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WCLA Youth Livestock Auction

Youth Participant Newsletter

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Pre-Registration for All Species is Now OPEN

The process has been improved to allow confirmations of your preregistration to be sent straight to your email inbox!

Pre-register all the kids in your family and purchase your WCLA Membership all in one spot!

WCLA Senior Scholarships

The WCLA is proud to offer scholarships to our college-bound seniors and existing college students.

Small Animal Updates

Rule adjustments for chickens! Make sure you're aware of rule changes before starting your project.

WCLA Annual Dinner

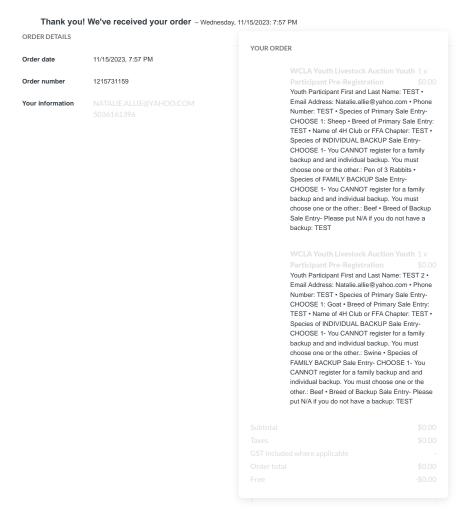
The WCLA Annual Dinner is an opportunity for the members of the WCLA to gather and celebrate the achievements of last year and look forward toward our goals for 2024! See more below.

2024 First Weigh-In Dates and Times



Pre-Registration is OPEN!

Pre-registration for first weigh-in is open now for all species. Primary and backup entries for each child can be added to your online shopping cart, along with your WCLA Membership. Even though pre-registration is free, you must still click through the purchasing prompts to submit your order. To access your preregistration, hover over **Youth Livestock Auction**, then hover over **Youth**, and **select the species of your primary auction entry**. From your species page, you should see a button for pre-registration, a copy of the 2024 auction rules, and a link to purchase your 2024 WCLA Membership. You can also access pre-registration by selecting the button from the home screen or clicking here. When you have successfully completed your WCLA pre-registration and completed all the purchasing prompts, you should receive an email with a summary of all pre-registrations completed in your email, as seen below.



WCLA Youth Scholarships

The WCLA is pleased to provide scholarships to its members who are high school seniors or current college students. Funds for these scholarships are provided by proceeds from the Blue Ribbon Steak Dinner that occurs at the Washington County Fair on the night of the auction every year. Scholarships are due Monday April 15, 2024, at 8:00PM. Preference will be given to youth who are planning to study an agricultural related curriculum. To apply youth must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior, college freshman, sophomore, or junior.
- Applicants must be a child of or under legal guardianship of a current Washington County Livestock Association member for at least one calendar year.
- Applicants are required to have a minimum of 2.5 accumulative grade point average.
- Applicants must apply annually and may be awarded the scholarship no more than two times.
- Applicants must participate in formal interview with members of the scholarship committee.
- Consideration in awarding the scholarship will be given to the most outstanding student.
- Amount of scholarship is decided among scholarship committee.
- Award money must be used in the 2024-2025 academic year.

For more information regarding scholarships, please contact Lisa Spiesschaert at 971-235-2916 or lspiesschaert12@wou.edu.

Small Animal Updates

The rules for market chickens have changed for 2024. We will no longer have a broiler and a roaster category for chickens. The 2024 market chicken rule can be found below.

Market chickens must be weighed-in on the designated day during fair. All birds in a pen must have matching identifiers (leg banded or wing banded). Market chickens will be sold in a pen consisting of three birds weighing between 15 lbs. to 30 lbs. as a collective pen. Each bird must weigh a minimum of 5 lbs. each.

Small Animal Mandatory Registration Day (In lieu of first weigh-in) will be on **Saturday May 11, 2024, from 10:00AM-12:00PM**. Youth participants must attend during this timeframe to ensure their small animal entries for the auction are accurate, receive their leg bands for chickens and turkeys and/or tattoo numbers for rabbits. This is an in-person, no animals event. If you cannot attend this date, you must send a trusted representative on your behalf. If you need to designate a representative to come to first weigh-in, please contact the auction committee on our website <u>contact portal</u> prior to registration day.

To ease the process for small animal registration day, please pre-register your small animal entries. See the "<u>Pre-Registration is OPEN</u>" section above for more instructions.

Small Animal Auction Committee Liaison- The WCLA is pleased to announce that Lisa Beverlin has taken on the role of serving as the Small Animal Liaison for the WCLA Youth Livestock Auction Committee. The liaisons serve as a resource for youth participants and families to forward questions, concerns, or ideas towards. The liaisons then present these ideas to the auction committee for deliberation. It helps increase accessibility of auction resources and information to participants. Lisa has youth participants who raise small animal projects, but she also has lots of experience with larger species of livestock, including beef. We look forward to having her insight on our committee.

WCLA Annual Member Dinner



Due to snowy and icy weather conditions, our WCLA Annual Dinner has been postponed. The WCLA Annual Dinner is an opportunity for members of the Livestock Association to gather and celebrate the achievements of 2023, while looking forward to the upcoming events in 2024. There will be updates provided on the Youth Livestock Auction, Blue Ribbon Steak Dinner, and Scholarships from board members of the WCLA. There will also have a short presentation from one of our prior WCLA Scholarship recipients. Awards will be given to outstanding members of the WCLA. We encourage all members of the WCLA to attend if possible, including youth livestock auction participants.

Our dinner will be at Forest Hills Golf Course on Saturday February 24, 2024. Social Hour will begin at 5:00PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00PM.

If you purchased online tickets for our previous dinner date, they will still be honored on our new date.

For online dinner tickets, please visit our <u>Annual Member Dinner Webpage</u>. Online ticket sales will close on Friday February 23, 2024 at 8:00 PM.



Reviewing 2024 Auction Rules

With weigh-ins quickly approaching, please make sure to review the 2024 WCLA Youth Livestock Auction Rules. You can find them on the homepage of our website, or by clicking here. Please note, the weigh-in dates and times included on this newsletter are the most up to date.

2024 Sale Order

Sheep, Turkeys, Rabbits, Chickens, Swine, Beef, Goats

Get Connected

To ensure that you are getting the most up-to-date information regarding the 2024 WCLA Youth Livestock Auction, please make sure to follow us on Facebook.

Please also check our website frequently for updates, youth participant and buyer resources, scholarship, steak dinner updates, and more!

www.wclaoregon.weebly.com

First Weigh-In Dates

Due to staffing concerns, the fairgrounds were unable to honor all our normal weigh-in dates. As a result, **beef weigh-in has been pushed back 1 week.** To account for the later weigh date, the auction committee will be using the rate of gain, as written in the 2024 Auction Rules, of 2 pounds per day to adjust the initial weights.

Therefore, initial beef weights for 2024 will be shifted:

Minimum: 664 lbs. Maximum: 964lbs.

Please see below for the updated 2024 Weigh-In Dates.

Beef
Saturday February 17, 2024
8:00 AM-10:00 AM
Washington County Fairgrounds

Swine Saturday April 13, 2024 8:00 AM-10:00 AM Washington County Fairgrounds

Sheep and Goats Saturday May 11, 2024 8:00 AM-10:00AM Washington County Fairgrounds

Small Animals Registration Day Saturday May 11, 2024 10:00 AM-12:00 PM