

Washington State Spring Fair Dates

April 11-14 & 18-21, 2024

Days:

Thurs.

Fri.

Sat.

Sun.

Hours:

2 – 10 p.m.

10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Location

Washington State Fair Events Center

110 9th Avenue SW

Puyallup, WA 98371

Gates open during Spring Fair

- Blue Gate (Meridian Street and 11th Avenue SW)
- Gold Gate (corner of Meridian and 9th Avenue SW)
- Red Gate (9th Avenue SW near 4th Street SW)
- Purple Gate (Fairview Drive between 9th & 15th Avenue SW)

Safe Guests Program

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

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

Office Phone

(253) 845-1771

Information Hotline

(253) 841-5045 (24-Hour Hotline)

Website

www.thefair.com/spring-fair

Admission Prices

EARLY BIRD PRICES - THROUGH APRIL 4

Available ONLINE ONLY

Tickets purchased online in advance can be used ANY DAY the Spring Fair is open. Plus, you get the lowest ticket price available!

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

REGULAR PRICES – ONLINE & AT THE GATE (APRIL 5-21), VISIT www.thefair.com/spring-fair

Parking

Thursday Free

Friday, Saturday & Sunday \$15

*Premium parking is available for \$25 or \$30 on weekends, and VIP for \$40, only by reservation online at www.thefair.com.

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

Deals & Discounts

NEW THIS YEAR! Experience Packages (available online only)

ULTIMATE SPRING FAIR EXPERIENCE PACKAGE

Price: \$159 (\$222 Value/28% Savings)

Includes:

- 4 Any-Day Admission Tickets
- \$60 in Food & Drink Bucks (redeemable at any food location or bar)
- 8 Ride and Game Pass
- 4 Fair Scones
- 4 Admission Tickets to Expedition: Dinosaur

FOOD & FUN EXPERIENCE PACKAGE

Price: \$99 (\$120 Value/17% Savings)

Includes:

- 2 Any-Day Admission Tickets
- \$30 in Food & Drink Bucks (redeemable at any food location or bar)
- 8 Ride and Game Pass
- 2 Fair Scones

Visit our site for more details on early bird online deals, discount gate tickets at South Hill Mall, discount parking at O'Reilly Auto Parts, experience packages and more savings.

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

Admission and parking sponsors: South Hill Mall, O'Reilly Auto Parts

MEDIA INFORMATION

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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 - <https://www.thefair.com/media/>

NEW SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR!

Motorsport Mayhem – SIX DAYS! April 12-14 & 19-21

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!

We've double the days and the thrills with the following shows:

Date	Time	Show
Monster Truck Insanity Fest		
4/12/24	7:30pm	Asphalt Anarchy (Drift Cars + Pro Lawn Mower Racing)
4/13/24	7:30pm	Monster Truck Insanity Tour Round 1: Speed & Skill Showdown
4/14/24	4:00pm	Monster Truck Insanity Tour Finale: Day of Destruction
Slamfest Demolition Derby		
4/19/24	7:30pm	Slamfest Day 1: Fight to the Finish
4/20/24	7:30pm	Slamfest Day 2: Night of Destruction
4/21/24	4:00pm	Slamfest Finals + Boat Bash

Don't know which show to choose? Get unlimited access all weekend to Monster Truck Insanity Fest or Slamfest Demolition Derby. Save up to 13% with our Ultimate Fan Package and don't miss this chance to elevate your Motorsport Mayhem experience. The Ultimate Fan Package includes 3 shows per weekend plus, a commemorative seat cushion.

Visit link for specific event information, schedules and pricing:

<https://www.thefair.com/motorsport-mayhem/>

Location: Grandstand

Revved-Up Rally – Saturday, April 13, 5 p.m.

The fun begins at our Revved-Up Rally where you can meet your favorite Monster Truck drivers and crews, get autographs, take pictures and have dinner! This fun-filled VIP experience is the only place to meet the drivers up close and get an insider's look at all the action! Includes hot dog/nacho bar dinner and checkered flag for autographs.

*Driver/crew participation is based on availability. Drivers will not be available for the entirety of the event.

Tickets:

- \$24.00 Adult (ages 13+)
- \$14.00 Child (ages 6-12)
- \$7.00 Pre School (ages 5-3)
- Kids 2 & under are free

(Limited quantity available).

Includes:

- A checkered flag for autographs
- Hot dog/nacho buffet

Location: VIP Tent (near Gold Gate)

Expedition: Dinosaur

Discover a world 75 million years in the making! Featuring large animatronic dinosaurs and interactive displays. This all-new exhibition celebrates and explores the fascinating world of dinosaurs and the hunt for their fossils in the early 20th Century. The exhibit features large scale animatronic dinosaurs and interactive cases and displays. Fun fact: Renowned paleontologist, Thomas Williamson was used to consult and inform the exhibit.

Cost: Does not include gate admission

- Individual Tickets: \$8 - ages 3 and over
- Family 4-Pack: \$26 - a \$32 value!

Location: Centennial Tent, near Blue Gate

Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show – April 11-14

The Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show is an action-packed show, filled with competition and plenty of laughter for the whole family to enjoy.

Location: Contest Arena (south end of the fairgrounds)

Schedule:

Thursday, 4/11 – 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 4/12 – 12, 3, 6 p.m.

Sat/Sun 4/13-4/14 – 12, 2, 4, 6 p.m.

Garden to Glass: Herbal Happy Hour – April 20, 3 p.m.

Step up your home-garden entertainment game with Robin Haglund of Garden Mentors garden-to-glass insights! In this hands-on presentation drafted from her Herbal Happy Hour Garden on line program, Robin demonstrates how to craft unique and delicious libations harvested from beautiful garden-grown plants she'll discuss. Get ready to shake things up with step-by-step details for crafting grow-your-own cocktails, mocktails & more. You will make and take your own small planter of an edible pansy and an herb of your choice – provided by local Puyallup Farmers' Market vendor Roots Rock Plants, get to sample one of the cocktails/mocktails, and snack on a charcuterie box! Admission ticket will provide you entry to the Spring Fair! 21 + event.

Cost: \$85/person

Includes:

- Admission to the Spring Fair
- One planter with two plants
- A complimentary glass of a cocktail/mocktail
- Boxed charcuterie from The Vault
- Presentation and demonstration using plants/herbs for creating cocktails & mocktails

Location: VIP Tent (near Gold Gate)

Shop with a Purpose

The Fair is proud to partner with the Puget Sound 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

NEW SPRING FAIR FOOD!

We're excited to welcome some of our newer Taste NW and Washington State Fair food vendors to The Spring Fair for the first time:

- Bean Hut Espresso
 - Not new to our events, but making its coffee and caffeine debut at Spring Fair
- Rod's Texas Smokehouse
 - Delicious barbeque eats
- The Circus
 - Unique carnival food, including cotton candy burritos (with ice cream inside), deep fried cheeseburgers and more
- Churreria
 - Another guest favorite that debut at The Taste NW, comes to Spring Fair with arguably the best churros around
- Starvin' Marvin
 - The cutest food truck around, started at our other events, and now brings its gourmet hot dogs and homemade sides to the Spring Fair

RETURNING SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS & HIGHLIGHTS

Opening Day at the Fair Food Drive – Thursday, April 11

Free gate admission from 2-4 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. Kids ages 6-18 free all operating hours opening day.

Kids Free Thursdays – Thursdays, April 11 & 18

Kids ages 6-18 get in free both Thursdays. Kids ages 5 and under are always free.

Military Appreciation Day – Friday, April 12

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

Fireworks Shows – Saturdays (April 13 & 20)

Join us at the Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday nights at approximately 9 p.m.

Monster Truck Rides

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.

Schedule: Daily, <https://www.thefair.com/activities/monster-truck-rides/>

Cost: \$10/person

Kids over 5 years of age must purchase a separate ticket and may not sit in a lap.

Location: The Arena (south end of the fairgrounds)

BBQ Playoffs – April 20-21

Don't miss your opportunity to taste award winning BBQ at the 6th Annual Washington State Spring Fair BBQ Competition. Up to 35 competitors will be cooking up their own variations on BBQ classics. And watch as the contestants vie for the blue ribbon and \$25,000 purse on Sunday.

Various times: South End, near The Arena

Tasting available 11am-6pm Sat/Sun

Limited samples starting at 3pm on Friday while supplies last

Sponsored by Albert Lee Appliance.

Fiesta Mexicana – Sunday, April 21

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 Astral Tequila and Modelo.

DockDogs Competition

DockDogs features dogs competing in events such as Big Air Wave and Speed Retrieve by running down a 40-foot canine runway and jumping headlong into a 27,000-gallon pool of water.

Free with Fair admission.

Daily: Red Gate area

Racing Pigs

You may not think of little porkers when sports are the conversation, but these fuzzy little racers will make you reconsider the meaning of “professional athlete” and when you are a cute little pig, well, you can do just about anything you want. It’s just pure fun!

Free with Fair admission.

Daily: Fountain Plaza

Racing by All Alaskan and Swiftly Swine Racing Pigs.

Creative Kids Exhibit

This pre-registered exhibit showcases the talents of children, 6-15 years old. Divisions include: Art, Crafts & Hobbies, Baking, Creative Writing, Photography and more!

New this year, a Peeps Contest! Kids can show off their creativity by using arguably one of the season’s most recognizable treats, by building a diorama.

Free with Fair admission. Enter via our website: <https://www.thefair.com/get-involved/competitive-exhibits/>

Daily: Pavilion

Jr/Sr High Art Show

The Washington State Fair 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.

(New this year) 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\$100.00 2nd place.....\$50.00 3rd Place\$25.00

Free with Fair admission

Daily: The Pavilion

Shop 'Til You Drop!

Visit hundreds of booths throughout the fairgrounds:
<https://www.thefair.com/activities/spring-fair-shopping/>

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

Outdoor Adventures

Engage in learning opportunities including:

- Brad's World of Reptiles
- Skookum Archers presents "Try Archery." Everyone is invited to try archery regardless of ability. If you've never shot a bow and would like to, this is your chance
- Scouts BB Gun range (select dates/times)

- Variety of booths focused on the outdoors: National Wildlife Federation, Pierce Conservation District, WA State Dept of Fish & Wildlife, WA State Society of American Foresters, Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls, etc.

Free with Fair admission.

Daily: Expo Hall

Wheels on the Farm

Don't miss this new educational area for all ages! See antique tractors on display. Along with some of the newest machines from John Deere. Kids can play in a pea gravel area with smaller toy versions of the large adult-sized equipment. Pedal tractors will also be available to ride!

Free with Fair admission.

Location: Barn J

Schedule: Open all Spring Fair operating hours

Sponsored by Papé Machinery.

Animal Exhibits

Northwest Junior Livestock Show, Cascade Pygmy Goat Association Show, Dexter Cattle Show, Miniature Horse Exhibit, Rainier Rabbits ARBA Show, Horse Extravaganza, Cattle Exhibit, Washington Junior Poultry Exposition and Southwest Washington Dairy Goat Association Show.

Free with Fair admission.

Various days and times.

Daily: Barns M, N

Piglet Palace

We're squealing with delight to welcome back this guest favorite to the Spring Fair! Come see the cutest piglets on display. Note: There will not be any on-site births.

Free with Fair admission. Open daily throughout Spring Fair.

Location: Piglet Palace (Barn R)

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.

MORE FREE MUSIC, SHOWS AND NON-STOP ENTERTAINMENT!

There is something for everyone – from strolling entertainment to stage acts - comedy, music, jugglers and much more! Click here for more information: <https://www.thefair.com/spring-fair/>