

VITAL STATISTICS

Washington State Spring Fair Dates

April 19-22, 2018

Days:	Hours:
Thurs.	2 – 10 p.m.
Fri.	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sat.	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sun.	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)

Office Phone

(253) 845-1771

Information Hotline

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

Website

www.thefair.com/spring-fair

Admission Prices	On-site	Online at www.thefair.com thru 4/18
Adults	\$12	\$10
Students (6-18 years)	\$10	\$8
Kids 5 and under	Always Free	Always Free

Parking

Thursday & Friday Free
Saturday & Sunday \$10

*Premium parking is available by reservation online at www.thefair.com only, \$10-\$20.

Discount Admission

See “Deals and Discounts” on our site for more details on early bird online deals, discount tickets at retailers, ride packages and more savings: <http://www.thefair.com/deals>

Sponsor: Fred Meyer

MEDIA INFORMATION

Media Contact

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Press Passes and Parking Passes

Please submit requests in advance for press gate and parking access. A designated parking area is available for members of the press working under a tight deadline. Please notify Stacy so that she can provide directions. All credentials will be distributed only through the Public Relations office.

Logo, Photo and Special Requests

For photos and logo shown on the website, click on “Media & News” at the bottom of the page, then select “Photo/Logos.” The media user name (case sensitive) is: press login. The password (case sensitive) is: fairphotos. We have an extensive photo library, and would be glad to fulfill specific requests. Request photos from Stacy at Stacyh@thefair.com.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Cirque Ma'Ceo Equestrian Stunt Show – New!

Step back in time and experience the enchanting world of Ma’Ceo. As a break from today’s world of frills and technology, the world of Ma’Ceo takes people back to the roots of gypsy heritage. Let the swirling winds of passion transcend you as the age old fellowship between man and horse is brought back to life and awaits you with open arms.

General Admission (6+ yrs): \$7*

Ages Five and under free

4-pack bundle: \$20*

Show Dates: Fri/Sat/Sun

Show Times: 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Show duration: 45-50 minutes

Location: Paulhamus Arena - northside

*Does not include gate admission. Purchase tickets at www.thefair.com or on-site, as space is limited.

Aussie Kingdom – New!

See and interact with kangaroos, wallabies, walleroos and other native Australian wildlife.
Free/Daily (various times): Courtyard west of Coca-Cola Stage

Motorsport Mayhem

Don't miss Motorsport Mayhem presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts! Monster truck rides, tricked out monster trucks, smashing cars collide and even boats...for action-packed entertainment, you won't want to miss! For specific events and schedules: <http://www.thefair.com/spring-fair/motorsport-mayhem>

Various times: Grandstand

Presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts. Sponsored by Budweiser.

*Visit your local O'Reilly Auto Parts for \$5 off coupon (March 26-April 22)

Storybook Village

Enter the world of make believe as you journey through a storybook land of classic fables. FREE with Fair admission.

Daily: Red Gate Building

BBQ Competition

Don't miss your opportunity to taste award winning BBQ at the 2nd Annual Washington State Spring Fair BBQ Competition. Competitors will be cooking up their own variations on BBQ classics. Cast your vote for the People's Choice on Saturday and watch as the contestants vie for the blue ribbon on Sunday. The Washington State Fair competition is the highest prize purse in the state, at \$17,500!

Various times: Contest Arena (south end of the grounds)

Pirate Parrot Patrol Show

Learn all about parrots from the experts, PIRATES! This show is interactive, informational and most of all, FUN. FREE with Fair admission.

Free/Daily (various times): Courtyard west of Coca-Cola Stage

Dockdogs Competition

DockDogs features dogs 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

Swiftly Swine Racing Pigs

Watch pigs shoot out of the gate, hoping to be the first one to finish and win an Oreo cookie. Swiftly Swine Racing Pigs always proves to be a fan favorite! FREE with Fair admission.

Daily: Fountain Stage

Creative Kids Exhibit

This pre-registered exhibit showcases the talents of children, 6-15 years-old. Divisions include: art, baking, creative writing, photography, textiles, bird houses/bird feeders, paper crafts and scrapbooking, and an egg drop contest.

Daily: Pavilion

Northwest Living & Garden Show

It's time to get outside and spruce up our gardens and our outdoor living areas. Northwest Living & Garden, presented by Mattress Firm, has a range of vendors. Ciscoe Morris will be providing a 30-minute gardening presentation followed by a Q&A on Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m.

Free, with Fair admission.

Location: Mattress Firm ShowPlex

Sponsor: Mattress Firm

Outdoor Adventures

Don't miss hands on activities for all ages, interactive learning opportunities including kayak safety tips, outdoor simulations and more. Don't miss Brad's World Reptiles and get your heart racing with exotic animals from around the globe.

Free, with Fair admission.

Daily: Expo Hall

Animal Exhibits

Washington Shepherds' Extravaganza, Northwest Junior Livestock Show, Pygmy Goat Show, Dexter Cattle Display, Miniature Horse Exhibit, Llama Exhibit, Junior Poultry, Rabbits, and of course, the Fair Farm.

Free, with Fair admission.

Daily: Throughout Fairgrounds

Fun on the Farm

Kids will love having fun on the farm in this area. They can get up close to baby animals, petting a variety of babies. Barnyard Adventure offers an experience of working on the farm with Pete's Potato Place, Corn Play Box, Professor Kluck's Fact & Picture Board, milking a faux cow and more!

Free, with Fair admission

Daily: Centennial Tent

Diversity Celebration

The 13th Annual Puyallup School District Diversity Celebration will be held all four days of Spring Fair. This is a time of sharing, learning, and showcasing the artwork, essays, poems and other works based on culturally relevant curriculum.

Free, with Fair admission.

Location: Hobby Hall, Coca-Cola Stage (Saturday)

SPECIAL DAYS (IN DATE ORDER)

Gate Giveaway, first 500 guests opening day – Thursday, April 19

The first 500 guests will request a complimentary handy hot/cold pack in the shape of Quigley the Duck.

Kids Free Gate Admission/ Opening Day at the Fair Food Drive – Thursday, April 19

Kids ages 6-18 get in free Thursday, with a suggested non-perishable food donation to benefit the Puyallup Food Bank. Kids ages 5 and under are always free.

Military Appreciation Day – Friday, April 20

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 and KOMO Newsradio AM 1000 / 97.7 FM.

Country 98.9 Showcase Concert featuring Darryl Worley – Friday, April 20, 7 pm

This annual event showcases a country artist with a free concert for those at The Fair. Born and raised in southern Tennessee by a Methodist minister and a church-choir mom he describes as a “prayer warrior,” Worley started his musical career at the FAME Studio in Muscle Shoals, under the tutelage of producer/publisher Rick Hall (Mac Davis, Jerry Reed), where he remained for a solid five years. He played clubs almost nightly, honing his stage craft at the same time he was woodshedding his songwriting skills, and as Worley gained confidence, he found his way to Nashville. There, he secured a recording deal in 1999 on the basis of some demo recordings that showcased his authoritative vocals and his understanding of the hard-working country audience.

The rich, reedy tones and all-American, blue-collar themes in his #1 hits “I Miss My Friend,” “Awful, Beautiful Life” and “Have You Forgotten?” are reminders of the down-to-Earth, Haggard-like Darryl Worley you always knew. The island vibes and blue-eyed soul in new songs “It’s Good To Be Me,” “Lay It On Me” and “Lonely Alone” suggest there’s another, almost-funky, version of Worley that’s been kept under wraps.

Free with Fair admission.

Location: Showplace Stage

Media Partner: Country 98.9

Fireworks Show – Friday & Saturday nights

Join us at the Fireworks Spectacular on Friday and Saturday nights at approximately 9:00 p.m. The show will be enhanced with music.

Fiesta Mexicana – Sunday, April 22

Come enjoy Latin culture and sizzling entertainment that's sure to get you up and dancing.
Free, with Fair admission

Location: Showplace Stage

FREE MUSIC, SHOWS AND NON-STOP ENTERTAINMENT!

There is something for everyone – from strolling entertainment, comedy, music, jugglers, special exhibits and much more! Enjoy a special tribute to Elvis by Danny Vernon, only on Thursday, April 19. Click here for more information: <http://www.thefair.com/fun/free-music-entertainment>