



# WYOMING 4-H GUIDE TO STATE FAIR

***Congratulations*** on having a project that has qualified for State Fair! Whether you will be attending State Fair or sending a project with your County 4-H Educator, we hope you have had a fun and educational experience while working on your exhibit.

## PREPARING

### **Sending an Exhibit**

Project exhibits are due at the State Fairgrounds in either Ft. Caspar or Ft. Reno by Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Judging will begin on Tuesday morning. The buildings will be open to the public starting on Wednesday.

- Exhibits can be dropped off at either building on Monday from 8:00am-5:00 p.m. A permit for vehicle access will not be required on Monday to drop off exhibits.
  - Exhibits will be released on Saturday evening at 6:00 pm.
  - All exhibits must be picked up by Sunday at 9:30 am.
- If you will not be attending State Fair, work with your county 4-H Educator regarding drop-off and pick-up times for your project.

### **Yes! I will be attending State Fair**

Your local 4-H educator is responsible for registering the entire county delegation and submitting necessary forms and paperwork for everyone attending. Please work closely with him/her to make sure you are signed up for everything you want to participate in at State Fair.

- Include all livestock information needed.
- Indicate which contests and events in which you will be participating.
  - If competing in the Dog Show and/or Cat Show, additional forms should be submitted.
  - If competing in the Fashion Revue, an online entry form must be completed by Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Access to the grounds will only be allowed with the proper credentials. This could include paying daily admission at the gate, a commemorative pin, or a dorm wristband.
- All youth and adults staying in the dorms must purchase a dorm wristband which covers the cost of staying in the dorm and gate admission for the full week. Only screened 4-H leaders may stay in the dorms; they will serve as chaperones.
- Meal tickets can be purchased if you would like to eat in the cafeteria throughout the week.

### **Vehicle Access & Parking**

- Any **person** wishing to enter the grounds must have credentials to do so - dorm wristband, commemorative pin, or daily gate admission.
- **Vehicles** may not enter the grounds without a proper permit. Free parking is available in the Pepsi lot.
- **Vehicles** permits include:
  - Dorm parking permit – allows vehicle to be parked in lot behind the dorm.
    - Some complimentary permits will be issued to each county 4-H Educator based on the number of people staying in the dorms.
  - Livestock Parking, closer to barns, but not next to them, and Feed Delivery passes that are effective for different hours of the day to drop feed off via vehicle near the barns. This does not allow parking at the barns.
  - Feed Trailer Permit
    - These cannot be purchased. They are issued to the county 4-H Educator based on the number of youth *livestock* exhibitors from the previous year's attendance by your county. Your 4-H Educator will distribute these permits.

### Camping

- **ALL** campers, no matter if they registered online or waiting till the State Fair, must get their permit at the gate.
- Campers can register online ahead of time or wait till the event (please note if you wait all spaces may be reserved).
- \$40 a night, the earliest you can come in for camping is Saturday. \$20 a night for tent camping.
- Spaces are available for tents and camping trailers. Full hook-ups (water, sewer, electricity) are available.
- You will also receive a permit for one (1) vehicle to access and park in the campground.
- There are bathroom and shower facilities available in the campground.

### Dorms

- There are very basic amenities available in the dorm. Bathroom and shower facilities as well as bunk beds are available. Plan on bringing anything you will need for the week. Toiletries, towels, sleeping bags, clothes, supplies, etc.
- The dorms will be open on Sunday at 6 pm.
- Dorm wristbands must be purchased through your registration.
- There will be a mandatory meeting in your dorm for everyone to talk about the rules and answer any questions you might have on Monday at 10:30 pm. Be aware of the evening curfews!

### Golf Carts

- Golf carts may be used during the State Fair. A permit must be purchased and it is \$220, **Insurance is required.**
- ATVs are not allowed.

## **ARRIVAL in Douglas**

Welcome! The State 4-H office is located in Ft. Caspar. Feel free to stop by if you have questions or need information. This is also where you can leave messages for your 4-H Educator if necessary.

### **I don't have any animals...**

- Exhibit drop-off (Monday)
  - All 4-H exhibits must be in place in Fort Caspar or Fort Reno by 5:00 p.m. on Monday.
  - Exhibits can be dropped off at either building on Monday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
  - Gate admission is free on Monday.
  - Vehicle access will not be allowed on Tuesday without a permit.
- Livestock Judging (Tuesday)
  - Vehicle access is only allowed with the proper permit. Free parking is available in the Pepsi lot.
- Fashion Revue (Friday & Saturday)
  - If your outfit was judged in Ft. Caspar, you may pick it up and check it out beginning Friday at 9:00 am. It does NOT need to be returned.
    - Vehicle access is only allowed with the proper permit. Free parking is available in the Pepsi lot.
  - The modeling schedule will be posted in Ft. Caspar and online sometime on Tuesday.
  - Interview Judging will take place at the Eastern Wyoming College, Douglas Campus on Friday and Saturday.
  - Rehearsal will start at 3:00pm, at the Wyoming State Fair Grounds Fort Reno outdoor Stage. Pizza for the Fashion Revue youth at 3:30pm.
  - The public Fashion Revue will be Saturday at 4:00 pm at the Wyoming State Fair Fort Reno outdoor Stage.

### **Yes! I'm bringing animals....**

- A 4-H and FFA animal exhibitor meeting will be held by the State Fair at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, in the cafeteria.
- Make sure you have appropriate paperwork as required by Wyoming state law (vet inspections, health inspections, brand inspections, etc.) for all animals you are bringing on the grounds before you arrive. Youth Animals will be required to have a completed health form. Please see Page 109 in the Wyoming State Fair Premium Book. **Print** this page, list your animals and fill all the boxes, then have a vet inspect your animals and sign off on this health form. You will need to check in to state fair with your health form on hand. Drug declaration forms for market animals can be found on page 110 and page 111 of the Wyoming State Fair Premium Book.
- Please enter the grounds this year at **Cowboy Drive** instead of the Pepsi Lot! (between the dorms and campers, you will go by the horse barns)
  - *ALL ANIMALS are required to go through the Animal Check-In by the Dairy Barn.*
- After all of your animals have been checked in, go to the appropriate barn to find your stall(s).
  - Each barn has a superintendent's office that can help you locate your stall(s).
- Once you have unloaded everything, all vehicles and trailers must be parked in the Pepsi lot, unless designated as one of the County Feed Trailers. Please work with your Educators on Feed Trailer designations.
  - Work with your educator to determine the best solution for permits allowing future access for vehicles and trailers.

### **Feed storage**

- Feed can be stored in trailers in the specified feed trailers for your county, or in the parking area of the fairgrounds ("Pepsi Lot" on the map).
  - Trailers parked by the barns must have the appropriate Feed Trailer Permit
  - The number of permits is determined by State Fair and based on the number of youth *livestock* exhibitors from the previous year's attendance.
  - These permits will be distributed by your 4-H Educator and FFA Advisors.

- There will not be enough permits for each family to park their trailer there. Exhibitors will have to work with their 4-H educator to determine who will park there and how feed will be stored.

### Feed delivery

- Vehicles used to deliver feed must have the proper permit.
  - You might receive one of these from your 4-H Educator.
  - Vehicle access with the correct permit is only allowed each day 5:00-9:00 a.m. and 5:00-9:00 p.m.
    - After you have fed your animals, you will proceed back towards West Yellowstone Street and proceed to the appropriate location to park your vehicle.
- An entrance is located near the feed trailer parking lot and is for *pedestrian traffic only*. Use of this entrance will require proper gate admission credentials for entry.

### Animal Drop-Off & Pick-Up for Dog, Rabbit, Horse, Poultry, Cat & Pocket Pet Shows

- They will only be issued at this location to vehicles with the youth AND his/her animal(s) present.
- Vehicles may not park on the fairgrounds. The permit is only for access to drop-off and pick-up animals before and after the show.
- Guests who would like to watch the show can park in the Pepsi lot free of charge and ride the complimentary shuttle to their desired location.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Where is the State 4-H Office?**

The State 4-H Office and information desk are located in Fort Caspar. Feel free to stop by and ask questions or get more information if necessary.

### **How do I get my wristband/gate pin/parking permit/meal ticket, etc?**

Your 4-H Educator will pick up this information sometime on Monday. Often counties will meet as a group to get these items distributed. Communicate with your educator prior to arriving at the State Fair so you know what the plan is. The first meal in the cafeteria is dinner on Monday night.

### **How can I contact my 4-H Educator during the State Fair?**

1. You may leave a note in his/her mailbox in Fort Caspar.
2. If it is an emergency, you may ask someone from the State 4-H Office to contact them via phone. Cell phone numbers will not be given out under any circumstances.

### **How do I gain access to the grounds?**

Credentials are necessary for anyone to gain access to the fairgrounds. Youth 5 and under are free of charge when accompanied by an adult. Acceptable gate admission includes a commemorative pin, dorm wristband, or daily ticket.

Vehicles may not access or park on the fairgrounds without a proper permit.

### **How do I know if I have been entered in the correct classes?**

Call sheets are typically printed and posted somewhere for each animal-related show. If you see an error, find the 4-H Educator who is helping at that particular show and ask them for help. They will be able to get in touch with your 4-H Educator and find out the correct information.

### **When can I see the results for my exhibits in Ft. Caspar or Ft. Reno?**

All exhibits are due in these buildings no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Judging will take place on Tuesday, and the buildings will be open on Wednesday morning for display. Results for division champions are recorded and will be posted online after the State Fair. You can see how your exhibit is placed during open building hours; specific results will not be recorded and posted for non-champion exhibits.

### **Can I help with something?**

We are always looking for youth and volunteers who are interested in helping at State Fair! A large number of people are needed on Tuesday to help with exhibit judging in Ft. Reno and Ft. Caspar, the 4-H Dog Show and the 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. If you're interested, please email [4H@uwyo.edu](mailto:4H@uwyo.edu) and let us know or stop by the 4-H office in Ft. Caspar!

### **Information about your project**

Due to the absence of interview judging at State Fair, the accompaniment of a brief explanation with projects may help the judge when assigning a ribbon placing. Items to consider may include: process, tools used, skills learned, goals achieved, additional help from others, etc.

## **WHERE DO I DROP OFF MY EXHIBITS?**

All exhibits are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday in either Ft. Caspar or Ft. Reno. Use the lists below to sort through your entries.

All exhibits will be sorted by age division. Look for signs when you enter the building to help you locate the correct drop-off location.

| <b><u>Fort Caspar</u></b> | <b><u>Fort Reno</u></b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cake Decorating           | Aerospace               |
| Citizenship               | Archery                 |
| Club Projects             | Beef                    |
| Crocheting                | Cat                     |
| Entomology                | Computers               |
| Fabric & Fashion          | Dog                     |
| Food & Nutrition          | Electricity             |
| Gardening & Horticulture  | Goats                   |
| Geology                   | Horse                   |
| Health                    | Llamas & Alpacas        |
| Interior Design           | Muzzleloading           |
| Knitting                  | Nature & Ecology        |
| Leathercraft              | Photography             |
| Quilting                  | Pistol                  |
| Recreation                | Pocket Pet              |
| Self-Determined           | Poultry                 |
| Woodworking               | Rabbit                  |
| Youth Leadership          | Range Management        |
|                           | Rifle                   |
|                           | Robotics                |
|                           | Ropecraft               |
|                           | Sheep                   |
|                           | Shotgun                 |
|                           | Sportfishing            |
|                           | Swine                   |
|                           | Veterinary Science      |
|                           | Visual Arts             |
|                           | Wildlife & Hunting      |