pm

Last week brought news that our Evergreen State Fair will not be the traditional fair experience we are used to, but with that, there was also encouragement to see this year's Fair as an opportunity to provide our community a chance to see what we see every day in 4-H: that our future is in our youth, and our youth are nothing short of amazing! This week we challenge you to join with us in brainstorming innovative and exciting ways to display all your hard work, both in the virtual realm as well as in physical displays. We have some ideas, but we want to hear from you! Our volunteers facilitate and our members participate. As such, you have a unique and valuable perspective and we need to hear your thoughts and ideas!

## official challenge instructions . . .

**Step 1) Join the brainstorm! What are your ideas for Fair?**

How could a class or exhibit or experience be modified in a way that will:

- keep our members, volunteers, families, community, and animals safe
- allow members to participate in the most meaningful way possible
- leverage technology to provide pre-recorded and live virtual options

**2) Discuss your ideas!** Talk with your family, 4-H member friends, and your 4-H leadership about your ideas. Brainstorming with others can help ideas develop into bigger plans. It allows individual ideas to merge with others to solve potential problems and roadblocks. Brainstorming is a fun way to approach an idea from many different angles. As you talk together, try to keep these things in mind:

- Generate as many ideas as you can! The more ideas, the better!
- Try not to judge ideas, just come up with them! Be willing to think outside the box and entertain all ideas – even “silly” ones. You may find an idea that sounded “crazy” at first develops into a great plan!
- Consider challenges or barriers you see as an opportunity to be creative! Discuss ways they can be overcome, rather than giving up.
- Consider advantages of a virtual / hybrid Fair. How can we improve and promote those advantages?
- Fair provides an annual social outlet. How can we meet that need safely?

**Step 3) Share your ideas!** Email your ideas and thoughts, even if they are only part of an idea that you're not sure how the details will work out. Others may have shared the pieces that will put your idea to work! Be sure to include answers to the Challenge Questions and email to [a.hernandez-hall@wsu.edu](mailto:a.hernandez-hall@wsu.edu) by May 17, 11:59 pm.

### Challenge Questions

1. What is your first and last name?
2. What is the name of your 4-H club?
3. What did you like about this challenge?
4. What part of this challenge was not so fun?
5. What did you learn while completing this challenge?

**Step 4) Earn an awesome virtual badge! We're excited to hear your ideas for Fair!**