

2017 Washington State Sheep Shearing School Information

School Dates:

The 2017 WSSP Sheep Shearing School is scheduled for April 3rd-8th, in Central Washington. Experienced sheep shearers interested in tuning up their skills can participate in the Advanced Tune-Up School scheduled for April 8th. The Basic Learning School will begin on April 3rd and continue until April 7th. Beginning shearers may attend the advanced school on the 8th. The Washington State Sheep Shearing School is sponsored by Washington State University and Washington State Sheep Producers, with assistance from the Columbia Basin Sheep Producers, Washington Wool Growers Auxiliary, and American Sheep Producers.

School Location:

The school will be held at the Washington State Sheep Producers Educational Center in Moses Lake, WA. This is yet another very efficient educational program in this area.

School Participants:

Participants must be 18 years old from anywhere. Topics include: shearing sheep, proper shearing equipment, wool handling and packaging of wool for optimum market value and marketing. Topics about sheep and wool production.

School Enrollment:

Enrollment is limited to the first 16 people who register and pay the fees of \$200 for WSSP (Washington State Sheep Producers) members or \$250 for non-members. The Advanced Tune-Up is \$50. To enroll, send a check (payable to WSSP) and completed application to WSU Grant/Adams Extension, 1525 E Wheeler Rd., Moses Lake, WA 98837. www.grant-adams.wsu.edu.

School Scholarships:

Scholarships are available to help defray part of the cost. Applications are available on the web page. Scholarships will be granted to applicants who plan to shear commercially in the state of Washington.



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