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## 2023 GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 2-5, 2023

### Commercial Vendors, Exhibitors and Concessionaires

Dear Vendors/Exhibitors/Concessionaires,

Thank you for your interest in having a commercial vendor, exhibitor, or concession booth at the 2023 Grays Harbor County Fair. We're very excited to announce all the fun details of this summer's Fair. After originally planning to return to a five-day Fair now that our world is returning closer to normal, we've recently learned that we will need to stick with a four-day event again in 2023, in order to ensure quality carnival services throughout the entire event. The set dates are August 2-5. So, please mark your calendars. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate our community and enjoy all the fun of the largest special event in our area. We're again, very excited about the fair that we have planned. There will once again be non-stop, high-quality entertainment, carnival rides, classic fair food, animals, exhibits and all the other attractions that the Grays Harbor County Fair is known for. In 2022, we set daily and seasonal attendance records, with many of our vendors reporting very strong numbers. We're working hard toward the goal of having even greater success in 2023. We're also happy to announce that we've again booked two, high level, headlining concert acts that are sure to provide top quality entertainment, on our Pepsi Stage. We're looking forward to officially announcing them soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

#### **Items to Note:**

As stated above, we will be staying with a four-day fair, for this year, that will run Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Please see the full, daily schedule below.

In an effort to balance out Fair attendance between the weekdays and Saturday, as well as manage traffic and parking demands, we will be moving a couple of local entertainment attractions from mid-day Saturday to Thursday and/or Friday evenings.

**Commercial Vendor and Exhibitors may set up Monday, July 31 and Tuesday, August 1. Post-event breakdown and haul out will be allowed to begin twenty-five (25) minutes after closing on Saturday night, or Sunday morning. Food vendors will "settle" at the office on Saturday night, beginning at 11:10pm.**

#### **General Hours of Operation For the 2023 Fair Will Be:**

Wednesday, August 2	10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday, August 3	10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday, August 4	10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday, August 5	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

For your convenience, we've enclosed an application for the 2023 Fair. Please complete the application and return it to us as soon as possible. **Be sure to include photos of your booth and information regarding your product(s) and/or service(s).** All submitted material will become the property of the Grays Harbor County Fair and will not be returned. You must use the 2023 application.

We make every effort to offer a wide variety of exhibits and concessions each year. Previous exhibitors and concessionaires, who have attended our fair for continuous years, are usually given the opportunity to return provided fees were paid promptly; quality goods and services were provided; booth areas were kept clean; sales were positive; **published rules have been adhered to; and conduct was acceptable.**

However, that does not mean that the opportunity to return as a vendor/exhibitor is guaranteed. Our Commercial Vendor and Concessions Committee will determine what booths are the best fit for our fair, on an annual basis. Specific locations of booths will be decided after July 21<sup>st</sup>. Though we do our best to locate returning vendors and exhibitors in the spots they were in the previous year, we cannot guarantee placement in the same, exact space. Every company/non-profit/individual doing business at the Grays Harbor County Fair must have a written and signed contract, regarding their activity. All items for sale and/or display must be approved prior to the start of the fair. **Please do not send money with your application.** Selected vendors/exhibitors will receive an approval letter; two sets of our rules; and a contract offer via standard mail (email upon special request). After you receive those documents, we will gladly accept your signed agreement material; applicable fees; a signed set of our rules, as well as insurance documentation, all at the same time.

Please note that once accepted to the fair, **Commercial Vendors/Exhibitors who do not submit their signed agreement and fees by the expiration date listed on such agreement, may have their space offered to other applicants.** So, please submit this material by the date specified on your agreement. Though we do our best to be as accommodating as possible, we simply need to ensure that all booth spaces are filled, in order to offer the best experience possible to our fairgoers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by phone or email. Again, thank you for your interest in participating in the 2023 Grays Harbor County Fair. We hope to see you in August.

Sincerely,

*Mike Bruner*

Mike Bruner, Manager  
Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds, Tourism and Parks

**NOTE: PLEASE RETURN YOUR  
VENDOR APPLICATION AT YOUR  
EARLIEST CONVENIENCE**