

Tuesday Newsletter



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Washington Swine Information Day - February 9, 2018

Submitted by: Sarah Smith

The Washington Swine Information Day will be held on February 9, 2018 from 9:00 AM until 5:15 PM at the Pillar Rock Grill (Moses Lake Golf & Country Club) in Moses Lake, Washington. Swine producers of all sizes; 4-H/FFA youth producers; agency representatives; agriculture educators; and fair/show representatives are invited to participate. The event has been organized and sponsored by Washington Pork Producers, National Pork Board Checkoff, and Washington State University Extension.

Washington Swine Information Day features an array of presentations that have been organized to meet the diverse and unique needs of Pacific Northwest Swine Producers. This year's program will feature a one-day shortened version of the WSU Pork 300 short-course. WSU PORK 300 is an intense three-day, hands-on workshop held on the WSU Campus. The class has been recognized by industry leaders and producers as a highly educational program for producers and industry stakeholders of all sizes and market types. The condensed PORK 200 program offered during Swine Information Day on February 9th will focus on live animal evaluation, carcass estimation, economics of pork pricing, pork taste/flavor, pork quality and retail cuts. The program will focus on teaching individuals how to produce and market quality pigs and pork products. Dr. Steve Larsen, Assistant Vice President of Science and Technology of the National Pork Board, will discuss the proposed voluntary pork grading system and consumer demands concerning pork quality and pork cuts.

In addition to the WSU PORK 200 activities, the afternoon session will also include other important resource information for both adult and youth swine producers. Dr. Paul Kuber will discuss the new national quality assurance program, "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals", and how youth may participate in this new program. Youth participating in Washington Swine Information Day will receive a free \$12 coupon to certify in the on-line YQCA class. YQCA will be replacing the Youth Pork Quality Assurance program. The day will also feature an update of resources available from the National Pork Board; compliance with the sow traceability and sow tags; as well as feral swine issues in Washington and handling conflicts with wildlife on your farm.

Registration for the day's event is \$25 per person and includes seminar, handouts, lunch and break refreshments. An all-day youth registration, \$20, is also available to 4-H and FFA members. Individuals may also attend just the afternoon session for \$10. There is a \$15 per person late charge for registrations postmarked after January 31, 2018. Please pre-register so we can ensure adequate accommodations and meals. A complete seminar agenda and registration brochure is available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/animalag/event/washington-state-swine-information-day/> or by contacting Sarah M. Smith, WSU Extension Regional Specialist at smithsm@wsu.edu or (509)754-2011, Ext 4363. To register with a credit card, go to <https://www.BrownPaperTickets.com> and enter event number 3220888 (<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3220888>). Additional funding for this event was made available by Pork Checkoff funding.

JOANNhearts4H Paper Clover Promotion

Submitted by: 4-H Foundation

We are pleased to announce the Paper Clover campaign is coming to JOANN stores!

During the month of February, millions of JOANN customers, 4-H members and supporters will have a chance to share their hearts and show their love by equipping local Clubs with resources to reach more kids in need.

Here's how:

1. Support the 4-H Paper Clover Campaign by visiting your local store between February 1 and 28, 2018. Donate \$1 or \$4 at purchase, and you'll receive a clover featuring a special Valentine's Day craft from FamilyFun. With each \$4 donation, you'll get \$4 off your next purchase.
2. Join hundreds of 4-H youth February 3, 2018, from 11am-2pm to make and deliver custom Valentine's Day cards to local children's hospitals, senior citizen centers, and others in the community. Visit your local JOANN store to participate.

Current & lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases at JOANN Fabrics every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to 4-H. Visit <http://www.joann.com/4-h/> to get started.

Help Make Western National Roundup Even Better!

Submitted by: Western National Roundup

Now is your chance to help us make this event even better. Please take a few minutes to fill out this quick evaluation of the event. Stay up on the happenings for Roundup 2019 on the Roundup Facebook page by clicking the Facebook link below. Have a great 2018!

Survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/O3ltStj4VsStp6y23>

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