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2023 FAIR DATES – FREE GATE ADMISSION

Wednesday – Saturday, July 26th – 29th

All Days – 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

GENERAL FAIR INFORMATION

Cowlitz County Fair
CowlitzCountyFair.com
1900 7th Avenue
Longview, WA 98632
(360) 577-3121

FAIR & EVENT ADMISSION: Fair gate admission is free to everyone every day, all four days. Grandstand events are separate paid/ticketed events.

PARKING: Parking is available across 7th Avenue for \$5.00 per day. You may purchase a season (4 day) parking pass at the entrance of the lot for \$15.00.

CAMPING: A limited number of camping spaces are available for the week of the Fair. Premium campsites are \$100, general campsites are \$85 and tent campsites are \$50. Reservations are accepted starting Thursday, July 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fair Office. **Power is very limited and not guaranteed.** Department Superintendents who desire a camping space may visit the Fair Office beginning Monday, June 26th to reserve space. Please refer to Campground Rules for additional information.

2023 Cowlitz County Fair Entry Days & Times

All animal divisions require that an entry be submitted by July 1

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Home Arts:..... 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Kid's Corner: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
4-H Still Life10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
4-H Foods, Gardening, Floral10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, July 24, 2023

Floral:..... 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Grange:..... 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Floral..... 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Grange:.....8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Forestry/Natural Resources:.....9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
All Dairy:3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Beef Cattle:.....3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Horse:3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Goat:3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Swine:.....3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Poultry:.....3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Rabbits & Cavies:3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Sheep:3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

2023 Cowlitz County Fair Judging Schedule

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

8:30 a.m.....4-H/FFA Beef Market Classes
9:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Fitting & Showing
..... Followed by Jumping & English Performance Classes
10:30 a.m.....4-H/FFA Swine Market Classes
1:00 p.m.....Open Class Horse
2:30 p.m..... FFA Sheep Market

Thursday, July 27, 2023

9:00 a.m..... Open Class Poultry
9:00 a.m..... 4-H Horse Fitting & Showing
..... Followed by Western Games & Bareback Equitation
9:30 a.m..... 4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship & Type
..... Followed by Open Class Swine
11:30 a.m..... FFA Sheep Showmanship & Type
1:00 p.m.....Open Class Horse
6:00 p.m.....4-H/FFA Poultry Showmanship & Type

Friday, July 28, 2023

9:00 a.m.....4-H/FFA Rabbit Showmanship & Type
9:00 a.m..... 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Showmanship & Type
..... Followed by Open Class Dairy Goat Type
9:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Fitting & Showing Followed by
..... Western Performance Classes & Trail
10:00 a.m.....FFA/4-H Beef Showmanship & Type
1:00 p.m..... Open Class Rabbit
1:00 p.m..... Open Class Horse
6:30 p.m.....4-H/FFA Youth Market Sale

Saturday, July 29, 2023

10:00 a.m..... Open Class Beef
10:00 a.m.....4-H Dog Obedience
TBA..... Open Horse
1:00 p.m.....4-H Dog Fitting & Showing
1:30 p.m..... 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
4:00 p.m.....4-H Dog Agility

Sunday, July 30, 2023

6:00 a.m..... Livestock Exhibits Released
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.4-H Still Life Exhibits Released
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.. All Other Still Life Exhibits Released



2023 Cowlitz County Fair Rules & Regulations

1. All departments and exhibits must be open to the public Wednesday July 26 through Saturday July 29, 2023, 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
2. The general supervision of the entire Fair, including all exhibits, entertainment and concessions, has been vested in the officers and manager by the Cowlitz County Commissioners. The management reserves the final and absolute right to alter, interpret or change these rules and regulations as may become necessary.
3. The Fair Board and management reserve the right to reject any entries offered. Exhibitors shall not remove any exhibit from the Fair before Sunday after the Fair without written permission of the management. All awards, including ribbons and money, will be forfeited by exhibitors removing their entries before this time. Check with Department Superintendents for Sunday checkout times.
4. Exhibitors must check department rules for number of entries allowed in each lot. Entries will be accepted on a space available basis. Any exhibit not claimed within the allotted department date and time as posted in the departments information will become property of the Fair.
5. Unless specifically accepted, exhibitors must in all cases be the bona-fide owner of articles or animals entered by them. Any exhibit found objectionable by the Department Superintendent and/or Fair management may be refused.
6. No awards will be given to any entry which judges deem not worthy.
7. Exhibitors will at all times give the necessary personal attention to whatever they may have on exhibit, and at the close of the Fair must take entire charge of their property and remove same property. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any damage done to, or occasioned by or arising from any animal exhibit by him, and shall indemnify the Cowlitz County Fair against all legal or other power for the safe preservation of all stock and articles on exhibit, on all property of every character entered for competition or display or for any other purpose, or being anywhere on the Fairgrounds shall be subject to the control of the Fair management. In no case will the management be responsible in any way for any loss, damage, or injury of any character to any property while the same is on the Fairgrounds. If property owners or others interested in the property desire protection against loss, damage, or injury from fire or any other cause, they must make their own arrangements. No officer, trustee, superintendent or employee of the Cowlitz County Fair has authority to change or modify or suspend this rule.
8. All exhibitors requiring special booth, pens, or other similar facilities must notify the manager or department superintendent by the date specified in the department rules.
9. Competition in all departments except 4-H and FFA will be open to all persons.
10. Any person interfering with the judge during the adjudication of awards will forfeit the right of premiums and all officers or judges are requested to report any violation of this rule to the Fair Manager.
11. Prize awards shall be paid by check or in cash if under \$10 issued by the Cowlitz County Fair office as soon as all entry records are received and processed and payment can be reasonably made. The amount of money offered for any exhibit is to be clearly stated in the Exhibitor Handbook. All points are worth 15 cents each, unless stated otherwise. Checks must be cashed within 60 days of the date of issue; otherwise funds will be forfeited back to the Fair. The Fair Office must be notified of any errors on the check within 60 days of issue. It is provided that the management of any department, except Open Class Livestock, may elect to use the points system in stating their cash awards. Any department wishing to set up this system must first obtain the approval of the Fair Manager. The Danish System of judging will be confined to Kid's Corner, Home Arts, Fine Art and Open Poultry groups only.
12. Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place an exhibit on the Fairgrounds, either during the Fair, or at any time before the commencement of the Fair, outside of the space assigned them.
13. No person shall be allowed to sell or give away articles upon the Fairgrounds, either during the Fair or at any time before commencement of the Fair, until the license for the privilege has been paid and a receipt issued by the Fair.
14. No pets or other animals are allowed on the Fairgrounds, with the exception of service dogs assisting a physically impaired person and 4-H and Open Class entries in the 4-H Dog Bldg.
15. **There will be no moving of cars or trucks upon the Fairgrounds between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and then only when Fair Security allows such vehicles safely on the grounds.**
This rule will be strictly enforced

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. Individual health certificates are not required for entry of Washington animals.
2. Out of state animals entries must comply with State of Washington import regulations. You must obtain a permit from the Washington State Veterinarian's office by calling their tollfree telephone number (800) 942-1035.
3. Fair Veterinarians will inspect all classes of livestock and poultry (including horses, pet animals, fur bearing animals, pigeons, ducks, geese and turkeys); before they are exhibited to determine that the livestock and poultry show no clinical indications of contagious, infectious disease or ectoparasites. All poultry must be U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent or tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within ninety (90) days of the exhibit.
4. Fair Veterinarians **MUST AND WILL** reject any animals with infectious or contagious disease or ectoparasites. EXHIBITORS should be aware that RINGWORM, WARTS, PINKEYE, STRANGLES, CONTAGIOUS ECTHYMA, SCABIES, LICE, MITES, TICKS AND FLEAS fall into these categories. Those animals exhibiting disease symptoms during the course of the Fair shall also be rejected.
5. No animal from any quarantined area or premises will be permitted to enter the Fair.
6. Brucellosis – All female cattle over 5 months must be vaccinated for Brucellosis or tested negative to Brucellosis in the last 30 days.
7. It is strongly recommended, but not required, that cattle be vaccinated in the current show year against respiratory diseases.
8. All out of state horses must have a negative coggins test within six (6) months, except horses from Oregon.
9. All sheep and goats (except castrated males under 18 months) are required to be scrapie identified with an official scrapie tag or scrapie flock ID tattoo.
10. All swine must have official USDA-approved identification. Free tags are available by emailing dhecimovich@agr.wa.gov.
11. The Fair veterinarian's professional decision as to the health status of an animal is final and shall be upheld by the Fair management and board. NOTE: Veterinary service will be furnished for inspection prior to entering livestock exhibits. EXHIBITORS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL VETERINARY SERVICES THEREAFTER.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. All livestock must be groomed and in show condition during open hours of the Fair. Livestock exhibitors will at all times give the necessary and personal attention to the exhibits. Failure to comply with this rule may be cause for forfeiture of premiums and ribbons.
2. Registered animals (except horses, dogs, cats and poultry) in 4-H and FFA Divisions are eligible to exhibit animal(s) in Open class. All such entries are subject to both Club and Open class rules and regulations, including entry fees. Entry fees and forms are due on July 1.
3. Open class exhibitors may not cross-enter in 4-H or FFA.
4. It is the primary responsibility of 4-H or FFA exhibitors to do Herdsmanship. Non 4-H or FFA exhibitors or adults are to assist only prior to 10:00 a.m., if necessary. Failure of 4-H/FFA exhibitor to do Herdsmanship can result in forfeit of all awards and premiums, and removal from further participation in the respective 4-H/FFA Animal Division for the duration of Fair and/or 4-H State Fair Competition.
5. If 4-H or FFA entries are turned away due to lack of space, they may enter in open class if space is available, but cannot cross-enter in 4-H or FFA.
6. Open class exhibitors may not cross-enter in 4-H or FFA.
7. All livestock must meet the 2023 Exhibition Livestock minimum requirements (on file at the Fair office).
8. Unruly/unmanageable animals will be sent home upon the concurrence of the department superintendent and the Fair management.
9. All livestock must be watered in their stalls at the superintendents' discretion.
10. All cattle (including dairy) will be double-tied.

HOW TO ENTER

This information has been prepared to assist you in locating all categories in which you might make entries in the Cowlitz County Fair.

IT'S FUN TO DISPLAY YOUR ITEMS FOR ALL TO SEE AND ENJOY. BE AN EXHIBITOR THIS YEAR!

Livestock is entered into the Fair according to the entry schedule. All animal divisions require that an entry form be submitted by July 1. Livestock is to be delivered to the Fair on Tuesday of Fair week between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

ALL OTHER EXHIBITS are to be brought to the Fair according to the entry schedule. All divisions require that an entry form be submitted prior to Fair. When you bring the items, work with the department Superintendent to properly label your items and leave the item for judging and display.

ENTRY FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT:

WWW.CowlitzCountyFair.FairEntry.com

iPads and registration assistance are available at the Cowlitz County Fair Office at 1900 7th Ave., Longview (360-577-3121) during regular business hours (10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday, except federal holidays).

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE AND TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY & PICK-UP. For each item you wish to enter in the Fair you should know the following: What Department? What Division? What CLASS? And What Lot? Each CLASS or Lot has further descriptions that tell you how many to enter, size limits and other information to help you. The department superintendent or assistant will be more than happy to assist anyone needing help to complete the form.

MISSION STATEMENT

**Provide a quality educational, entertaining event for the community and surrounding areas in a safe and wholesome family atmosphere.
Showcase agriculture and natural resources to teach exhibitors and the public about their heritage and educate them about the economic impact of these items.
Support 4-H and FFA programs to promote youth in agriculture.**

OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENTS and SUPERINTENDENTS

Open Class Beef:Maggie Bouma
Kid's Corner: Marilyn Lindell
Open Class Dairy Cattle: Pam Watson
Home Arts: Shannon Scheel
Floral:..... Sandy Rountree & WSU Master Gardeners
Forestry/Natural Resources: Cowlitz Conservation District & Lisa Martin
Open Class Dairy Goats:.....Dale & Korina Groff
Grange:.....Amanda Nichols
Open Class Horse: Susan Shetler, Donna Longacre & Kathy Ritchie
Open Class Poultry: Pam Watson
Open Class Rabbits & Cavies: Karri O'Brien
Open Class Sheep:..... John Gross
Open Class Swine: Tina Sturgill