

COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

Waupaca County Fair, August 20-24, 2008

Also remember Junior Fair entries must be in the UW-Extension office no later than July 7, 2008.

Fair Set-Up

Fair Set-Up is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 13, at 10:00 a.m.** We hope several members and adult supervisors from each club will be there to help. It is very important to have adult helpers as part of each job the members are completing. Remember to wear old clothes and bring rags, sponges, and buckets. The Leaders' Association will provide food for everyone who helps.

County Fair Orientation

If this is the first year you are exhibiting at the County Fair or if you just have questions about the fair, come to the County Fair Orientation on **Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the **Youth Building**, at the **Waupaca County Fairgrounds**. Topics will include types of judging, what to do on entry day, project release, and many others.

Booth and Banner Set-Up

Booths and banners can be set-up in the Youth Building on **Tuesday, August 19, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** All booths must be completed by noon Wednesday. **CLUBS NEED TO FILL OUT AN ENTRY FORM TO RESERVE A BOOTH AND RECEIVE A PREMIUM.** Please remember, each club is responsible for supplying background material for their own booth. Each booth is 4 feet wide, 4 feet deep and the sides angle from 1 foot in the front to 3 feet in the back. Banners should be 3 feet by 6 feet and hung vertically over a one-inch dowel. Any material such as felt or burlap may be used for the banners. The club name must be on the banner. Any color may be used. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS TO SET-UP YOUR BOOTH. THERE WILL BE NO TOOLS AVAILABLE.**

Reminder....there are to be NO STAPLES into the booth structure. Staples in insert boards are allowed. Use pushpins, tape, thumbtacks or a separate board to insert in booth.
Use of staples into the booth structure will result in one premium placing deduction.

One suggestion in the past was to include the club name **AND** location when possible in booths. This would help fairgoers learn about the clubs and where they are located if they are interested in joining 4-H. This is not required, but suggested for publicity.

Club Table Centerpiece Contest at County Fair

Inside the Youth Building at the County Fair there are tables behind the 4-H Food Stand for people to eat meals or just sit and relax in the shade during the fair. The Youth Building superintendents are offering all 4-H clubs the opportunity to create a table centerpiece to help decorate the tables. The Waupaca County 4-H Leaders Association will sponsor a small cash donation to all participating clubs and there will also be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Use your creativity and enter this contest! Call Marilyn at the UW-Extension Office, (715) 258-6230 by August 11 if you wish to participate.

Entry Day

All Youth Building exhibits may be entered after 12:00 noon and must be in place by 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday** of the County Fair including all non-perishable foods from the Foods Judging. Livestock must be entered between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Dairy must be entered between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Rabbits and Poultry must be in the barn by 8:00 p.m. Horses must be in the barn by 7:00 p.m. If you have any further questions, please refer to **Page 14-16** of the fair book.

Release Times

All exhibits, except horse, cats/small pets and dogs are released on **Sunday, August 24**. Cats/small pets and dogs are shown on **Saturday, August 9**. Horses must be removed from the grounds between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Livestock is released beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Youth Building exhibits will be released according to the following schedule: *Members in the following clubs/chapters will be released at 6:00 p.m.*

Krossing Creeks

Peterson Mill

Sunrise

Twin Grove

Woodland Badgers

Clintonville FFA/FHA

Marion FFA/FHA

All other exhibits will be released at **6:30 p.m.** **BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR CLAIM TICKETS AND BRING THEM ON SUNDAY** so we know which exhibits should be released to you.

Please do not ask to remove your exhibits early—the release times are a fair board policy.

All exhibits must be picked up from the Youth Building by 8:00 p.m.

Fair exhibits brought back to the UW-Extension Office after clean-up on Sunday will be kept ONE WEEK. Exhibits that are still in the UW-Extension Office on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**, will be discarded.

County Fair Superintendents

Are you interested in helping out at the County Fair as a superintendent? This is a great way to help youth as well as see a variety of projects that come to the fair. Some of the responsibilities include setting up your display area, working on entry day, judging day and release day, and arranging the exhibits after judging so that all are able to be seen by fairgoers. There is an honorarium from the Fair Board for a volunteer commitment to this responsibility. Please call the UW-Extension Office at 715-258-6230 if you are interested in finding out more about being a superintendent at the County Fair. There is a brief application with references which is due **June 23** for this year's fair. Positions are based on availability in each department and applications will be kept on file for future years.

Quilting Award

There are new guidelines this year for the quilting award sponsored at the County Fair by the Pieceful Hands Quilt Guild of Waupaca. Based on fair entries, this year there will be up to 3 awards in the Junior Fair in two age categories. Overall awards will be selected by fair judges from all projects in the youth building. Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

Special Fair Contests

Plan now to enter in the Special Fair Contests

Enter the following categories by bringing your creations to the Youth Building on Wednesday of the County Fair.

- Most Unusual Vegetable Contest
- Decorated Birdhouse Gourd Contest
- Animal Made out of Vegetables or Fruit or Combination
- Garden Scarecrow Contest
- Recycling Contest
- Dressed Zucchini Contest

Some categories are open to 4-H members, leaders, and parents; others are open only to members or leaders. An insert will be in the next newsletter with more details.

Dairy Fitting and Showing Program / Contest

Again this year, there may be a Dairy Fitting and Showing Contest in the Multipurpose Building during the County Fair. If you are interested in participating in this contest during the fair, please leave one of your animals unclipped. No cows should be used for this contest, a yearling is the recommended age. More information will be posted at the fair.

Market Animal Sale and Buyer Hospitality

Don't forget to bring your three signed buyer contact forms per exhibitor on Entry Day at the fair. Failure to comply with this will eliminate you from the sale order. Also, if your animal lost an ear tag that was issued at the spring weigh-ins, contact the UW-Extension Office immediately so another tag can be provided. The livestock sale will be **Friday, August 22, at 5:30 p.m.** Please refer to the Market Animal Rules and Regulations for sale guidelines. **Remember the educational requirement to be eligible for the sale of Large and Small Market Animals. If the exhibitor did not meet the educational requirement they will not be eligible to sell an animal.** Sale order will be sheep, steers, hogs with small market animals in between. Sale order will be posted in the barns. A Hospitality Hour will begin 1/2 hour prior to the sale for all prospective buyers.

Market Animal Carcass Show

The Market Animal Carcass Show will be **Tuesday, August 26, at 7:30 p.m., at Niemuth's Steak and Chop Shop** in Waupaca. All sale participants will automatically be entered in the carcass class.