

## Descriptions, Activities, Scholarships, and Grants

The Whatcom County Youth Fair is a two-day learning fair. It is not necessary to belong to any club or organization, or to own an animal, but it is advisable to bring your own. Listed below are brief descriptions of each division. The division superintendents will contact you after your entry is received to inform you of what, if anything, to bring to the fair.

**Beef:** You will attend a clipping clinic, a Fit & Show clinic, followed by hands on practice. After clinics & practice, you will show your animal in the ring. Animals must be at least three months of age, no horns, and clean but preferably not clipped. **A Grant is Available** from Whatcom County Cattleman for the purchase of a Beef animal. For more info, See Scholarships and Grants section.

**Calligraphy:** Learn the Art of Calligraphy. For ages 12 and up.

**Cats:** After getting to know each other, we will be decorating cages. Following this you will learn how to prepare your cat for show, then practice fitting & showing. Other activities include; a poster making, cat safety, and first aid. Cat exhibitors must present proof of vaccinations from a licensed veterinarian for: Panleukopenia, feline rhinotracheitis, calici viruses, a combination shot, and feline leukemia.

**Cavies:** You will learn about different breed characteristics, care, housing needs, health care as well as a Type and Fit & Show class.

**Chess:** You will enhance, strengthen, and learn about the Game of Kings. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners just getting started, to advanced. Learn exciting new chess strategies and test your skills with a mini chess tournament. FUN!

**Country Crafts/Horticulture:** If you enjoy exploring new craft projects and want to learn about seeds, plants, gardens, and do crafts with a country motif, come join this division.

**Creative Writing:** Attendees will be instructed on the nuts and bolts of writing, from facing that first blank page to seeing a completed work. Among the topics we will explore are: Novels, character development, scene set up, poetry, prose, short stories, and more!

**Dairy:** For novice to advanced dairy show-person, the division has classes on clipping, showing and judging. There will also be other fun and educational classes as well as Fit & Show and Type classes.

**Dogs: Crates are required, no pens will be provided.** This will be a busy two days of obedience and sociability training along with several dog demonstrations and a talk by a local veterinarian. All dogs must be at least six months old, have a rabies certificate dated within 36 months, and be current on all vaccinations to include Parvo and kennel cough. Please bring proof with each dog.

**Entrepreneurship:** Would you like to start your own business? Here is a chance to learn about the whole process: marketing, bookkeeping, etc. You will have an area to set up a booth to sell your product or service. **Home baked goods must be individually wrapped. Hot foods must be cooked in a certified kitchen and have a food handler permit.**

**Goats:** In the goat division, (pygmy, dairy, other) you will learn about proper care, grooming and hoof trimming. There will also be a Fit & Show clinic and contest. All goats (wethers exempt) will be required to have scrapies ID (ear tag or tattoo) with flock number.

**Horse:** Two busy days of Horse related activities. You will learn tack care, judging, practice groom squad, basic vet care, and Fitting and Showing at halter class. Please **do not** bring your own horse. For the safety of the exhibitors, quiet horses are provided for the youth. No riding.

**Knitting:** Here's your opportunity to learn the basics of knitting. Create a variety of fabrics using different yarns and needles. You will learn to do the knit & purl stitch, cast on, bind off, more advanced techniques for advanced knitters and go home with at least one small useful project and sample swatches. Equipment will be provided. For ages 8 and up.

**Lawn Mower Pull:** Bring a riding lawnmower if possible and learn the ins and outs of tractor sled pulling, rules & regulations, how to keep your mower running and how to have fun competing with your mower. Learn basic troubleshooting and machine maintenance.

**Leadership Skills:** Sharing the community of Youth Fair. This workshop has you build your own meeting skills resource book to help you throughout life. It will entail learning speaking, listening, and meeting skills, while learning skills for life; you will develop an action plan to make an improvement where you live today. Age requirement of 13-18 years old.

**Photography:** Introduction to camera basics. We will have Guest speakers who work in the photography field, a photo scavenger hunt & photo judging. You will have fun learning how to take better pictures and express your creativity. A digital camera will be needed. Age 10+

**Posters & Charts:** All entrants to the Youth Fair are encouraged to enter posters in the Poster Division. The posters will be displayed throughout the barns and serve as educational material for WCYF visitors. All posters will be judged and receive constructive comments. See the general rules for poster and display requirements to enter posters at the NWWF.

**Poultry:** Basic instruction on healthcare, identification, and raising of quality poultry will be covered. Learn how to select and order poultry along with equipment and nutrition needs. You will attend a Fit & Show clinic; get hands on experience, then wrap up day two with a Type and Fit & Show class.

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**Rabbits:** We will learn about rabbits through workshops, contests, crafts and games. Participants will be preparing for fairs and have more knowledge about rabbit care. There will also be a costume, Fit & Show, and jumping center. Bring your own solid bottom cage.

**Rodeo:** Introduction to Jr. Rodeo and its events. Also learn to throw a rope, and the basics of riding a bucking barrel. There will also be demonstrations of horse events, pole bending, barrel racing, and other fun competitive activities.

**Round Robin, Large Animal:** The Round Robin clinic is designed for the experienced showman. Friday you will fine tune your showmanship in the Horse, Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine & Goat Divisions. That afternoon you will compete in a Round Robin Showmanship Contest. Saturday you will finish the fair with a division of your choice. Please mark the division of Choice for Sat on entry form too.

**Sewing:** In the sewing division, we will work on both hand and machine sewing skills, as well as building a working knowledge about tools, equipment, pattern use and fabrics. Through hands on activities, students will create projects for their sewing boxes and place setting activities intermingled with knowledge building games. Ages 8+ and must be readers.

**Sheep:** This is hands-on learning, instructing youth on feeding, training and showing. We will follow trends of the show industry. Our department is obligated to abide by federal regulations with regards to official identification (scrapie tags) of all sheep, except castrated males (wethers) and those going directly to process channels. For any questions regarding the federal program, please call (360)902-1878.

**Swine:** You will attend a Fit & Show and Type clinic, followed by hands on practice. You will also learn about different breeds and how to select a market animal. Please bring an animal if possible! We require erysipelas vaccinations for all swine.

**Teen Leaders/Teen Management:** Teen Managers serve as hosts and guides to exhibitors and parents and help manage between the office and the divisions. Teen Leaders will be working with "Supers" in a specific division as hands on instructor coaches, and organizers of that division. (Age Requirement of 13 years old for Teen Leaders. Teen Management must have served one year as a Teen Leader and be approved by Youth Fair Manager.)

**Woolcrafts:** Fleece from animal to project. Learn the techniques of carding, drop spindle, hand spinning with spinning wheels, and dyeing wool in the Woolcrafts division. Equipment will be provided. Ages 8 and up.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Silent Auction:** This auction is held during the Youth Fair. Funds from this auction go to the scholarship and grant funds, which are available to the youth to help with higher education, and into the general fund. See website for the forms to apply for these grants or scholarships which are due by April 1, 2019. If you, or your business would like to donate items, products, services or animals to be auctioned during either of these events, please contact the **Silent Auction Supers** Holly Linville ph, 360-223-0078 or Theresa Greenwood ph. 360-510-6068

**Livestock Judging Contest:** This is an official judging contest for our county! If you are a regular livestock judging contestant or are new to the experience, you are welcome! We will be judging beef, sheep, swine and goats (if available) Saturday morning. Meet at 8:00AM in the Light Horse barn arena.

**Awards Ceremony:** All exhibitors and adults should plan on attending the awards ceremony Saturday afternoon. Many awards will be given, including the Rich Waldemar and Bob Veenstra Inspirational Awards, Best Division Award, top youth awards and recognition of the many volunteers who make the youth fair work.

**Hanging Basket Sale:** Help support the Youth Fair by buying a beautiful hanging basket from VanWingerden Greenhouses. See order information on entry form. Baskets should be picked up by 1:00 PM Saturday. For Group orders contact Suzie Reynolds ph 360-384-5947

## **SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS:**

**Jay Paul Scholarship:** The Jay Paul scholarship is open to Whatcom County High School Seniors or college students for studies in an agriculture related field. This can be a tech school, community college, or a 4 year program. Applicants must have been a Youth Fair participant, a Teen Leader or a Teen Super.

**Mark Stap Scholarship:** The Mark Stap scholarship is open to all High School seniors going to college. They must have been a participant in the Youth Fair for 5 years or more, with at least one of those years as a Teen Leader or Superintendent. Applicants do **not** have to be a Whatcom County resident.

**Mark Stap Animal Grant:** This is a grant to help a youth fair participant to purchase a project animal to raise for a project.

**Non-Animal Project Grant:** This is a grant to help a youth fair participant to purchase a non-animal item to support a project i.e.....spinning wheel, camera, loom, and sewing machine.

**Whatcom County Cattleman Grant:** A Grant is Available from the Whatcom County Cattleman for the purchase of a Beef animal. Applications are available online at [Whatcomcountyyouthfair.org](http://Whatcomcountyyouthfair.org) Contact Amanda Stidham at 360-988-1891 for Paper Application.