



NEWSLETTER

May/June 2009

Premium Books and Leader's Packets Available

The 2009 Dane County Fair Premium Book and leader's packets are now available. If you did not pick up your club's packet prior to the 4-H Leaders meeting on April 21, stop by the Fair Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., to receive your packet of information.

Address:

3310 Latham Drive
Madison, WI 53713

Call 608-224-0500 for directions

Horse Exhibitor Deadlines

Horse Declaration Forms **MUST** be postmarked on or before May 20, 2009 or you will not be allowed to exhibit your animal.

Educational Requirements Forms are due in the 4-H Extension office by June 15th. Contact Lori Bindley at 608-692-3707 with any questions.

Gate Admissions

Following are the gate admission prices for this year's fair:

Daily Passes

- Adults, 12 & older \$7.00
- Children, 6 - 11 \$3.00
- Children, under 6 Free

Season Passes

- Adults, 12 & older \$15.00
- Children, 6 - 11 \$6.00

General parking is free. Gates open 7:00 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

4-H exhibitors can pre-purchase passes at a reduced rate on or before June 15th. Contact your club leader for more information.

REMINDER! Passes will be needed for admission on Release Day, Sunday, July 19th! NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!



Entries Due

Entry forms are due **ON or BEFORE June 15th** during the office hours of 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Entries received after June 15th will not be accepted. All entries must be delivered to 3310 Latham Drive or mailed by the Club Organization Leaders or designee. All entries are to be submitted by club.

If you have any questions, please call the Fair office at 608-224-0500.

Dairy Exhibitors

4-H Exhibitors are **OBLIGATED** to submit the necessary verification of having met the annual educational requirements of appropriate youth group as determined by the Dane County programs. This verification must be on file with the Extension Office by **June 1st**. If you have any questions, contact the 4-H Dairy Committee Chair listed on the Education Requirement Form.

Cavy Exhibitors

Cavies will be housed and judged in **BARN 3**. Up to five cavies may be shown per exhibitor.

Check-in is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Wednesday**. Judging begins at 10:00 a.m.

Open Enrollment

Exhibitors are required to be enrolled in a youth organization by June 1st to exhibit at the Dane County Fair.

Help Promote The Fair

Does your 4-H club participate in any of the following events or activities?

- Dane County Farmers' Market
- Area Craft Shows
- Local parades
- Area Festivals
- Local Car Washes
- Community Farmers' Market

The Dane County Fair will provide promotional posters, flyers and schedules for interested 4-H clubs to hand-out at events and activities such as those listed above. Also available are magnetic vehicle signs for club use.

Please allow a minimum of 1 week notice to guarantee that promotional materials will be ready when your event takes place. For more information or to place your request, please contact the Fair Office at 608-224-0500 and ask for Kelly Bienfang.

Ahh-Mazing - Dane County Fair - July 15 - 19, 2009

Reminder

Unless noted otherwise on the form, all Club Forms and Project Specific Forms are due with Fair Entries by **June 15th**. This includes the Youth Animal Exhibitor Code of Practice. Please contact the Fair office if you have any questions.

Swine Exhibitors

All swine exhibitors **MUST** be PQA Level III Certified. A copy of the card verifying this certification must be filed with the Extension office by June 15th. If you do not have a copy of this card on file, your animal(s) will not be permitted on grounds or weighed.

Sale of Items at Fair

Sale of food and/or merchandise at the Dane County Fair is prohibited unless contracted or pre-approved. Please submit requests in writing post-marked no later than May 15, 2009 for consideration.

Golf Carts

No golf carts or other motorized vehicles will be allowed on grounds, other than those used by Fair staff. Any exceptions for medical reasons must be approved by staff.

Club Banners

Make a Club Banner to promote your youth organization. Banners may be brought to the UW Extension Office or the Dane County Fair Office by July 6th. Banner specifications are:

- * Size - 3' x 6' finished banner.
- * Hang banner vertically on a 1" dowell with 2 eye screws to assist with displaying at the Fair.
- * Material: Any material except paper.
- * Club name should appear somewhere on the banner.
- * Banner theme could relate to the club's name, the club's fame, or to known geography or history of the community.
- * Try to utilize more colors than green and white.

Calling all animal project members!

What: Photo(s), 4" x 6" or smaller (non-returnable) of your animal project(s). Include your name, club name, and project's name and species. Projects do not need to be at Fair to submit photo.

Who: All animal project members.

Why: Collage silhouettes will be made with the photos and placed in the exhibition hall near the Animal Sciences (Dept. 10) exhibits.

When: Photos can be sent in with entry forms or brought on entry day. Entry day photos should be brought to Department 10 check-in table.

Mini Performances

Mini Performances are needed for the indoor stage at the Dane County Fair. Instrumental, drama, vocal, juggling are just a few of the options. Performances will be done on the indoor stage **located in the Atrium** of the Exhibition Hall. If your club, or you as an individual member, would like to perform, please contact Jackie Gehin at the Extension office, 608-224-3728.

Pre-Fair Events

- * Clothing and Knitting & Crocheting Style Revue, Monday, June 29th
- * Shooting Sports, Saturday, July 11th
- * Dog Show, Sunday, July 12th
- * Foods Revue, Monday, July 13th

See Premium Book for details!

Attention Parents & Leaders

Interested in becoming a department chairperson or volunteer? Department chairs are needed in the following areas:

- Demonstration/Presentations
- Exotics, Other than Llama/Alpaca

Additional help for Foods Revue is also needed.

Volunteers are also needed to assist in other areas. Please help ensure that we can continue to offer these projects at the Dane County Fair. Volunteer! Contact the Fair office at 608-224-0500 for more information.

Pets on the Grounds

Please be aware that pets are not allowed on the grounds. The only animals permitted are those being exhibited and service animals.

Entry Tags

Entry tags will be available for pick-up starting July 1st at the Dane County Fair office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office address for pick-up is 3310 Latham Drive, Madison.