

2026 DCF Judging, Showring and Contest Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Event	Venue
Thu.	7/16	8 a.m.	Model Horse - Check-in & Judging	Exhibition Hall C
		8 a.m.	Beef - Showring prep and Beef Show - Market, Showmanship & Breeding	Pavilion 2 - Showring A
		8 a.m.	Poultry Show	Pavilion 2 - Showring C
		9:30 a.m.	Cavies Show	Pavilion 2 - Showring C
		1 p.m.	Horse & Pony - English & Western Dressage Show	Pavilion 1 Showring
		1 p.m.	Communication Arts Festival	Exhibition Hall A
		3 p.m.	Clothing, Knitting & Crocheting Revue	Exhibition Hall A
		3 p.m.	Sheep - Market Lots, Breeding Stock, Showmanship	Pavilion 2 - Showring B
Fri.	7/17	5 p.m.	Dairy Showmanship Clinic	Pavilion 2 - Showring A
		8 a.m.	Rabbit Show	Pavilion 2 - Showring C
		8:30 a.m.	Swine Show	Pavilion 2 - Showring D
		8:30 a.m.	Goats Show - Dairy Goats, Other Breeds, Meat Goats	Pavilion 2 - Showring B
		9 a.m.	Dairy - Showmanship & Grade Holsteins	Pavilion 2 - Showring A
		10 a.m.	Cat Show - Check-in and Judging	Exhibition Hall C
		11 a.m.	Horse & Pony - Trail Show	Pavilion 1 Showring
		1 p.m.	Little Shepherd Show	Pavilion 2 - Showring B
		1:30 p.m.	Little Kid (Goats) Show	Pavilion 2 - Showring B
		2:30 p.m.	Meat Animal Sale set-up	Pavilion 2 - Showring B
		3 p.m.	Horse & Pony - Ranch Show	Pavilion 1 Showring
		5 p.m.	Meat Animal Sale Dinner	Vendor Food Court
6:45 p.m.	Meat Animal Sale	Pavilion 2 - Showring B		
Sat.	7/18	8:30 a.m.	Horse & Pony - Western	Pavilion 1 Showring
		9 a.m.	Dairy - Registered Holsteins & Colored Breeds	Pavilion 2 - Showring A
		12 p.m.	Rooster Crowing Contest	Pavilion 2 - Showring C
		1 p.m.	Little Britches Dairy Showmanship	Pavilion 2 - Showring A
		1 p.m.	Rockstars in the Ring Mentor Training	Pavilion 2 - Showring D
		2 p.m.	Rockstars in the Ring Show	Pavilion 2 - Showring B
		3 p.m.	Little Critter Show	Pavilion 2 - Showring C
		5 p.m.	Ag Olympics	Pavilion 2 - Showring A
7 p.m.	Small Animal Market Sale	Pavilion 2 - Showring C		
Sun	7/19	8 a.m.	Dog Show - Agility	Exhibition Hall D
		8:30 a.m.	Horse & Pony - English	Pavilion 1 Showring
		10 a.m.	Master Showman	Pavilion 2 - Showring B
		10 a.m.	Dog Show - Showmanship, Rally, Tunnelers & Obedience	Exhibition Hall D
		11:30 a.m.	Dress-A-Critter Contest	Pavilion 2 - Showring B
		2:30 p.m.	Fair Awards Ceremony & 4-H Graduation	Exhibition Hall A

2026 Carnival Special for Youth Exhibitors:

Youth Exhibitors, who purchase admission wristbands, will be able to receive a discount at the carnival. For each admission wristband purchased, a coupon will be given for a \$15 all-you-can-ride wristband during one of the following dates and times:

Friday, July 17	Saturday, July 18
Noon to 5 p.m.	Noon to 5 p.m.

Ride specials are limited to one wristband, one time.
You must present both the coupon and admission wristband to receive the discount.

Rockstars in the Ring

Saturday, July 18 - 2 p.m.

Pavilion 2, Showring B

Dane County Fair is excited to announce the 5th annual Rockstars in the Ring, a new livestock show for youth with an intellectual disability. Up to 10 participants will have the opportunity to show a pig, rabbit, or sheep and will be paired up with a Dane County Fair youth exhibitor mentor to enhance their experience.

For more details, visit danecountyfair.com.