



## Doing the Puyallup!

125 Years of the Washington State Fair



This year marks the 125th anniversary of the Washington State Fair, one of the nation's largest celebrations and a true Pacific Northwest tradition. What began in 1900 as the small Puyallup Valley Fair has grown into a 160-acre festival that draws nearly a million visitors each year.

From 75+ rides and concerts to livestock shows, food halls, and the iconic "Do the Puyallup" stage, the fair continues to blend nostalgia with fresh experiences for everyone..

The 2025 celebration (Aug 29–Sept 21) features a new drone and fireworks spectacular, a 1900-themed food hall, and a packed Columbia Bank Concert Series lineup.

This is more than a fair; it's a gathering place, a link to history, and a reminder that community thrives when people come together to play, eat, and celebrate.



## September is Emergency Preparedness Month

Washington has five active volcanoes, all part of the Cascade Range: Mount Rainier is the tallest peak in the state (14,410 ft), heavily glacier-covered, and considered the most potentially hazardous due to its size, ice, and proximity to communities.

Being prepared for emergencies doesn't have to feel overwhelming. Here in Washington, natural events like earthquakes, wildfires, winter storms or volcanic activity can cause unexpected disruptions. Having a plan in place gives you and your family peace of mind.

The Washington Emergency Management Division encourages everyone to be "2 Weeks Ready" which means having enough supplies to be self-sufficient for at least 14 days. That includes basics like:

- Storing extra water and non-perishable food
- Keeping medications, pet supplies, and important documents handy
- Making a family communication plan in case you're separated
- Considering backup power sources for lights and charging devices

### Additional steps you can take

Sign up for [WA Alerts](#) to receive real-time emergency notifications.

- Local opt-in alerts
- Wireless emergency alerts
- Verified emergency management news sources
- Volcano notifications
- Tsunami alerts
- ShakeAlert earthquake early warning

Preparedness isn't about worry, it's about confidence. By taking small steps now, we can all feel more ready for whatever comes our way.

## Upcoming Events for September

**September 18**  
**Haim**  
Lumen Field Event Center  
Seattle, WA

**September 19**  
**Monster Jam**  
Tacoma Dome  
Tacoma, WA

**September 19 - 21**  
**Fremont Oktoberfest**  
Seattle's largest beer fest.  
Fremont, WA

**September 20**  
**Billy Idol & Joan Jett**  
Climate Pledge Arena  
Seattle, WA

**September 21 (Pre-Season)**  
**Kraken vs. Canucks**  
Climate Pledge Arena  
Seattle, WA

**September 21**  
**Seahawks vs. Saints**  
Lumen Field  
Seattle, WA

**September 21**  
**Darius Rucker**  
Puyallup Fairgrounds  
Puyallup, WA

**September 23**  
**Mariners vs. Rockies**  
T-Mobile Park  
Seattle, WA

**Note: Check Event locations for current information.**



Fremont Oktoberfest  
September 19 - 21



Monster Jam  
September 19



## Art + Culture Week September 20–27, 2025

Art + Culture Week in Seattle, brings a full week of creativity, performances, and community connections. From gallery openings and live music to interactive workshops and public art

displays, the celebration spotlights the rich diversity of artistic expression across the city. Come discover new perspectives, support local talent, and enjoy the vibrant cultural heartbeat that makes our community truly unique.

Here are two of the many activities:

### **Walk Don't Run (9/20)**

A community-art event with visual art, performances and music.

### **Collage Party (9/20)**

Make flower-themed collages.

## The Rise of Esports in Schools

Esports are transforming student life, offering a new outlet for creativity, competition, and connection. For many who are not drawn to traditional athletics, esports provide a welcoming community that boosts school spirit and participation. These programs also tie directly into STEM and career skills, from computer science and digital literacy to marketing, event planning, and shoutcasting. During the pandemic, esports served as a vital social lifeline, and today they continue to give students an engaging alternative alongside athletics, music and art.

The benefits go even further. Competitive gaming builds problem solving, resilience, and strategic thinking, while structured programs teach digital citizenship, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Students who may be shy or socially anxious often thrive in this space, discovering confidence through leadership roles and presentation opportunities. With more than 8,600 schools across the United States running esports programs and over 200 colleges offering scholarships, opportunities for students are expanding quickly. A study by NASEF found that 83 percent of students reported improved teamwork skills and 71 percent reported stronger problem solving skills through scholastic esports.

## Esports Multi-Use Learning Spaces



**BuzziSpace** BuzziChicle - planter | Ghent Reliant - display case | **HON** 10500 - casegoods, Step, Empower, Cliq | **Kimball** Brutus - bookcase | **Everyspace** - media center | **OFS** Intermix - planter | **Safco** Six Tier - lockers | **Stylex** Cala - laptop table | **Via Seating** Eclipse - multi-purpose seating | **Watson** Tonic - work table.