

HOW TO ENTER EXHIBITS IN THE FAIR

1. Entry forms are printed in this Exhibitor's Guide. You may reproduce these forms.

Youth exhibitors are juniors 17 (19 years in some cases to show animals) years of age and under. See State Rules for 4-H, FFA & Independent age restrictions. Still exhibit departments for youth include art, clothing, collections, decorated potatoes, feature booths, floriculture, foods, crafts, needlework, horticulture, photography, poetry, scarecrows, tractor driving and woodworking. They all may be entered on the same Still Entry Form. Check the box to indicate Youth and complete Youth Exhibitor section. Small animals (rabbits and poultry) must be entered on separate small animal forms. Large animals (beef & dairy cattle, sheep, swine and all goats) also must be entered on separate large animal forms.

Adult exhibitors are seniors 18 years and over first day of fair. Still exhibit for adults include art, collections, crafts, tole painting, decorated potatoes, feature booths, fine threaded needle, floriculture, foods, hand spinning, handcrafted natural fibers, handspun yarn, home arts, homebrew, wine, horticulture, knitting, crocheting, rugs, machine sewn items, machine embroidery, miniature art, needle art, photography, poetry, quilts, scarecrows, woodworking and wool fleece.

2. Adults please enter each department on a separate form. Adult departments are fine arts (including photography), poetry, home arts, floriculture, horticulture, baked foods, preserved foods, wine and beer. Rabbits, poultry, goats, sheep & dairy cattle require separate small or large animal forms. Forms may be photocopied.

Please fill out forms completely, including name, address, phone number and signature. Youth forms must include date of birth and parent signature. Leader's signatures are required for 4-H and FFA projects. Large livestock forms must include appropriate registration and ear tag numbers and date of birth for the animal. Youth exhibitors selling livestock must attach bill of sale. Independent exhibitors not affiliated with a club also should include a photograph of their animal. (See additional livestock rules on following pages.) A penalty may be collected if the above information is completed after entries close.

3. Check the Table of Contents on the inside front cover for various divisions offered, noting that some are for adults and some for youth. Find the appropriate pages in this Exhibitor's Guide and find the classes that fit your entries. Write the division and class numbers and entry fee (see box at top of each page in this Exhibitor's Guide) in the designated columns on the entry forms. Include a brief description of your entry: blue knit sweater; strawberry jam; "Horses in the River" watercolor, \$50. Some divisions have specific rules or guidelines to help you enter. Check for these under the division heading. Remember to separate entries by department for adult stills and all livestock.

4. Mail or deliver entry forms and entry fees before deadline dates. Our office is at the Fairgrounds main entrance, 1250 Fifth St, Ferndale. Take Hwy 101 to the Fernbridge/Ferndale exit and cross Fernbridge on Hwy 211. Follow signs to Fairgrounds, turning right on Van Ness and left on Fifth.

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Most entries must either be **postmarked by Fri, July 9** or **received** in the Fairgrounds office by **5 p.m. Fri, July 9**. The **only exceptions are for rabbits, horticulture and floriculture**. The deadline for these forms is **Fri, July 30**. Entry forms are accepted beginning May 19. Early entries are appreciated. No late entry forms will be accepted. Metered dates are not acceptable on late entries. Be sure to include entry fees, but please don't include fees for camping, tickets or anything else with entry fees. **No refunds on entry fees**. You will not be sent a confirmation notice or a reminder to bring your exhibit.

5. At the top of each page in this Exhibitor's Guide is a box containing the information you will need to bring your already entered exhibit to the Fairgrounds. You'll find the times and dates when exhibits are accepted and the buildings where you can drop them off. Everything dropped off before Fair opens can be driven right up to the appropriate building. (See map on inside front cover of this guide.) Check with your superintendent for exhibits dropped off after Fair opens. **Exhibits can only be received during designated times. Only poetry can be received in the mail.**
6. Exhibitors are not permitted in or around show area during judging. Vegetable judging is the exception because vegetables are publicly critiqued when they are judged. Judges' decisions are final. Cash awards are paid from judging sheets. Possession of a ribbon has no significance as to payment. Whenever possible award checks will be handed out when entries are picked up. Some checks may arrive by mail after the Fair is closed.
7. When you drop off your exhibit it will be tagged with your entry information and you will receive a claim check to be used when you pick up your exhibit. Most exhibits remain on display until the Fair is over. **Most exhibits can be picked up between 8 & 9 p.m. Sun. Aug. 22 and noon to 7 p.m. Mon. Aug. 23.** Exceptions are noted in the information box at the top of each page. Exhibits not picked up on time will be stored at Fairgrounds office at \$1 a day until Sept. 10. Then they will be destroyed or given to charity.
8. Staff at the Fairgrounds office can answer questions you may have about the entry process. Any exhibitor needing special assistance to enter or show should contact the Fair office.

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