



2026 National 4-H Western Heritage Conference Youth Working Demonstrations

4-H members are invited to come to the conference and demonstrate a historic craft or skill (appropriate for 1860-1900) Tuesday, July 28. Though Western Heritage event participants are targeted, any 4-H youth may participate in this activity. They do not need to be a competitor in the cowboy shooting, period clothing and western historical test.

What is a working demonstration?

The 4-H member selects a skill they can demonstrate, a skill they will do as an informal presentation. The demonstrator stays active, doing the skill throughout the time allowed. When an audience (one person or more) is present, they describe and explain the steps, the process...as they work. The presenter is to engage with the audience, encouraging questions and responding to those questions. The goal is continuous action, so the skill may need to be repeated throughout the time allocation as there should be no “down time”. Co-presenters are permissible.

Each demonstrator will have one table on which to work and/or to display products and approximately 10' x 10' space for the demonstration. A good working demonstration will have a finished product on display or examples of the product at various stages of the process, IF the skill is to make or create a product. A poster (no more than 2) that explains the process or an illustration or diagram is appropriate for some working demonstrations. The demonstration should attract the audience's attention and provide information.

The Western Heritage working demonstration should demonstrate a skill, craft, chore, game, etc. that could be found on the western frontier during the 1860—1900 time period.

Demonstration Commitment:

- 45 minutes
- Dress appropriate for the time period

The demonstration/demonstrator will include:

- Content appropriateness for 1860-1900 time period
- Knowledge & skillfulness demonstrated
- Audience engagement
- Good personality & appearance of the demonstrator
- Organization and display of equipment and materials

Submit demonstration request form to WHNat2026@yahoo.com by July 1, 2026.

National 4-H Western Heritage Conference Youth Working Demonstration 2026 Request



Please complete all sections. Upon completion of the form, submit by July 1, 2026 to:

WHNat2026@yahoo.com

Working Demonstration: presenter “shows” how to do something; not just talk about it. Interactive or hands-on activities are encouraged, but not required.

Date: Tuesday, July 28: Working Demonstrations

These demonstrations will be part of a “come and go format” of educational activities throughout the day. Please note that persona interviews will be held in conjunction with this activity but we will schedule to avoid conflict for 4-H Western Heritage participants.

Length of Session: 45 min

Do you prefer morning or afternoon? Morning Afternoon No Preference

Title:

Description: Please write a short description of the demonstration.

Primary Focus: The presenter’s main goal.

Requirements: Inside, outside, square footage, etc.

Presenter is expected to provide required supplies and equipment; but is there something that you request of the Event to provide?

Presenter(s): How many? List names.

Presenter 1:

Presenter 2:

Presenter 3:

Contact Information

Primary Contact Name:

Primary Contact Phone Number:

Primary Contact Address:

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Event Address:

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Questions?

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