

I am excited to share information with you about the launch of the virtual fair. We are all disappointed that we were unable to hold the event live this year, but I believe we have put together an event that will give the kids a wide range of activities to participate in and have some fun.

Never having undertaken an event in this format will of course lead to some confusion, false starts and bumbling. Please be patient, remember that almost everything is fixable and as we get further along in the process things will smooth out. When confused or frustrated first go back to the resources on the King County 4H website and the King County Horse program website. If that does not work then contact Nancy or Kevin at the extension office. Unfortunately the leaders and fair superintendents are going to have limited access to fixing software and log in issues.

On to the good stuff.

- The exhibitors guide is posted on the King County 4H website under the events and fair tab. This is the link to access the detailed description on how to get started. <https://extension.wsu.edu/king/4-h/fairs-and-events/> **click here**
- Faireentry.com is linked to your 4H on-line information. Same user name and password. If you have forgotten your password go through the steps for resetting it on 4H on-line. If you are still having problems contact Nancy Baskett at the extension office.
- Below this link are the links for the different projects. In this link will be all of the class descriptions. <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2058/2020/08/Horse-King-revised-Denise-1.pdf>
- The link below the Horse entry is a link to the showmanship patterns.
- Showmanship, equitation classes, in-hand and mounted trail, driving reinsmanship class will be Danish placed only. Comments/feedback will be provided.
- Herdsmanship, tacking up, costume class, show and tell, horse related arts and crafts and record books will not be placed or given a Danish. Comments/feedback will be given by the judges. Premium points will also be awarded for each entry.
- In the description of each class there is a clear outline of the purpose of the class and the expectations of what is to be shown. It is also clear if a video, picture and/or word document/PDF is to be submitted for judging of that class.
- Record book Class - This class is designed to give the kids a chance to have their record books reviewed and given back with suggestions on how to improve so that they can be submitted at the end of the year for the final record book judging that is placed. This is a great way to really help kids understand why record books are so important.

- Each class is designed so a member can perform the tasks in an arena, pasture, driveway, or front yard. If your riding area is limited be creative, you will not lose points except for unsafe practices.
- Videos - In order to submit a video, it must have a URL associated with it. A url can be created if the video is uploaded into youtube . If you are having trouble uploading to youtube or creating a url please contact Kevin Wright at the office for help. If all else fails, we will arrange to have the video submitted directly to the judge.

I believe that this sums up the most important information. Please encourage your kids to participate in as many classes as possible. It will be a great way to have them reengage with the project and their club. Everyone has lost so much this past six months and a lot of the kids are feeling isolated and disengaged from 4H. Having fun with some of these classes and giving them goals to work on will hopefully help fill some of that void.

When everything is wrapped up for the virtual fair the extension office will be putting together a video to share of the video and pictures that were submitted for the event. It will be a fun way to pull all the work together and have it shared with all of the families.

Please at any time you need help trying to navigate the virtual showcase and are feeling frustrated and unable to get help contact me. I may not have the answer, but I sure has heck can shake the tree and get one for you.

Happy Summer. Looking forward to seeing everyone's videos.