



# 168<sup>th</sup> Washington County Fair

## Premium Book

July 21 – 27, 2026

### **IMPORTANT**

All Entry Forms for every Division **MUST** be received at the Fair Park Office or online by 4:30 PM on June 10th, 2026.

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

3000 HWY PV, West Bend WI, 53095

262-677-5060

[countyfair@wcfairpark.com](mailto:countyfair@wcfairpark.com)

Office Hours: M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

## Welcome to the Fair!

The Washington County Agricultural & Industrial Society (AIS) would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 168<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington County Fair. The Fair is held to encourage young people of the county to learn new skills in the process of becoming adults. We extend a sincere invitation to all to attend!

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## For Guests with Disabilities

Those participating in the Washington County Fair may request reasonable accommodations for disabilities by contacting Tanya Becker, Fair Operations Manager at 262-677-5060 or [countyfair@wcfairpark.com](mailto:countyfair@wcfairpark.com). At least one month in advance is suggested. Staff will follow up with participants as soon as possible to discuss the requirements for accommodation and will notify the appropriate County Fair Officials of accommodation(s) that have been approved.

Fair Premium Book and Online Entering available at <https://washcofairwi.com/exhibitors/>

Washington County Fair Park is not responsible for any changes made to this book after Publication.

# Admission

Tuesday: 3:00pm – 11:00pm

Wednesday – Saturday: Gates Open 10:00am

Sunday: 9:00am – 6:00pm

Ziegler Family Exhibitor Building: Closes Daily at 9:00pm

West Bend Insurance Pavilion: Closes Daily at 9:00pm (9:30pm Friday & Saturday)

## General Admission

Tuesday .....	\$5	For all ages, no discounts
Wednesday .....	\$12	Adults (13+ Years)
	FREE	Military + 1 guest (with ID)
	\$8	Seniors (65+ Years)
	\$5	Disability
	\$5	Youth (7-12 Years)
	FREE	Children (6 Years and under)
Thursday – Saturday .....	\$15	Adults (13+ Years)
	\$8	Seniors (65+ Years)
	\$5	Youth (7-12 Years)
	FREE	Children (6 Years and under)
Sunday .....	\$12	Adults (13+ Years)
	\$8	Seniors (65+ Years)
	\$5	Youth (7-12 Years)
	FREE	Children (6 Years and under)

## Season Passes

Adult (13+ Years)	\$40	
Youth (7-12 Years)	\$15	
Open Class Exhibitors	\$25	(Entered Exhibitors ONLY)
Junior Exhibitors	\$8	(Entered Exhibitors ONLY)
4-H/FFA Adult Volunteer	\$15	
Superintendents	Free Season Pass	
Judges	Free Admissions Ticket if judging Tuesday or Wednesday	

Early Bird Ticket: *purchase by May 15<sup>th</sup>*

\$10	General Admission
\$30	Adult Season Pass

# Fair Parking Rules

**Passes are issued for the current Fair year by Fair Park Staff – based on need & limited to 1 type of pass per family. For use by livestock exhibitors only.**

## Campground Parking:

Valid for parking in the campground ONLY. One campground parking pass per assigned campsite. If found parked elsewhere on the grounds, the vehicle will need to be moved immediately or be towed. Emergency contact information must be listed on your pass and visible from the front windshield or you may be subject to towing if in an unapproved area.

## Grounds Parking:

Valid for parking in the gravel area along the road by Gate #11 or on the grass area behind the shack along the road and fence ONLY. Parking anywhere else on the grounds is not allowed and may be towed. Emergency contact information must be listed on your pass and visible from the front windshield or you may be subject to towing if in an unapproved area.

## Loading/Unloading Pass:

Valid only for loading & unloading by the barns prior to 10:00 AM NOT ALLOWED AFTER 10:00 AM. No extended parking allowed with this pass. **Emergency Contact information must be listed on your pass and visible from the front windshield or you may be subject to towing if in an unapproved area.**

## No Pass:

No entry without Fair Management approval. They may park on the road and be driven by gator, if they are entertainment or otherwise have a purpose to be there.

## Handicap Parking:

There are several spots marked for handicap access. They must present Fair or Concert tickets prior to being allowed in.

## Trailer Parking:

Trailers staying on the grounds will also need a pass with emergency contact information listed and placed in a highly visible area to Fair Personnel.

## Reserved Parking:

A limited number of reserved parking spaces (approx. 50) available for purchase located along in the grassy lot by Gate 12. Priority will be given to livestock exhibitors and sold on a first come, first serve basis. **Only 1 pass per family is allowed. The pass can be transferred between vehicles but must be visible in the front windshield at all times.** The cost for the pass is \$50.00 and is good for the entire duration of the fair.

*\*Using passes from a previous Fair Year is strictly prohibited. Any passes from a previous Fair Year being used will be confiscated and may result in future parking/loading privileges being revoked.*

## Types of Judging

**Danish Judging:** This is the traditional system, in which all exhibits in the same division are presented simultaneously to the judge. The judge evaluates each exhibit but is permitted to give a maximum of 25% ribbons within each color of each division. This style is used primarily on the animal departments and open division entries.

**Face-to-face Judging:** This form of judging allows more flexibility for judge and exhibitor. Youth bringing their projects to the judge within the allotted time and talk to the judge about their exhibit. Based on the variables from the “face-to-face” discussion, the judge award the ribbon and premium which he/she believes is appropriate. This style is used in junior division departments exhibited in the Ziegler Family Exposition Center.

## Premium Listings:

1<sup>st</sup> Blue = Excellent

2<sup>nd</sup> Red = Very Good

3<sup>rd</sup> White = Good

4<sup>th</sup> Pink = Needs Improvement

## Judging:

1. Exhibits in any department must be worthy, in the estimations of the judge, to qualify for a prize.
2. Not more than one premium will be awarded to any exhibitor upon one prize number.
3. Any person residing in Washington County is eligible to enter Open Departments. Junior Department exhibitors must be a member of a recognized youth group.

4. Any exhibitor who attempts to interfere with deliberations or decisions of the judges will be excluded from competition in that division. Any person making a false entry will forfeit premium.
5. All judging will be done by qualified judges registered with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.
6. The report of the judges must be made out and returned to the Manager's Office at the completion of the awards have been made.
7. All premiums, both regular and special, are the absolute property of the Washington AG & Industrial Society and will be paid as such.
8. All articles competing for premiums will be under the control of the Superintendent and must not be removed from the grounds until the last day except by written permission of the Fair Manager. Failure to abide by this rule results in the exhibitor forfeiting all premiums.
9. No articles shall compete for more than one premium unless as part of a collection, nor will premiums be awarded when articles are not worthy in the estimation of the judges, even though there will be no competition.

## Exhibitor Instructions

All entries must be turned into the Fair Park Office by 4:30 PM on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Payments are required at time of entry. No entries submitted after June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, will be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.

In all cases otherwise noted, only one entry may be made under one class by an exhibitor.

1. Entry forms can be submitted online at <https://washcofairwi.com/exhibitors/>. Entry forms will not be accepted after June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
2. All entry forms must include exhibitor name, complete address, department entered, the division and class number, and fair premium book description. If not completed in full, the entry may be eliminated. Junior Class MUST enter Club Name or Organization Name, Grade, and Age. If showing livestock, a premise ID is also required.
3. All entries must be made as indicated in the premium list.
4. An error on an entry form may result in a loss of premium.
5. Everyone, exhibitors included, will need a season wristband or admission ticket to enter the Fair after the gates open.

### *Recycling Fee (Per Animal)*

A recycling fee will be charged for each animal exhibited in the Pleasure, Draft Horse, Dairy, Beef, Llama, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbits, and Poultry Departments. There are no refunds on recycling fees.

Dairy, Beef Llamas	\$4.00 per animal
Sheep, Swine, Goats	\$2.00 per animal
Poultry and Rabbits	\$1.00 per animal
Horse (Pleasure)	\$5.00 per horse
Horse (Draft)	\$15.00 per box stall \$20.00 per tack stall

### Exhibitor Code of Conduct Rules:

1. Adhere to rules and policies outlined in the Washington County Fair Premium Book.
2. Conduct yourself in a courteous and respectful manner.
3. Use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and be a positive role model.
4. Comply with local, state, and federal laws.
5. Respect others' property and privacy rights.
6. Abstain from any type of abuse – physical, emotional, harassment, hazing, and bullying.
7. Accept personal responsibility for behavior.
8. Adhere to safety rules.
9. Exhibitors must use social media in a professional and respectful manner. Posting or sharing content that is defamatory, harassing, misleading, discriminatory, or harmful to the Fair, its staff, volunteers, exhibitors, sponsors, or guests is prohibited.
10. Exhibitors may not post false or misleading information. Any concerns or disputes must be addressed directly with Fair management and not through public social media posts.

### Consequences for violations of Code of Conduct:

1. Removal from exhibiting at the Fair up to and including removal from the Fairgrounds.
2. Forfeiture or repayment of fees and damages.
3. Sanctions on participating in future years.

4. A representative from the County Fair (Director or Fair Committee Chair), and a member of the non-Animal Committee or Livestock Committee will meet with the exhibitor to inform them of the consequence. If the exhibitor is in Junior Class, a parent or guardian will be notified.
5. A written letter outlining the decision will be mailed within 10 business days of the last day of the County Fair.

## Disqualification Process (Junior and Open Class Exhibits)

### General Process:

- A. The work of the exhibit must be done by the Exhibitor.
- B. If the Exhibitor enters an exhibit which he/she has not made, or in the case of an animal, cared for, the exhibit will be disqualified.
- C. The exhibit may be disqualified by the judge during the judging process or by a respective department at any time during the Fair.
- D. Premiums for all exhibits the Exhibitor has exhibited in that year will be forfeited.
- E. The exhibit will be removed from the Washington County Fair.
- F. A representative from the Non-Animal Committee or Livestock Committee and the County Fair Staff will meet with the Exhibitor to inform them of the disqualification.
- G. A verbal disqualification will be given to the Exhibitor. If the Exhibitor is in Junior Class, a parent or guardian will be notified.
- H. A written letter outlining the decision will be mailed to the Exhibitor within 10 business days of the last day of the County Fair. If the Exhibitor is in Open Class, the decision will be sent by the AIS board and/or Fair Park Staff. If the Exhibitor is a Junior Class Exhibitor, the letter will be sent by the Fair Park Staff.

For a second infraction/disqualification, the Exhibitor will be disqualified from exhibiting at the Washington County Fair for two years. If a third infraction/disqualification occurs, the Exhibitor will not be allowed to exhibit at the Washington County Fair.

### Appeals Process:

- A. The Exhibitor has the right to appeal the written decision.
- B. The exhibitor shall submit their written request to appeal within 10 business days of the date of the written decision to the following:
  - a. If the Exhibitor is in Junior or Open Class – to the AIS Board whose address is:  
AIS: Washington County Ag & Industrial Society  
3000 Hwy PV  
West Bend, WI 53095

- b. For Non-Animal Exhibits: The Appeals Committee will consist of three members from the Non-Animal Committee. One alternate will be named.
- c. Livestock Exhibits: The Appeals Committee will consist of three members of the Livestock Committee. One alternate will be named.
- d. The AIS Board may appoint additional members if they deem necessary.

C. The Appeals Committee will review the written decision and the exhibitor’s written request to appeal, with any supporting documentation, to make their determination. Their determination shall also be in writing, sent to the Exhibitor and shall be final. There shall be no further appeal.

### Livestock Entry Day Information

Poultry	Monday Tuesday	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Rabbits	Monday Tuesday	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Beef, Sheep, Swine	Tuesday	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Dairy	Tuesday	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Goats	Monday	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Pleasure Horses	Tuesday	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Draft Horses	Wednesday & Thursday	Must be in place by 10:00 AM Thursday
Llamas	Wednesday	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM
*Times are subject to change*		

For all other projects, please see the respective department section in the Fair Premium Book for entry information and judging times.

All animals must be identified (ear tag or health papers, tattoo) with Department Superintendent before being unloaded. Health papers will be kept on file during the Fair in the Livestock Office and turned over to the Fair office to maintain for a 5-year period. Failure to abide by this rule will result in immediate removal of animals from grounds and forfeiture of show rights.

### Instructions When Bringing in Exhibits

1. Pick up your exhibitor tickets in the Fair Park Office until the Friday before the Fair begins. Starting Monday of Fair week, pick up will be in the Ziegler Building lobby.
2. Take your exhibitor tags and exhibits to the appropriate department area.

3. The department will attach the exhibit tag(s) to the exhibit and put your exhibit in place after being judged.
4. It is understood that the exhibitor shows the display at his/her own risk, and that neither Washington County Fair nor Washington County is liable to any extent for any damage the exhibitor's display may suffer.
5. In order to show livestock at the Washington County Fair, an exhibitor must be 8 years old or older as of January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current Fair year. The only exception to this rule is for those that choose to show in Little Squealers, Little Shepherds, Half Pint/Little Britches, and/or Tiny Tots.

## Release Information

Draft Horses (Release at Gate 1)	Sunday	5:15pm
All Livestock Exhibits (Release at Gate 11 & 1)	Sunday	7:00pm
All other Junior Exhibits	Sunday (ONLY)	6:30 – 7:30pm
All Open Division Exhibits	Sunday Monday	6:30 – 7:30pm 8:00-4:30pm

**The North Gate (Gate 11) will be closed from 4:00pm until 7:00pm release.** Open Division Exhibits will be kept at Fair Park for one week. Exhibits will be disposed of if not picked up within this time.

## Junior Fair Division General Rules

1. The exhibits in this division are open only to members on good standing of a Washington County organization located in Washington County, including 4-H Clubs, FFA, Boy Scout, Girl Scouts, FHA, Jr. Holstein Association, Pioneers, Jr. Polled Hereford Associations, and other qualified groups which are approved by the Washington County AIS at least 30 days prior to opening day of the fair. By meeting the expectations of the youth organization, they are a part of, youth exhibitors earn the privilege to represent that organization as an exhibitor at the Washington County Fair. Youth exhibitors should check with leaders and administrative staff of the organization they represent to verify that they are meeting the expectations of that organization before entering to exhibit at the Washington County Fair.
2. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor since the previous County Fair.
3. Exhibits are to be made only on the project or projects in which the exhibitor is enrolled. The enrollment is to be vouched for by the leader of the youth organization or parent concerned.

4. 4-H members competing for premiums must meet all the rules and requirements of 4-H club work. Premiums will not be paid to anyone not enrolled as a 4-H member in good standing. The Fair Board reserves the right to withhold premium checks for exhibitors not completing all requirements for project.
5. Exhibits are open to youth K5 – 13<sup>th</sup> grade or no more than 19 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair year, depending on the grade or age rule governing the Recognized Washington County organization to which the youth belong.
6. In addition to the champion ribbons, merit ribbons may be presented to those articles deemed outstanding by the judge. Judges Choice selections may also be made.
7. Exhibitors are allowed to show an exhibit from another county providing space allows.

## Junior Livestock General Rules

- No more than 5 dairy or 2 steers may be shown by any one exhibitor.
- In order to show livestock at the Washington County Fair, an exhibitor must be 8 years old or older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current Fair year. The only exception to this rule is for those that choose to show in Little Squealers, Little Shepherds, and/or Half Pint/Little Britches.
- Barns will be closed from 10:00pm to 6:00am. Any exceptions to entering the barns during these hours is at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- An animal may NOT be shown in both Junior and Open Divisions, except to complete a group division in the Open Show.
- All health papers for animals must be presented to the superintendent before animals are unloaded. Animals without proper health papers will not be allowed to unload on the fairgrounds.
- Animals entered must be placed with the club indicated on the entry form. If an exhibitor wishes to put their animals in another group, they must contact the superintendent of the department no later than 15 days before entry day of the fair. Adjustments will be made at the discretion of the superintendent.
- Exhibitor must furnish own straw and feed.
- See Page 11 for time(s) livestock should be in place.
- Exhibitors are responsible to clean up manure from their animals any time the animals are out of the barn.
- Registration papers must accompany all registered animals and be shown to Superintendent on entry day before unloading animal(s).

- All animals shown must be owned by exhibitors, exhibitors' family, or resident employee of the owner of the animal.
- Animals must be shown by exhibitors except where permission is granted to have a substitute do the showing. The substitute must be a youth member from Washington County.
- The appearance of a person showing animals in the judging ring and his/her ability of showmanship will be considered by the judge in awarding ribbons. This is very important and will be stressed.
- It is recommended that anyone exhibiting livestock, dress in neat clean attire for the show ring. The customary "cover all" or usual barn clothes are discouraged from use in the show ring. No farm name may be worn during showing.
- Control of Animals – Livestock exhibitors must be able to bring animals into the show ring to be handled and judged in order to receive premiums in any division or be eligible for the Livestock Sale.
- The only individuals allowed in the show ring during judging of all animal species will be the exhibitor and individuals wearing a vest with the wording "LIVESTOCK OFFICIAL". These officials will be determined by the Department Superintendent. Any other individual in the show ring during judging will result in disciplinary action.
- No sedatives may be used on livestock.
- If you are planning to stay overnight with your livestock, a pass will be required. Passes will be available in the Fair Park Office; Tuesday – Saturday during business hours. Livestock exhibitors ONLY will be allowed overnight on the fairgrounds. Siblings or friends are not allowed overnight.
- Any animal not under control will be removed from the fairgrounds at the discretion of the Livestock Coordinator and the Department Superintendent. If necessary, the matter will be referred to the Fair Director.
- Exhibitors are required to wash cattle at wash racks only.

## Junior Livestock Sale Chairman – Steve Janz

The rules for the Washington County Fair Livestock Sale were provided to all project members in the packet at the time of weight-in and printed in the Animal Science Handbook. Please refer to these sources for information and requirements. If there are questions, contact the Washington County Youth Livestock Committee at [washcolivestock@gmail.com](mailto:washcolivestock@gmail.com).

## Livestock Weigh – In

- Fair Weigh-In: Beef, Sheep and Swine must be in place Tuesday on or before 10:00am.
- Lambs will be weighed in/by pen starting at 11:00am. Swine to be weighed in/by pen immediately following lambs. No free weigh-ins for lambs or swine.
- Beef weights taken from 11:00am until finished at approximately 2:00pm. Clubs will be released to the scale one at a time to stop lines and confusion.

## Educational Displays

See Dept. 132, Division B for information on educational displays. Entry must be made by the club on an official entry form, postmarked June 10<sup>th</sup>, to be eligible.

## Overnight Passes

- **Youth or adults that plan to stay on the grounds** between 11:00pm and 6:00am will need to obtain an overnight pass. All junior fair exhibitors, even if over the age of 18, are considered as youth and will need to follow the procedures and requirements for a youth pass.
- **Overnight passes for youth** will be issued only to people exhibiting livestock having an important and compelling need to stay at the fair. Friends or others will not be eligible for overnight passes.
- **Adults and/or youth wishing to obtain an overnight pass** can pick up the applications at the Fair Park Office. Exhibitors are encouraged to complete and turn in the application to the Fair Park Office by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be accepted no later than July 12<sup>th</sup>. Applications will only be considered on an emergency basis after this date.
- **All youth staying overnight** will need to be under the supervision of a parent, legal guardian, or a chaperone. Chaperones must be identified by parents, be over 21 years of age, obtain an overnight pass, and have completed the youth protection program. Chaperones are limited to supervising 10 youth.
- **Pick up of passes is handled as follows:**
  - Beef, sheep, swine, dairy: Passes are available for pick up in the Livestock Office on Tuesday through Saturday of the Fair during regular business hours.
  - Llamas, alpacas, goats: Fair Park Office staff will give the passes to the appropriate Superintendent or participants directly.

## More Important Information

- Barns will be closed from 10:00pm to 6:00am. Any exceptions to entering the barns during these hours is at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- **Sunday Closure:** The North Gate (#11) will close at 4:00pm on Sunday and no one is allowed to enter without Fair Management approval prior to 6:00pm when Livestock exhibits are released and the Fair closes. Draft Horse exhibitors may enter the grounds from Gate #1 at 5:00pm.
- **Exhibitors are prohibited from bringing ATV, utility vehicles, or golf carts which are not allowed on the premises.**

## Health Regulations

Junior Fair exhibits will be subjected to the same requirements as for the other livestock at the Fair. **Absolutely no changes can be made at or during the Fair.**

## Fair Veterinarian Responsibilities

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection establish rules that fairs must follow to reduce the risk of animal health concerns. One of those requirements is:

If a fair or livestock exhibition in this state lasts for more than 24 hours, the sponsors of the fair or exhibition shall appoint a licensed veterinarian to conduct a daily inspection of all livestock at the fair or exhibition. For a complete listing of the rule, please see the health requirements section of the fair book.

The veterinarian employed by the fair does come to the grounds each day. Their schedule depends on their other responsibilities and is usually not at a set time each day. When the veterinarian comes to the fair, they will check with the Livestock Office to see if there are any concerns or animals to check. They will then walk through the livestock areas and observe animals for any concerns.

If you have any animals that you would like the veterinarian to check when they are on the grounds, please leave your information in the Livestock Office. It will then be provided to the veterinarian on the next visit and the veterinarian will check your animal. However, if any treatment is administered, you are responsible for the costs of the treatment.

If an animal needs immediate attention, it is the responsibility of the exhibitors to contact their own veterinarian for any attention or treatment.