



# 4-H Tuesday News



## Features

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### Washington State 4-H Advisory Board Reconstruction

The Washington State 4-H Advisory Board is a non-profit organization that is tax-exempt through the Group Exemption Number of Washington State University 4-H Youth Development Program. The board possesses a legacy of leading the effort to provide professional development activities and events for 4-H volunteers in Washington State. The board has recently transitioned to a purpose that supports the shared governance structure for the 4-H Club Program by serving as a liaison between the county program and the State 4-H Office and is in the process of reforming to include representation from across Washington State.

We are actively seeking adults and youth who are interested in serving in this capacity. If you are interested in this opportunity, check out the position description linked below. If you are aware of any other volunteer(s) that you think might make a good candidate, feel free to pass along this notice or contact Jana Ferris, Extension Volunteer Development Specialist at [ferrisj@wsu.edu](mailto:ferrisj@wsu.edu) or 509-335-7109.

[Advisory Board Member Position Description](#)

## 2025 YQCA Scholarship Opportunity

We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday season, and the new year is off to a great start. The national YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) program offered in Washington has hit a milestone of over 103,000 users nationally in 2024, and during this past year, we hit over 500,000 certifications since the inception of the program in March 2017! The PDF linked below shows the national YQCA and Washington State Reports, showing how we ranked nationally.

**NEWS FLASH:** The YQCA board of directors is excited to announce a scholarship program for older youth preparing for post-secondary education (2- or 4-year) or a certificate program. Youth who qualify need to be currently enrolled in YQCA for 2025 and have been certified in both the 2023 and 2024 years, meaning 3 continuous years of active certification within YQCA. The deadline to apply is February 17th, so if they do not have a current completed certification then they will need to do that before the due date. You can [apply here](#). There is one \$10,000, two \$5,000, and four \$2,500 scholarships up for grabs.

We appreciate those who are participating in YQCA in the state of Washington. It has been and continues to be a program that educates youth on food safety, animal wellbeing, and character development. YQCA is positioning itself to continue to give back to youth who participate, and this is one example. Please share this opportunity!

[YQCA Annual Report Flyer](#)



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## Pilot Testers Needed for Cardboard Animal Project Curriculum

WSU 4-H staff and faculty are currently piloting this new Leaders' Guide to help youth complete a Cardboard Animals Project. The guide helps youth build cardboard scale models of an animal including both exterior and interior aspects of the animal. This creative project allows youth to participate in 4-H with animals that are common to 4-H, uncommon to 4-H, exotic, extinct, mythical, or imaginary opening the door to a wider variety of 4-H animal projects. We have created scorecards as well, so youth can take their animal to the fair and still be judged on type as well as fit and show.

If you would like to help pilot this project, please [email Melanie Greer](#).



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## Washington State 4-H Equine Contest Registrations

Registration is open [in 4-H Online](#) for the Washington State 4-H Equine Contests:

- State Equine Presentations Contest: March 22, 2025 (Registration closes March 1)
- State Hippology Contest: May 3, 2025 (Registration closes April 1)
- State Horse Bowl Contest: May 4, 2025 (Registration closes April 1)

The Equine Presentation Contest continues to be hosted virtually via Zoom. The Hippology and Horse Bowl Contests will be held at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA.

Additional contest details will be shared with coaches and participants upon registration. In the meantime, here are the important highlights:

- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Contest registrations are hosted [in 4-H Online](#), requiring each 4-H member participant to sign in to 4-H Online and register themselves for the contest(s) in which they have qualified.
- Each Coach must also log in to 4-H Online to register themselves and provide information about their team.
- The registration fee for all contests is \$20 per member. (Exception, there is no fee for the 5<sup>th</sup> member of a Horse Bowl Team.)
- Contestants may be selected by any procedure their county deems appropriate (e.g., a qualifying county event, application process, etc.).
- Coaches are responsible for working with their county to ensure compliance with all WSU 4-H Policies and Procedures, including WSU EP-14, for chaperones, travel, and overnight considerations that may be necessary to participate.
- All contest rules and study sources can be found on the [Washington State 4-H Horse webpage](#) under the Contest Resources, Dates, and Entry Information tab.

If you have any questions about contests or 4-H Online registration, please contact Kim Baker, WA State 4-H Equine Coordinator: [email kim.baker@wsu.edu](mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu) or phone 425-520-

## 2025 UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days Registration Open Now!

University of Idaho and Washington State University Youth Livestock Field Days provide research-based information to 4-H and FFA members regarding the production, showing and marketing of youth livestock projects that meet or exceed livestock industry standards and consumer expectations.

Cost to attend is \$10 per person, for all youth and adults. Lunch is provided. Registrations can be submitted at [https://bit.ly/clearwater\\_events](https://bit.ly/clearwater_events). Space is limited, don't wait!

Event Dates and Registration Deadlines:

- Horse: March 8, registrations due March 1
  - Advanced Field Day: March 15, registrations due March 8
  - Swine: March 22, registrations due March 15
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## WSU Lincoln/Adams County Hosting Livestock Nutrition & Health Workshop: February 1st

Youth members will participate in eight rotating learning stations presented by students of the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine, as well as participate in group discussions. Lunch will be provided. The event takes place at the Lincoln County Fair and Event Center, in Davenport. Registrations are due by January 24th. Scan the QR code in the flyer linked below, or visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/lincoln-adams/lincoln-county-extension-livestock-nutrition-health-workshop/>

[Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

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## 4-H Livestock Clinic 2025 in Spokane: February 1st

Join a full day of hands on learning for market livestock youth, beginners to advanced! Come learn and grow from the pasture to the show ring! Open to 4-H and FFA!

Workshops run 9 am to 3 pm at the Spokane County Extension Office. Cost is \$20 each lunch provided for youth attendees; adult lunch \$5. Register at <https://forms.gle/Z22gf1wyRJYE3hi28> by January 27th.

Questions? Contact Kate: [kmccloskey@spokanecounty.org](mailto:kmccloskey@spokanecounty.org) or 509-477-2165.

**4-H Livestock Super Saturday**   
Beginner & Advanced Classes  
**SWINE CATTLE SHEEP GOATS**  
<https://forms.gle/bwEkddiHbPu4hUMe8>  
**WHO:** All 4-H & FFA welcome  
**WHEN:** Saturday Feb. 1st 2025 9am-3pm  
**WHERE:** WSU Spokane County Extension Office  
**HOW MUCH:** \$20.00 lunch provided  
**DUE Monday Jan. 27th** 

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who participate in 4-H events and programs. Contact Kate McCloskey at the Spokane 4-H Extension Office at 222 N. Howard, Spokane, 509 477 2165. [kate.mccloskey@spokanecounty.org](mailto:kate.mccloskey@spokanecounty.org) at least two weeks prior to the event.

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## Washington Swine Information Day: February 7th

The Washington Swine Information Day will be held on February 7, 2025, from 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM at the Pillar Rock Grill (Moses Lake Golf & Country Club) in Moses Lake, Washington. Swine producers of all sizes; 4-H/FFA youth producers; agency representatives; agriculture educators; and fair/show representatives are invited to participate. The event has been organized and sponsored by Washington Pork Producers, National Pork Board Checkoff, and Washington State University Extension.

Washington Swine Information Day features an array of presentations that have been organized to meet the diverse and unique needs of Pacific Northwest swine producers. The theme for the day is “Managing for Healthy Productive Pigs to Produce High Quality Pork”.

Registration for the day’s event is \$25 per person and includes seminar, handouts, lunch and break refreshments. An all-day youth registration, \$15, is also available to 4-H and FFA members. Individuals may also attend just the afternoon session for \$10. There is a \$15 per person late charge for registrations postmarked after January 28, 2025. Please pre-register so we can ensure adequate accommodation and meals. A complete seminar agenda and registration brochure is available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/animalag/event/swine-information-day/> or by contacting Sarah M. Smith, WSU Extension Regional Specialist at [smithsm@wsu.edu](mailto:smithsm@wsu.edu) or (509) 754-2011, Ext 4363. To register with a credit card, go to [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com) and enter event number 6516311. Additional funding for this event was made available by Pork Checkoff funding.

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