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Expectations for 4-H Families Interested in Participating in the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction

For new and experienced 4-H families alike

The 4-H Youth Development Program is focused on Positive Youth Development with a wide variety of educational opportunities available from October through September each year. 4-H youth members who are interested in the market livestock auction component of livestock projects will need to meet all the expectations described in the attached 4-H Market Livestock Expectation Form to exhibit a 4-H market livestock project at the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction (GHYLA).

Since the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction (GHYLA) is a unique and separate organization supporting 4-H and FFA youth members with livestock projects, participants will also need to follow the rules and expectations of the GHYLA in addition to 4-H rules and expectations. As a part of this educational environment, 4-H families, youth members, adult volunteers and Extension staff need to work together to keep the experience a fun and positive one for all participants. Included below are some ways that you can help.

- **Review and complete the “4-H Market Livestock Expectation Form”**
Once you’ve reviewed the expectations outlined in the form, you’ll include the name of your 4-H Club and 4-H Volunteer Leader, your name and the signature of the adult/parent/guardian who agrees to uphold these expectations and support your 4-H member learning this year.
- **Know what is going on, as far in advance as possible to meet the important dates and deadlines**
It is your responsibility to know relevant information in advance. In addition to 4-H news and calendar resources available online and via email communications, feel free to ask questions of 4-H leaders, other 4-H families, 4-H superintendents, and Extension staff ... sometimes this means asking someone who to ask.
- **Explore the record-keeping resources available and decide which resource works best for your educational experience.** Options are available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links> and the WSU Extension office.
- **Understand the purpose of events in the 4-H Youth Development Program**
The events that take place during the year provide opportunities for each exhibitor to showcase their project and to receive recognition for the efforts of working all year with their club and their project. This is also an opportunity to educate the public about the positive value of 4-H that focuses on developing competent, confident, and caring youth.

Thank you for all that your family does to support Positive Youth Development in our community!

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