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Cultivating your Ties to the Land—Advancing your family and students land-based legacies.

Are you from a farm, ranch, or forestry family? Are you concerned about the smooth transition of your family's land to the next owner(s)? Washington State University Extension is offering their award-winning ***"Ties to the Land"*** succession & estate planning workshop in Spokane concurrent with the WA Association of Agricultural Educators Association annual meeting on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

Succession planning is the human side of estate planning and is a way for families to maintain their ties to the land across multiple generations, building awareness of the key challenges facing family businesses, and motivating families to address the challenges. It is a facilitated and interactive workshop with real-time & video-based modules and activities, providing proven tools families use to decide the future for their land. The workshop will wrap-up with a presentation by an estate planning attorney specialized in family land transfers and farm/ forest/ ranch tax law, so bring your questions! And your family!

Families usually attribute a high level of importance to succession planning but concede that they have not done enough preparation to ensure smooth transitions from current owner(s) to the next. Sometimes this is due to unresolved issues, passive communication styles, or uncertainty in people's lives. Including younger generations in key discussions about the future of the family farm enhances the successful transfer of values and vision, compared to a "wait and see" approach. The workshop is a mix of presentations and practical exercises that help families address the key challenges of succession planning. Workshop participants learn about the legal and financial aspects of transferring a farm, forest, or ranch from one generation to the next. Participants receive a "Ties to the Land" workbook and companion video and reference collection, tools designed to help families continue to improve and advance communication and planning at home. Educators are invited to this workshop because they play a critical role developing the future of rural lifestyles and successful stewardship of Ag and natural resources.

The workshop will be offered Saturday, June 17, at the Enduris Training Center (near the Spokane Int'l Airport), from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., located at 1610 S Technology Blvd, Suite 100, Spokane, WA 99224.

Registration for the workshop is \$100 per person/family/ or ownership, and includes one workbook, a USB video and reference collection, refreshments, & lunch. Any attendee who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact WSU privately to discuss your specific needs (509) 667-6540. Enrollment is limited to 30 people/families and registration is on a first come, first served basis. To register by check or credit card, contact WSU Extension at 509-667-6540 for instructions.

For information about the program, contact Andy Perleberg, (509) 667-6540, andyp@wsu.edu. To view all upcoming events, please visit forestry.wsu.edu.