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**SPRING FAIR**  

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**APRIL 10-12 & 17-19**

**WASHINGTON STATE SPRING FAIR MEDIA KIT**

Media friends-

Spring into Puyallup! Washington's biggest celebration of Spring returns in April. Enclosed are the highlights of all the things to experience as we say goodbye to winter and welcome guests to our party to kick off the season.

**Washington State Spring Fair Dates**

April 10-12 & 17-19, 2026

<b>Days:</b>	<b>Hours:</b>
Fri.	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sat.	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sun.	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

\*Buildings and barns will close one hour prior to event closing.

**Location**

Washington State Fair Event Center  
110 9th Avenue SW  
Puyallup, WA 98371

**Gates open during Spring Fair**

- Blue Gate (Meridian Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW)
- Gold Gate (corner of Meridian and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW)
- Red Gate (9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW near 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW)
- Green Gate (Fairview Drive)

**Website**

<https://www.thefair.com/spring-fair/>

## **Media Information**

### **Media Contact**

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### **Media Passes**

Please submit requests to Stacy, in advance for media gate access. All credentials will be distributed only through the Public Relations office.

### **Social Media Toolkit**

For logos, photos and other social assets please click [here](#).

## **Admission Prices**

### **Online**

Fridays:

- General (ages 13+): \$13
- Child (ages 6-12): \$11
- Kids 5 & Under: Always FREE

Weekends - Saturday & Sunday:

- General (ages 13+): \$15
- Child (ages 6-12): \$12
- Kids 5 & Under: Always FREE

### **On-site (April 10-12 & 17-19)**

Fridays:

- General (ages 13+): \$14
- Child (ages 6-12): \$12
- Kids 5 & Under: Always FREE

Weekends - Saturday & Sunday:

- General (ages 13+): \$17
- Child (ages 6-12): \$13
- Kids 5 & Under: Always FREE

## Parking

Friday, Saturday & Sunday \$15

\*Premium parking is available for \$30, and VIP for \$50, at [www.thefair.com](http://www.thefair.com).

\*Visit your local O'Reilly Auto Parts store for \$3 off general parking (excludes VIP & premium)

## Accessibility

Sensory Inclusive Venue: The Washington State Fair Event Center is a proud partner of KultureCity, making us a certified Sensory Inclusive facility. Our dedicated staff is thoroughly trained, and we provide tools to ensure that guests with sensory needs and challenges can fully enjoy our signature events. Made possible by MultiCare. Sensory Shed sponsored by Better Built Barns.

Universal Restrooms: Universal restrooms are located throughout the grounds for use by all genders, families and anyone else who seeks restrooms other than male/female.

Parking: Parking for guests with disabilities is provided in all official Fair parking lots, based on a first-come basis.

Motorsport Mayhem: ADA seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests can email [boxoffice@thefair.com](mailto:boxoffice@thefair.com) for assistance.

## Safe Guests Program

Guests may receive a free bracelet to add their information, in the event a member of their party gets lost while at our event. These bracelets can be picked up at every gate Guest Services booth, the fire station and Lost Guests.

Presented by Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, in partnership with Puyallup Police.

## Deals & Discounts

### **Ride & Admission Bundle: \$55**

One purchase. More fun. Big savings.

- Two Spring Fair Admission Tickets
- Six Rides *\*Rides Exclude Extreme Scream, Classic Coaster and Wild Cat*

That's **up to 30% savings** compared to buying separately — and one of the best values at the Spring Fair. The Ride & Admission Bundle is still the best deal for folks who want admission and just a few rides for one low price.

**Ride & Games (NEW THIS YEAR)** : We've simplified ride tickets! Each ride now takes 5–8 tickets per ride instead of 9–14.

We've streamlined how you ride:

✓ Fewer tickets per ride (now just 5-8 tickets each)

✓ Easier to keep track, still packed with value

✎ New ticket price: \$1.25

- **32 Tickets:** \$40
- **54 Tickets:** \$60
- **95 Tickets:** \$100

## **Fair Value Menu**

The Fair Value Menu is back at the Washington State Spring Fair, featuring **\$8 Deals and \$12 Meals** from participating vendors. New this year: this deal is available every day of the Fair!

Whether you're craving a classic favorite or looking to try something new, the Fair Value Menu makes it easier to enjoy more of what you love — without stretching your budget.

## **Special Attractions & Event Highlights**

### **Opening Day Food Drive – Friday, April 10**

Free gate admission from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for all ages, with a suggested non-perishable food donation to benefit the Puyallup Food Bank. Kids ages 5 and under are always free.

### **Military Appreciation Fridays – Fridays, April 10 & 17**

Free gate admission will be offered to active, retired and reserve military and their dependents, plus disabled veterans – with valid military ID.

Media partners: 570 AM KVI, HANK FM, NW Newsradio

### **BBQ Playoffs – April 10-12**

Don't miss your opportunity to taste award winning BBQ at the 8th Annual Washington State Spring Fair BBQ Competition. Up to 35 competitors will be cooking up their own variations of BBQ classics. And watch as the contestants vie for the blue ribbon and \$25,000 purse on Sunday.

Location: Next to Fair Park

Time: Sampling 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday

### **Fireworks Shows – Fridays, April 10 & 17**

Join us both Fridays, just after 7 p.m. in the Columbia Bank Grandstand at Spring Fair for free live entertainment! Enjoy motorsport action, a laser show and more. Don't miss our Fireworks Spectacular at approximately 8 p.m. to close out the fun!

## Motorsport Mayhem – April 11-12 & 18-19

It's Motorsport Mayhem BOTH weekends at The Spring Fair, presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts and White Claw. Tricked out monster trucks, smoke-filled drifts, smashing cars and boats collide for an action-packed event you won't want to miss!

Date	Time	Show
<b>Slamfest Demolition Derby</b>		
4/11/26	7 p.m.	Slamfest Demo Derby
4/12/26	7 p.m.	Slamfest Demo Derby & Boat Bash
<b>Crush Zone: Monster Trucks &amp; Drift Cars</b>		
4/18/26	7 p.m.	Monster Trucks & Drift Cars
4/19/26	7 p.m.	Monster Trucks & Drift Cars

Click [here](#) for specific event information, schedules and pricing.

Location: Columbia Bank Grandstand

### Monster Truck Pre-Party: Meet, Greet, Eat & Special Pit Access – April 18

Rev your engines and kick off Monster Truck in style! Join us for the ultimate Monster Truck Pre-Party, where fans of all ages can get up close and personal with the stars of the show before the engines roar.

#### Event Highlights:

- Mingle with Monster Truck drivers as they hang out, sign autographs and swap stories (not guaranteed for the whole duration of event)
- Guests will score a checkered flag or poster for autographs
- Snap photos at the selfie station and with drivers and larger-than-life monster truck backdrops
- Fuel up with a casual dinner by The Vault and Fisher Scones
- Jump into the fun with corn hole, ladder toss, giant Jenga and more
- Raffles & Giveaways will be happening throughout the evening, including a chance to win the best in-house ticket upgrade!

To top it all off, Pre-Party guests will enjoy early access to the Monster Truck Pit, (enter through Gate 12 for an exclusive head start on the action).

Cost: \$42 (does not include tickets to Monster Truck shows) click [here](#) to purchase.

Location: Gold Gate Event Venue inside Expo Hall

Time: 4:30 – 6 p.m.

### **New this Year! Cruise into Spring Car Show – April 17-19**

A brand-new car show rolls into Spring Fair featuring rides from the 1950s to today. From vintage chrome to modern muscle, explore decades of automotive style all in one showcase.

Location: Next to Fair Park  
Free with admission.

### **Pierce College Day at The Fair – April 17**

Celebrating College Appreciation Week in conjunction with the City of Puyallup. Pierce College students will showcase their talents.

Free with gate admission.  
Time: 12 – 6 p.m.  
Location: Showplace Stage

### **Fiesta Mexicana – Sunday, April 19**

Fiesta Mexicana celebrates Mexican culture and arts, with special entertainment and fun for the whole family. Enjoy the beautiful and elegant performances and musical entertainment.

Free with Fair admission.  
Location: Showplace Stage

Presented by Daiwa.  
Sponsored by Modelo.

### **Monster Truck Rides – Daily**

Experience the thrill of a lifetime with our Monster Truck Rides! Perfect for thrill-seekers of all ages, our Monster Truck Rides offer an unforgettable experience that will leave you breathless and craving more.

Location: Columbia Bank Grandstand, Enter through Gate 13  
Schedule: Fridays, 10 a.m. – 7 pm, Saturdays & Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cost: \$12/person  
Limited amount available [online](#), or available on-site until sold out.

Kids over 2-years-old must purchase a separate ticket and may not sit in a lap.

### **Returning! Goat Playground – Daily**

These cute kids debuted last year and are back by popular demand! Guests will be entertained at this fun-filled exhibit, featuring 20 goats of all shapes and sizes, frolicking about, on planks, tables, play structures and more! These playgrounds are fun ways to keep goats healthy, as they require lots of space to exercise, rest, explore and feed.

Location: Barn D

### **DockDogs – Daily**

Enjoy the spectacular abilities of these amazing dogs, challenging them to dash down a 40-foot canine runway and jump headlong into a large swimming pool filled with 27,000 gallons of water. The longest distance jump wins!

Free with admission.

Location: Near Red Gate

### **All-Alaskan Racing Pigs – Daily**

Don't miss the stars of Spring Fair as they race around the track to capture the treat waiting for them at the finish line.

Free with admission.

Location: Near the SillyVille sign

### **Outdoor Adventures – Daily**

Celebrate outdoor living in the Pacific Northwest! Our great state does a lot of things spectacularly well, but when it comes to the outdoors we might just be the very best.

Many local groups will participate to help you learn more about everything outdoor, from gardening and conservation to boating and hiking. Enjoy hands-on activities for young and old. Come find your summer outdoor adventure.

Free with admission.

Location: Centennial Tent (Near Blue Gate)

### **KidZone – Daily**

Kids of all ages will find lots happening at KidZone in the Pavilion. It's an entire building dedicated to kids! Fun features include:

- Creative Kids Exhibit: Washington kids have got some serious talent! Come check out the creative works of local kids aged 6-15 and enjoy a special crafting area where your little one will go home with a special keepsake

- Jr/Sr High School Art Show: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in what many consider to be the area's most prestigious show for the artistic community's younger generation
- Master Gardener's Activity Station (April 10-12): Kids can plant their own seed to take home while interacting with master gardeners that are eager to share their love of gardening
- LEGO Display & Activity Center: LEGO building and 4 different STEM-based LEGO activities
- Puzzlemania: Try out your skills at solving all kinds of puzzles
- Scouts BSA

Free with admission.

Location: Pavilion (Near Gold Gate)

### **Wheels on the Farm – Daily**

For true tractor lovers! Don't miss this educational area for all ages! See the antique tractors display. Kids can play in a shavings area with smaller toy versions of the large, adult-sized equipment. Pedal tractors will also be available to ride through a straw bale course.

Free with admission.

Location: Barn J

### **Animal Exhibits - Daily**

Northwest Junior Livestock Show, Cascade Pygmy Goat Association Show, Dexter Cattle Show, Miniature Horse Exhibit, Horse Extravaganza, Washington Junior Poultry Exposition and Southwest Washington Dairy Goat Association Show, Llama Packing Course, Goat Playground and a guest-favorite, Piglet Palace: These adorable piggies are a don't miss!

Free with Fair admission.

Various days and times.

Daily: Barns A, B, D, H, N, R

Location: Piglet Palace (Barn R)

### **Creative Kids Competition**

This pre-registered exhibit showcases the talents of children, 6-15 years old. Divisions include Art, Photography, Crafts & Hobbies, Creative Writing, Photography and new this year, baking!

And new this year, kids can test their culinary skills with the Baking & Confection Contest including quick bread, rice crispy treats, cupcake decorating and chocolate candy creation.

Free with Fair admission. Enter via our [website](#).

Daily: Pavilion (near Gold Gate)

### **Jr/Sr High Art Show**

The Washington State Spring Fair is pleased to offer young artists from the Northwest an opportunity to showcase their best work at the annual Junior/Senior High School Art Show. Students, grades 6-12 enrolled in a middle school, junior high, high school or homeschool equivalent, are invited to participate.

This pre-registered competition showcases the talents of Washington's Junior and Senior High art students. Stop by and see our State's talented youth's drawings, paintings, photography, computer art, ceramics and much more.

Student Awards: Within each division, there will be cash awards given to three senior high and three jr/middle school students whose art is the overall best in each division.

Cash Awards: 1st place = \$100 2nd place = \$50 3rd Place = \$25

Daily: The Pavilion (near Gold Gate)

### **Fair Farm**

Kids will love having fun on the farm in this area. They can get up close to a variety of animals, including sheep, goats, rabbits and more! And get a chance to pet a few too.

Free with Fair admission.

Daily: Fair Farm (Barn E)

### **The Farm at SillyVille**

The Farm at SillyVille is Washington's food and farming story: a free, exciting, hands-on exhibit at the Washington State Fair that connects kids and families to our state's agriculture industry, the farmers that produce the food we eat and the connection to healthy eating choices.

## Engaging Children in Agriculture Through Play:

From feeding chickens to harvesting vegetables, The Farm at SillyVille is a “farmer for a day” experience in a highly stylized environment that teaches young children farming concepts by igniting their imaginations in this 1.5-acre farm.

Families enter this enchanting farmland and move through a sequence of interactive experiences based on the National Agriculture Literacy Outcomes. At each station, children participate in hands-on activities which allow them to be a part of the farming process, collecting imitation nutritious food items from each station to return to the market at the end of the experience. Through this inventive and educational exhibit, they will gain an understanding of where their food comes from, who grows their food and how to make healthy food choices.

Days/Times: Daily, 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
In partnership with MultiCare.

## **Shop with a Purpose**

The Washington State Fair Event Center is proud to partner with the Pierce County Business Accelerator (PCBA), featuring businesses that shape our communities. Shop like it matters and feel more connected to local and regional businesses in supporting the Pierce County Business Accelerator program.

The Pierce County Business Accelerator serves entrepreneurs and business owners throughout Pierce County with a focus on BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), veteran and women-owned businesses to help foster innovation and create wealth-building opportunities.

Location: ShowPlex

In partnership with Pierce County Business Accelerator, Tacoma Pierce County Chamber and Pierce County Economic Development.

## **Shop ‘Til You Drop!**

Visit hundreds of booths throughout the event center. Click [here](#) to start planning.

And don’t miss the NW Artisan Market! Shop handmade one-of-a-kind items and watch as art is created! Live demonstrations every day including pottery throwing, painting, jewelry making and drawing. Talk with our local artists as they create beautiful works of art you can buy. You can also get tips on those crafts you would like to try yourself.

Primary Retail Location: Mattress Firm ShowPlex  
Sponsor: Mattress Firm

## New Spring Fair Food!

- The 1900 Food Hall & Rooftop Bar debuted at the 125<sup>th</sup> Washington State Fair last year, and features six elevated and curated restaurants:
  - Benji's Diner – Classic burgers, fries and shakes with a nostalgic 1950s twist
  - Big Mouth Sandos – Bold, rotating sandwich creations packed with premium ingredients
  - Upper Crust – Detroit-style pan pizzas with crispy edges and rich toppings
  - Fat Panda – Health-forward Asian fusion featuring steamed buns, rice bowls and more
  - The Pier – Pacific Northwest-inspired favorites like salmon & chips, chowder fries and Seattle dogs
  - DOH! Sweets & Treats – Whimsical desserts including carrot cake elephant ears and giant ice cream sandwiches
  - Rooftop Bar – Multi-level bar with sweeping views, perfect for relaxing and gathering with friends

These additional vendors also debuted at the 2025 Washington State Fair and will be new to Spring Fair:

- Sharky's Fish Shack – Serving up fish & chips, seafood baskets and coastal comfort classics
- Hawaii Fried Rice Co. – A taste of the islands with customizable fried rice dishes and island-style sides
- Tanghulu – A viral favorite from The Taste NW, offering sugar-coated fruit skewers, a beloved Chinese street snack

## What else?

There is something for everyone – from rides, to strolling entertainment to stage acts - comedy, music and much more! Click here for more information on all the things to do at Spring Fair:

<https://www.thefair.com/spring-fair/things-to-do/>