



June 4, 2021

Hello, Snohomish County 4-H Community!

A [few weeks ago](#), news was shared that the Evergreen State Fair plans to open an 11-day, modified, in-person Evergreen State Fair! [Full press release here](#). As a result, 4-H enrollment for Evergreen State Fair eligibility was extended to June 1st.

How Fair will look for 4-H is a question on a lot of minds! Plans aren't complete at this time, but a lot of folks are working to provide ways for our youth to share what they have been able to accomplish during this very unique year! In the meantime, here are things we can share:

- 4-H clubs or programs **will not** be required to submit in-person plans for fair. Fair staff is working out a plan that will follow established guidelines and encompass 4-H members, clubs, volunteers, and programs. All participants will be expected to adhere to those guidelines.
- Many projects are having fair meetings to work out details. Check with your club or program leader to find out how you can contribute to those discussions.

Reminder to Obtain Approval Before Meeting In Person:

Change is on the horizon, but 4-H has not yet been given new guidelines for in-person 4-H meetings. While we wait, we are required to follow established approval process, mask wearing and social distance requirements, and participant limits. The good news is that proposals are moving through the approval process quickly! Requests are reviewed with our County Director every Friday. Requests received after Thursday morning will be reviewed the following week. Please submit your proposal to Beth or Ashley with at least 15 days to process, if possible. We will continue offering the mandatory in-person orientation via Zoom twice per week: every Wednesday and Friday at 6pm, (and also by request).

All adult volunteers who will be involved in an in-person activity must attend this orientation, and we encourage members to join in as well! The orientation lasts about 40 minutes. Join us in Tea Time/Office Hours Zoom meeting for the orientation. You can use the Zoom Link or phone # found on our [Stay Home Stay Healthy Resource page](#).

Virtual Office Hours Update Reminder:

For the past 14 months, we have provided an additional connection to our staff by offering virtual office hours three days a week. Through the end of July, these hours will be reduced to Mondays and Fridays only, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. In August we will reassess the need for virtual office hours. Instructions for accessing our virtual office hours can be found [on our website](#). And as always, we welcome you to connect with us on the phone or in email, or request a zoom meeting that fits your schedule.

Finally, It is with sincere appreciation and not just a little trepidation that we announce that Kristi Boyd's last day at the 4-H desk will be June 15th. Kristi is making this change to devote more time to her family. Due to budget cuts, her position will not be refilled this year. Ashley, Kim, and Beth will try to keep up, but we request your patience.

Thank you for all that you do for your community!

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