



Skamania County Fair Board

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On July 8, 2020 the Skamania County Fair Board held their regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the next steps in our fair. We have been working on the 2020 Fair since the 2019 ended and have been very excited for the new additions we have planned. We have secured a new carnival, booked some great musical acts, improved the barns and grown our tremendous group of volunteers. It really is an amazing Fair family that makes this all happen.

Unfortunately, the Board has had to make a very tough decision that we certainly did not take lightly. With the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases and the ever-changing orders from the Governor's office and the Washington state Department of health we see no options left. So, at this time the 2020 Skamania County Fair will be cancelled. We understand how important the Fair is to our entire Community and I can tell you it is even more important to those who organize it. We must keep everyone's health at the forefront of our actions.

I think it is important for everyone to understand why we have waited so long to make this decision. Skamania County had 3 cases, 0 deaths and all cases recovered for over 2 months. We are and have been in Phase 3 for 4 over weeks now. Last week the department of health along with the Governor decided the Counties who were eligible to request phase 4 would not be allowed to do so for at least a couple of weeks. Since then Skamania County has had 17 new positive cases. We held on not to put people in danger or be stubborn, but we were certainly on the right track to have a safe and mostly normal fair. That has all changed in a very short time. We are working on logistics to hold a virtual animal auction as well as a few more ideas we will be working on. We will do everything we can to ensure those market animals are sold however the process will certainly be different. Please watch the Skamania County Fair information page for updates. Thank you everyone for your support and understanding in these extremely uncertain times.

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