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## 2018 Indiana State Fair Competition Entry Fast Approaching

June 18, 2018, Indianapolis, IN- With more than 8,200 blue ribbons and cash prizes to be awarded, individuals interested in competing at the 2018 Indiana State Fair, August 3-19, should register by July 1 at 11:59 p.m., as entry fees will rise at midnight.

Entries are currently being accepted for all Livestock departments, Agriculture & Horticulture, Indiana Arts, Brewers Cup, Baton Twirling, Cheerleading, Youth Talent, Fiddle Competition and Indiana Bred and Owned.

Competitors have the option to enter contest categories that revolve around this year's State Fair theme "Step Right Up! to The Greatest 17 Days of Summer," such as the painting category, Lego category, cake decorating category and others. Hoosiers of all ages are welcome to compete in entry categories. Some of the most popular categories include:

Those interested in entering can visit the Indiana State Fair <u>website</u> to view department listings and entry categories. For a listing of entry rules and entry guidelines, visit the Indiana State Fair Entry Books <u>website</u>. For more information, contact the Indiana State Fair Entry Department at 317-927-7515. Competitors interested in entering should visit the Indiana State Fair competition and contest website and fill out the registration <u>form.</u>

The 2018 theme "STEP RIGHT UP! to The Greatest 17 Days of summer," revolves around Indiana's rich circus heritage. Online ticket sales are available now, presented by WGU Indiana, at a discounted rate of \$8 plus convenience fee on the Indiana State Fair <u>website</u>. Tickets can also be purchased at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum Box Office during regular business hours at the discounted rate. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$13.

## ABOUT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating Hoosiers' spirit and agricultural heritage. These 17 days celebrate Indiana agriculture and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across Indiana, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth, interactive agriculture education programs, premier facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. The 2018 Indiana State Fair will be held August 3-19. The 2018 theme pays homage to Indiana's rich circus heritage by offering a world-class Big Top Circus presented by Bee Window. The new family friendly **Big Top Circus is FREE** with paid State Fair admission and features acrobats, clowns, trapeze artists and more! For more information, visit <u>www.indianastatefair.com</u>.