

Spring Youth Fair Horse Department

May 1, 2 & 3 2026

Southwest Washington Fairgrounds

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Eligibility: All youth up to 19 years of age as of January 1, 2026

Entry: All entries must be received by April 10, 2026. However, late entries will be accepted if space allows.
(Entries not accepted at S.W.W. Fair Office, please contact Horse Superintendent)

**Entry fee is \$50.00 (\$10.00 will be returned on Sunday at 5:00pm when stall is cleaned)
All stall fees must be included with the entry form – even if sharing a horse.**

Enter online at www.showman.app/shows

You do not have to belong to any organization to enter the Spring Youth Fair.

1. This is a learning experience and safety is our priority. We want you to have fun and learn, so you are encouraged to enter all classes.
2. The Skill Levels are: Leadline, Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Novice, and Advanced. Please see skill level sheet.
3. Each child may stall only one horse at the fair. Horses must be stalled. **NO STALLIONS ALLOWED.**
4. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHEN HANDLING OR RIDING HORSES!**
5. **Appropriate boots** must be worn at all times while riding or handling a horse.
6. **Required Attire:** Long pants, long sleeve shirts, and boots with heels. **T-Shirts will be provided and must be worn with long sleeves underneath on Sunday.**
7. Only horses and riders participating in the clinic on Saturday will be permitted to show on Sunday.
8. **Equipment:** Halter, Saddle, Bridle (appropriate for classes entered), water and feed, buckets, main/tail comb, body brush, wheelbarrow and stall cleaning tools.
9. If unable to attend, notify Jann Hayden before fair time. Refunds if before April 10, 2026, or if stalls are full. This is outdoor fair – **refunds will NOT be given due to weather conditions!**
10. Bedding will be furnished. The \$10.00 stall deposit will be refunded on Sunday after 5pm. Staff must check to ensure stall is left clean and stripped.
11. **Those that wish to be stable together need to note on entries. Early entries will be given first consideration.**
12. Horses must pass a vet inspection on Friday to be eligible to participate. On Friday, horses must remain stalled until they are cleared by the veterinarian.
13. A responsible adult must always be available during the show and clinic. Adults may help with caring for horses as both horses and stalls must be kept clean during the fair.
14. Exhibitors are responsible for providing feed and water for horses. **NO HAY NETS IN STALLS WHEN NOT ATTENDED. (Hay bags OK)**
15. **HALTER AND LEAD ROPE MUST BE IN PLAIN SIGHT AT ALL TIMES FOR EMERGENCIES.**
16. Horses may be exercised in the warmup arena. No lunging during showmanship. **NO DOUBLE RIDING ANYTIME!**
17. Educational posters are encouraged – standard poster size.
18. No Dogs Allowed, per fairground rules.

**Please volunteer if you can, your help is appreciated!
Please contact Jann Hayden**

Per Spring Youth Fair Leadership on Friday after your horse has been vet checked; it becomes an exhibit of the Fair and needs to remain on the Fairgrounds until haul-out on Sunday at 5:00pm.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

******Show times are subject to change******

FRIDAY:	3:00 to 6:30pm	Check In, including Vet Check (approx. 6pm). All Horses must be on grounds by 6:30pm. Call 360-269-0286 if you are running late!
SATURDAY:	8:00 am	Orientation
	9:00 am	Clinic begins – written comment sheets provided.
		Showmanship - Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Novice, Advance (Western or English)
	Lunch	Time to be announced
	11:30 am	Riding Classes not to start before 11:30 am Western -Leadline, Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Novice, Advance
	TBD	Break for tack changes
		English - Leadline, Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Novice, Advance
SUNDAY:	9:00 am	Performance Showing begins – must wear provided T-shirt.
		Showmanship - Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Novice, Advance (Western or English)
	Lunch	Time to be announced
	11:30 am	Riding Classes not to start before 11:30 am Western -Leadline, Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Novice, Advance
	TBD	Break for tack changes
		English - Leadline, Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Novice, Advance Showmanship (Western or English)
	Afternoon	Prize Drawing – Every exhibitor gets a prize from the prize room with their number!
	5:00 pm	Horses dismissed – Stall deposit returned after stall is checked.

HORSE DEPARTMENT

Skill Level Definitions

LEADLINE: (under saddle only)

Must be accompanied with attached lead by an experienced handler.

Is for those uneasy handling a horse by themselves. Riding will be walk only with handler. Child must be able to sit *independently* in saddle, have somewhat control of horse and have stirrups that fit. No showmanship class - please see Pre-Beginner.

PRE-BEGINNER:

May have an assistant in Showmanship class without attached lead (no quartering required). (Assistant may be in arena on Saturday to help but **NOT** on Sunday)

Is for those riders comfortable riding a horse without assistance at the walk. This will be a walk only class. (Assistant may help on Saturday but **NOT** on Sunday)

Cannot have won a Champion or Reserve in this class (needs to move up).

BEGINNER:

Exhibitor has some experience handling horses. Needs beginning riding and handling skills. Riding will include **walk and jog/trot only**. Cannot have won a Champion or Reserve in this class (needs to move up).

NOVICE:

Exhibitor has had more experience handling horses. Riding classes will include **walk, jog/trot and lope/canter**. Rider is still learning the leads and diagonals of a horse. Cannot have won a Champion or Reserve in this class (needs to move up).

ADVANCED:

More experienced riders should know leads and diagonals of the horse. Maybe asked to perform a pattern in riding classes. Cannot have won a Champion or Reserve in this class.

The Judge or Management has the right to move any exhibitor to a higher or lower skill level.

Champion and Reserve winners will not be eligible to compete in the class they have won from previous years. Winners may ride with their number upside down for comments only in any class.