Are You Ready for the 2016 Wright County Fair?!

Hey Wright County 4-H’ers! The County Fair is just around the corner, and it’s time to let us know what projects you’d like to bring! The information in this packet will help you navigate your way through the registration process and beyond. Please read carefully as there are some big changes this year!

PREPARATION CHECKLIST:

- 4-H Enrollment—May 16th
  Head to http://mn.4honline.com to sign up for 4-H, re-enroll, or make any changes to your contact information. Please make sure everything is up to date and current on your member profile before you begin fair registration.

- Animal’s ID’s (if applicable) - May 16th
  An animal ID should have been filled out on the 4honline.com website for each animal you potentially would like to exhibit at the fair (at this step you can ID as many animals as you want and then narrow down the options later). Animals not ID’ed by the deadline can still be added by a staff member, however members will not be eligible for state trips or purple ribbon or higher awards for any classes that animal is exhibited in.

- County Fair Registration—Early Bird Deadline: June 22, Final Deadline: July 1st
  This step tells us which projects you would like to exhibit at the fair. Information and requirements for each project can be found in the enclosed premium book. An instruction sheet is also enclosed telling how to complete your registration online. Please read this guide from start to finish! A few things to keep in mind with this process:
  - You need to sign up each project you are bringing. Enter the project as many times as the number of projects you are bringing (check for limits). For example, if you plan on bringing two scrapbooking projects, you will need to add that project in the online registration twice.
  - There are no penalties for signing up for a project you don’t end up bringing to the fair, but there is a penalty if you sign up for a project after the deadline is passed. For this reason, be sure to sign up for anything you might potentially bring on your initial registration and then contact the office later if you know you wont be participating.
  - After adding your entries, the site will ask you to continue to payment and submit an invoice - this is unfortunately confusing terminology used by other states. Please rest assured though, there is no payment due, but you must complete this step to complete your registration.
  - Do NOT submit your “invoice” until all family members’ entries are completed or you will need to wait for staff to approve the “invoice” before you can register the next person or add additional projects.
  - Project specific reminders:
    - Clothing/Fashion Revue: Signing up for Clothes You Buy or Clothes You Make does not automatically enter you into Fashion Revue; you need to sign up for this separately!
    - Livestock: Remember that even if showmanship and interviews are required for your livestock project, you still need to sign up for it on your registration in order to have your name in the judge’s book and show program.
    - Livestock: If you are not sure at registration time which animal you will be showing at the fair, please choose the one that is most likely. Staff will have the ability to change the animal for you (with no penalties) up to and including at check-in at the fair. Calling/emailing as soon as you know a change needs to be made will help to expedite the check-in process at the fair.
    - Communication/Performing Arts/Video Entries: You will need to sign up for a time-slot for judging in addition to registering the project. See premium book for further instructions.
    - Auction: Eligible animal entries will prompt a question as to whether or not you’d like to participate in the auction. You can sign up multiple animals and then narrow the options down later at the fair.

- Participation Summaries turned in to Key Leaders—July 15th
  This form is included in the packet, or if you’d like to fill in an electronic copy, you can find it online at: http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/wright/4-h/downloads/ Have your Key Leader review and sign off on it by July 15th to be eligible for State Fair trips and purple ribbon and higher placings. Note: The form does not need to be fully completed, but just as much as possible (i.e. you wont be able to complete sections such as the county fair participation until later). The intention behind this deadline is to get members thinking early about their goals for the year and the projects they would like to participate in. Members can finish filling out the form and submit for record judging in the fall (optional).

- Horse Achievement Books signed—July 15th
  Horse project members should complete one level of this book (included in packets for 1st year members or found online at: z.umn.edu/horseachievement). Once the level is complete—have a Key Leader or Horse project leader sign off in the appropriate spot in the book (by July 15). These books should then be brought with the member to horse check-in at the fair.

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Foodstand Shift Sign-Up
Each club is assigned either a foodstand shift (to be released very soon). After the clubs know their shifts, members will receive a link to sign up for volunteer spots that need to be filled during that shift. Members who can’t work their own club’s shift should contact the office for information to sign up for an alternative shift. All members must work a volunteer shift to be eligible to receive a scholarship for state trips (can alternatively volunteer at Wright-Hennepin Fundraiser). We need lots of help as this is our biggest fundraiser for the year so we hope you’ll sign up!

Volunteer Sign-Up
In order to provide lots of great opportunities for our 4-H’ers and keep everything running smoothly, we greatly appreciate support from many volunteers, both youth and adult. This year, we’ve reformulated many of our volunteer positions to ensure we are making the most of our volunteer’s time. We hope you’ll check out our list of volunteer needs and sign up for something that fits your schedule and abilities. Volunteer positions are posted online at http://z.umn.edu/4Hfairvolunteers. All volunteers will receive a complimentary foodstand ticket. Youth helpers who sign up on entry day will still have plenty of time to have their own items judged.

Start your projects!
Watch the newsletters for more information!

A FEW ADDITIONAL THINGS:

- **DEADLINE:** Registration for fair MUST be completed by July 1st. 4-H’ers who submit registrations after July 1st will be ineligible to receive state trips and purple ribbons! Registration can be submitted or projects can be added after the deadline but, again, they will lose eligibility. ABSOLUTELY no animal projects may be added after July 10th (for stalling reasons) and general projects that are not registered by July 21st will not be allowed to be shown.

- **WIN A GIFT CARD:** We ask that you PLEASE submit your registration EARLY if possible. If you submit your registration by June 22nd you will automatically be entered to win one of two $25 gift cards! You can always make changes before July 1st, so why not have it in early?!

- **PRE-FAIR JUDGING EVENTS:** Please note that some projects are judged prior to the fair:
  - All Clothing judging (Fashion Revue, Clothes you Buy, Clothes you Make, Quilts, and Non-garment exhibits) will take place at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 23rd, beginning at 10:00 a.m.
  - Dog Obedience, Rally, and Agility judging will take place on July 16th at the fairgrounds, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

- **FAIR INFORMATION:** General fair information as well as details about signing up for open class exhibits can be found in The Wright County Fair Guidebook. The Fair Board sends these out in June or early July or they can be picked up at our office.

- **CAMPING INFORMATION:** The Fairboard also handles all camping registrations and questions. Information for this can also be found in the Guidebook.

Please don’t hesitate to call us if you have any questions or suggestions! We want to ensure that you have a great County Fair experience! We can be reached at 763-682-7394.

Thank you for all of your help in making this a great 2016 Wright County Fair!

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