

2009 Greene County 4-H Fair A Few Overall Rules and Reminders

The items listed below are provided to place emphasis on certain rules and reminders that effect many areas of our Greene County 4-H Fair. This list is not an inclusive listing of all the rules that are applicable to each area of the 4-H Fair; there could be additional rules and regulations specific to a particular area.

Please make sure to read all parts of the 4-H Fair Book for complete details about the areas of the 4-H Fair that you are involved in. It is your responsibility for understanding all the rules and requirements for your 4-H Fair events and adhering to them.

Attendance Reminders

- 4-H Member may exhibit and show only in projects in which they are enrolled in the current 4-H year. Likewise, the 4-H Member must be a member in good standing with his/her local club, including attendance at a majority of project meetings held and at least half of the club meetings held. Club and Project Leaders should verify a 4-Her's member in good standing status prior to that member entering exhibits or showing at the 4-H Fair. If you aren't sure about your status, please check with your Club leader.
- At least one adult representative from each 4-H Club must have attended a majority of the Greene County Leader's Council Meetings from the months of September to April in order for that Club's members to be eligible to participate in **any** Greene County 4-H Fair event.

Conduct Reminders

Believing it is in the best interest of all 4-H members to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image, the following is set forth:

- 4-H members and family are expected to conduct themselves according to the tradition of the 4-H organization. Unsportsmanlike conduct (drinking, stealing, vandalism, indiscreet behavior, or inappropriate language) will not be tolerated. Any violation on the part of an exhibitor, his/her family, friends, or representative may result in dismissal of the exhibitor from participating in 4-H Fair events.
- All youth spending the night at the fairgrounds **MUST** be supervised by a parent, guardian, club or project leader.
- If any alcohol, drugs or fireworks are found or are being used on the premises by a 4-H member or family member, they will be asked to leave, and the 4-H member's premiums will be forfeited.
- Any flagrant disregard for any of the rules and regulations may be cause for disqualification.
- **NO SMOKING** is allowed on any part of the fairgrounds by City Ordinance. Please make sure all 4-H members and families are aware of this policy and strictly adhere to the NO SMOKING policy.

Arrival & Release Times

- Exhibits will be accepted in the 4-H Building on Thursday evening, July 2, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and again on Friday morning, July 3, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. No late exhibits will be accepted. Tags must be completed prior to placing exhibits into the building.
- Stall bedding may be brought in on Thursday, July 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please make sure to look for and place bedding in the appropriate stalling area for your species and club if so designated. The Missouri Entertainment & Event Center, the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, and Greene County 4-H Leader's Council accept no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items that are brought in early.
- Fairgrounds open for set up on Friday, July 3 at 6:30 a.m. Do not plan to arrive before that time!
- All livestock and horses, as well as bedding and tack, **MUST** be in place in their designated stalling area by noon on Friday, July 3.
- Specific release times and requirements are listed in the exhibit and livestock sections. Please refer to those sections for details regarding release times.

Camping

- Campers are allowed on the Fairgrounds, but you **MUST** make payment arrangements with the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 3. Fees are as follows: \$25.00 per day for electrical connection 120v/20A; \$30 per day per electrical connection 220v/50A. Availability of camping on grounds is not guaranteed and spaces must be assigned by the Fairgrounds staff.
- No tent camping will be allowed.
- Any questions about making camper arrangements, please contact the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds directly.

Dogs

- All dogs in attendance anytime during the 4-H Fair weekend must adhere to the same rules and guidelines as set out in the General Rules of the Dog section of the 4-H Fair book regardless of whether they are being shown, being used for a Live Animal demonstration, or just accompanying a 4-H family or spectator. This includes, but is not limited to, being current on rabies vaccinations and other recommended vaccinations and be free from worms and any communicable diseases.
- Dogs on the fairgrounds during the 4-H Fair may be allowed in some of the arenas and barn areas as long as they are on a leash or in a crate and are not causing any distractions or safety issues for any 4-H exhibitor or spectator.
- If asked by a 4-H Fair Superintendent to remove a dog from the areas near a show arena or barns, please honor that request.
- Any Dogs showing aggression towards people, other dogs, or livestock will be asked to leave the Fairgrounds immediately.

Overnight Courtesies

- All youth spending the night at the fairgrounds **MUST** be supervised by a parent, guardian, club or project leader.
- All 4-H members are expected to treat others with respect during overnight evening and sleeping hours! (i.e. keep radios turned to a low volume.) Follow the Golden Rule!
- As a courtesy, lights out is no later than Midnight! In some areas it might be earlier!
- Horses may be trailered home Friday night if safety of the horse is a concern. As a courtesy to all 4-Hers staying overnight, horses that leave the grounds Friday may not return to the Fairgrounds until after 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Points will not be deducted; however, you are expected to be back at the fairgrounds on time to begin game classes.

Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance Policy (MSMQA)

- All 4-H members enrolled in food animal projects (including beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, meat and dairy goats, rabbits, and poultry) must complete the appropriate level of Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance (MSMQA) certification to be considered a 4-H Member in good standing in that project.
- Greene County 4-H Fair Food Animal Project Exhibitors SHOULD include a copy of their MSMQA certification card with 4-H Fair Livestock Entry Form. Additionally, Exhibitors SHOULD be prepared to present their MSMQA card at check-in if requested by the Superintendent.

Clean Up

- As a thank you and courtesy to the Missouri Entertainment & Event Center and Ozark Empire Fairgrounds for providing the fairground facilities to us for our 4-H Fair . . . **make sure to leave the fairgrounds in better condition than you found it.**
- All trash should be placed in the appropriate trash receptacles.
- All manure and bedding should only be placed in designated manure pits. Final removal of manure and bedding from your stalling area should be in accordance with the guidelines outlined later in this 4-H Fair book in each section for livestock and horse divisions. Superintendents and Project Leaders should inspect all barn and stall areas to ensure exhibitors have properly cleaned their area and that cleaning is complete before leaving the Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 4, 2009.