



GENERAL EXHIBITORS INFORMATION & RULES

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GENERAL EXHIBITOR'S RULES AND REGULATIONS

Kittitas County Fair Office

Location: Armory | 901 E 7th, Suite 1 - Ellensburg 98926

Office Hours: Monday - Friday

8am to 5pm (closing from 12 Noon to 1:00pm)

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KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

District #1
Cory Wright

District # 2
Laura Osiadacz

District # 3
Brett Wachsmith

Welcome From the Board of County Commissioners

Kittitas County Fair Volunteers and Exhibitors,

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, THANK YOU for being the energy that makes our county fair one of the very best! Besides our volunteers' tireless efforts to produce the most memorable five days in our county every year, the exhibits that showcase the work of our local residents continue to highlight the best and brightest of our fellow residents. The opening of the new Bloom Pavilion addition will only add to the anticipation of this year's centennial celebration of the Kittitas County Fairgrounds, yet none of this is possible without your hours and dedication behind the scenes.

Let's put on our boots and get back to our roots at the 2023 Kittitas County Fair!

Cory Wright

Chairman, Kittitas County Board of Commissioners

Exhibitor Guide Welcome from the Fair Board President

It is with great pleasure to welcome you as an exhibitor to the 2023 Kittitas County Fair. This year signifies an important milestone in our Fair's history, the centennial celebration of the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. Since 1923 we have called the "spot beneath the hill" our permanent home. With this celebratory year, we have so many great things in store for our fairgoers and exhibitors. New this year is our centennial celebration special exhibit departments in each division. We are excited to see exhibits that represent our past in these special classes and departments. Centennial exhibits should encompass traditions, culture, and the ways of the past. Paintings done with natural pigments, sewing projects from cloth from a century back, and recipes dating back to the early 1900's. In addition, special awards will be given to highlight and celebrate these entries and the centennial celebration. As always, we still have departments for everyone to enter their hobbies, crafts, baked goods, home grown vegetables, needlework, sewing, canned goods, photography, and more.

The Fair Board, Superintendents, Volunteers, and Staff are excited to welcome you to an incredible Labor Day Weekend celebrating 100 Years at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. Make sure to "Put on Your Boots and Get Back to Your Roots" at this year's Kittitas County Fair.

Jarred Fudacz, President
Kittitas County Fair Board of Directors

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE KITTITAS COUNTY FAIRBOARD

Revised and Adopted May 20, 1999

Operating under the authority of the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners,

The Fair Board is responsible for conducting the Annual Agricultural County Fair.

We are committed to enhancing the Fair and providing education and appreciation of agriculture, natural resources, environment, health, history, cultural enrichment, arts, entertainment, and recreation.

The Fair Board is dedicated to continually upgrade the Fair in the belief that a strong County Fair benefits all residents of Kittitas County. The Fair Board will perform their duties to the benefit of the residents of Kittitas County.

2023 KITTITAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jessie Blackwood

Entertainment, Contest Center

Andrea Blume

Concessions
Commercial Vendors

Brittany Briggs

4-H Building
Cats and Dogs, Shooting Sports

Eric Celigoy

Livestock Sale
Beef

Roylene Crawford, Sec. – Treas.

Awards
Superintendents and Super Suite

Amy Cziske

Admissions

Bob Eddings, Vice President

Swine Barn
Operations-Grounds

Jarred Fudacz, President

Home
Arts Building, Senior Lounge Youth
Craft, Youth Science, Rugs &
Afghans

Bret Hollar, Director at Large

Friends of Fair Booth, Beer
Garden

Jerry Lael

Parking

Bob Martin

Frontier Village

Matt Martin

Armory, Quilts,
Fine Arts, Photography

Becky McDowell

Bloom Pavilion, Rabbits, Cavies,
Poultry, Sheep, Goats and
Herdsmanship, Friends of the Fair
Scholarships

Clay Myers

Security

Kristina Paquette

PR, Advertising,

Jodee Shenyer

Horse Barns, 4-H Horse, Light &
Draft Horse Show
Junior Horse Fair

Becky Sherley, Past President

Sponsorships

Greg Zempel

Carnival

KITTITAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS STAFF

Kady Porterfield, CFE

Lacie Dawson

Karey Connor

Daniel Eddings

Joseph Wicklander

Chase Gleason

John Hilton

Kirk Kramer

KVEC Director

Program Manager

Fiscal Tech III

Grounds Manager

Maintenance Tech I

Maintenance Tech I

Event Operations Aide

Event Operations Aide

KITTITAS COUNTY FAIR ADMISSION PRICES

Processing Fees will apply. 5% City Admission Tax included in prices. **NO REFUNDS.**

DAILY ADMISSION

- General - (13 years & over) **\$10.00**
- Senior Citizen (60+) Child (6-12) - **\$6.00**
- Children 5 years & under - **FREE**
- Active Military with ID - **FREE**

SEASON PASSES

- Season Pass - **\$30.00**

EXHIBITOR SEASON PASSES – ONE per exhibitor

*Exhibitor Season Passes can **ONLY** be purchased at time of entering exhibits online or when entering in person at the Fair Office. **Exhibitor Passes are mandatory for ALL animal Exhibitors.***

Exhibitor Season Pass - **\$15.00** (if purchased on or before August 15th)

LATE Exhibitor Season Pass - **\$20.00** (third Friday in August)

An additional late fee of **\$3.00** will be charged on all entries received after August 15th

GENERAL FAIR INFORMATION

1. **FAIR HOURS:** Home Arts, Armory, Community and Youth Clubs Building, and All Vendors:

Thursday 10am – 10pm

Friday 10am – 11pm

Saturday 10am – 11pm

Sunday 10am – 10pm

Monday 10am – 6pm

Barns will be open to the public from 10 am to 10pm Thursday through Sunday and 10 am to 6 pm on Monday.

CARNIVAL opens at noon each day.

2. The Kittitas County Fair’s primary audience consists of family and youth, and we reserve the right to reject any exhibit and/or contents that may be considered objectionable by that audience.
3. **SMOKING/VAPING ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY** (East end of Hunt Memorial and Poplar and 7th Ave)
4. Advertising shall be prohibited from all areas of the grounds except bona fide advertising of commercial exhibitors within leased booth.
5. ***Parking vehicles on the Fairgrounds between the hours of 9 am and 10 pm is prohibited.***
6. Any persons knowingly violating any of the rules of the Fair will be declared ineligible for premiums or other awards and may be disqualified from the show.
7. Only ribbons and awards earned at the current Kittitas County Fair can be displayed.

GENERAL EXHIBITOR’S RULES AND REGULATIONS

EXHIBITOR INSTRUCTIONS

1. **On-line entry process is explained fully in "FAIR 101". Refer to each Department and Division for specific regulations. Read all instructions and guidelines. Online entries open August 1st. If you are unable to enter on-line, we will gladly help you enter when you visit the Fair Office (in the Armory), beginning the first business day of August. Office hours are 8am-12noon; 1pm-5pm Monday through Friday.**
2. **All exhibitors must be Kittitas County residents.**
3. Exhibitor pass will not be validated until exhibits are physically submitted.
4. Exhibitors of articles, animals and/or livestock at the Fair accept the risk of loss or damage to their articles, animals and/or livestock while displayed at the Fair and agree to hold the Kittitas County Fair harmless if such damage or loss should occur. Exhibitors shall be responsible to secure any insurance or other protection against said damage or loss.
5. The Kittitas County Fair Board reserves the right to amend, change or append any of these General Rules and Regulations as necessary to ensure the safety of both exhibitor and patron. It is the expectation of the Kittitas County Fair Board that all actions, displays and/or behaviors will promote a safe family experience for patrons and exhibitors, and anything judged to be inappropriate by the Kittitas County Fair Board are grounds for removal and disqualification from the Kittitas County Fair.
6. All Fair exhibits must be kept in place until 6 pm on the last day of the Fair. Any article or animal removed before such time without written permission of the superintendent/Fair Board Director will forfeit premiums and may be disqualified from the show.
7. **Pick up your entry items between 6 pm and 8 pm on Monday, Labor Day, the last day of the Fair. Any property left on the grounds after 8 pm on the last day of Fair, WILL BE LEFT AT RISK OF THE OWNER. All exhibits remaining on site after 3 days will become property of the Kittitas County Fair. All exhibits not picked up by October 1st will be discarded.**
8. All baked goods will be disposed of at the close of the Fair. Pick up your ribbons and comment cards between 6 pm and 8 pm on Monday, Labor Day.
9. The Fair Board reserves the right to accept, reject, or accept conditionally any entry or application.
10. Exhibitors must in all cases be the bona fide owners of articles or animals entered by them.

EXHIBITOR - LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL ENTRIES

1. **All Livestock and Animal exhibitors are required to enter online through ShoWorks. Paper form entries will not be accepted for livestock entries.**
2. **Livestock and Animal Exhibitors must *purchase an Exhibitor Pass at time of entry.***
This is mandatory for all animal exhibitors.
3. Bedding fees apply to each animal entered and are to be paid by all Livestock and Animal Exhibitors at the time of entry.
4. **ALL EXHIBITORS WILL ENTER ON-LINE (through ShoWorks) AND AUTOMATICALLY ACKNOWLEDGE ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOLD-HARMLESS WAIVER. If you enter in person, 4-H Shooting Sports, you must deliver a signed form to the Fair office by the third Friday in August (except Jr. Horse Fair entries). Animals will not be accepted without all the required forms. Jr. Horse Fair exhibitors must provide all waivers at time of entry (Deadline in office is August 11th).**
5. Cross entries are NOT allowed. Exhibitors may not enter the same animal in both OPEN and 4-H/FFA/Grange Divisions.
6. **Read and follow all rules and regulations in the Livestock, Horses, and Small Animals Guide.**

ENTRY FEES

OPEN DEPARTMENT

(Bedding fee per animal includes tax)

Horses	\$25.00
Beef.....	\$25.00
Sheep	\$15.00
Goats	\$15.00
Rabbit/Poultry/Cavies	\$5.00

YOUTH GROUPS/FFA DEPARTMENT

(Bedding fee per animal includes tax)

Horses	\$15.00
Beef	\$15.00
Swine	\$12.00
Sheep	\$10.00
Goats	\$10.00
Llamas/Alpaca	\$10.00
Rabbit/Poultry /Cavies ...	\$4.00

LIVESTOCK, HORSES, AND SMALL ANIMALS GUIDE

is required reading for anyone bringing an animal to Fair.

Ask for a copy at the Fair Office or download a PDF <http://www.kittitascountyfair.com/guide.asp>.

FAIR SCHEDULE FOR EXHIBITS & JUDGING 2023

Times/dates are subject to change.

AUGUST

Tuesday, August 1st

- Entry Forms accepted at Fair Office & Online anytime.
- Limited Livestock Exhibitor Parking Permits Sold.

Sunday, August 6th

- 9:00am Recurve Archery Contest- Kittitas County Fairgrounds
- 9:00 am Compound Archery Contest – Kittitas County Fairgrounds

Thursday, August 10th 4-H Dog

Saturday, August 12th

- 4-H Shooting Sports
- 9:00am 4-H Air Rifle Contest - Kittitas County Fairgrounds
- 1:00pm 4-H Air Pistol Contest – Kittitas County Fairgrounds

Friday, August 18

5 pm **ENTRY DEADLINE** for all Departments and indoor displays. Entries received after this deadline will accrue a late fee.

Saturday, August 19th

4-H Dog
\$3 late fee will be assessed on all entries accepted beginning August 19
Late exhibitor pass prices rise to \$20.00.

Thursday August 17th- Sunday August 20th 4-H Junior Horse Fair, 4-H Dog, and 4-H Shooting Sports

Thursday – August 17th

7-8:30 am	4-H Horse	Vet Check-In - 5 th Avenue Entrance Gate
9 am		Safety Meeting- Bloom Pavilion
10 am		Tack Check- Bloom Pavilion, Horses IN PLACE
10:30 am-3 pm		Western Games – Rodeo Arena
3 pm		Green Horse, Driving - Bloom Pavilion

Friday – August 18th

8:30 am	4-H Horse	Showmanship - Bloom Pavilion
1:30 pm		Trail, P51, Reining – Bloom Pavilion

Saturday – August 19th

8:30 am	4-H Horse	Performance Classes, English Dressage -Bloom Pavilion/Rodeo Arena
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Sunday – August 20th

8:30 am	4-H Horse	Performance Classes -Bloom Pavilion/ Rodeo Arena
9 am	4-H Shooting Sports	Air Rifle & Silhouette Contest - Kittitas County Fairgrounds
1 pm		Air Pistol & Silhouette Contest

Monday- August 21st

12-5 pm	Quilts (Dept. 28) will be accepted in the Armory
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Tuesday, August 22nd
5pm – 8pm
4-H CAT
Showmanship and Costume – Old Fair Office

Wednesday, August 23
5 pm – 8 pm
4-H Dog- Agility and Rally Hunt Memorial Dog Arena - KCF

Thursday, August 24
5 pm – 8:30pm
4-H Dog - Showmanship and Obedience – Hunt Memorial Dog Arena KCF

Friday, August 25th
10 am-7 pm
Open Adult Crafts & Hobbies, Open Youth Crafts & Hobbies, Youth Science Project, Educational Displays Exhibits accepted in Home Arts Building (Dept. 30, 38, 39,)
Open Homemade Beer & Wine, Food Preservation, Rugs, Needlework, Sewing, Fiber Arts, Home Office Computer projects, Paper Crafts, Scrapbooking & Calligraphy exhibits accepted in Home Arts Building (Dept.17, 20, 25, 26, 27, 29, 36 & 37)
Fine Arts, Photography accepted in the Armory (Dept. 35, 40)
Exhibits received in Home Arts and Armory will be judged before Fair opens on Thursday.

Saturday - August 26th
9 am
11 am
4-H Shooting Sports - .22 Smallbore Rifle & Silhouette Contest -Cascade Field and Stream
.22 Smallbore Pistol & Silhouette Contest – Cascade Field and Stream

Sunday - August 27th
9 am
4-H Shooting Sports - Shotgun Contest -Pomona Gun Club, Selah

Monday- August 28th
9 am - Noon
10 am-7pm
4-6 pm
4-H/FFA Flags accepted in 4-H Building. Flags will be displayed after being judged.
Open Baking and Open Youth Baking accepted in Home Arts Building (Dept. 18 & 19)
Open Grain, Hay, & Forage exhibits accepted in 4-H Building (Dept. 13)

**Monday- August 28th-
Tuesday- August 29th**
9 am-7pm
4-H/FFA Building open for **Community Booth** set (Dept. 45)
All Booths must be in place by 7pm Wednesday Aug. 30th

Tuesday – August 29th
7:30 am-11:30am
12 pm
4-6 pm
All 4-H, Grange/FFA exhibits will be accepted in the 4-H Building. 4-H, Grange/FFA educational displays & posters accepted in the 4-H Building (Dept. 63, 64, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76)
4-H Western Heritage Contest – Kittitas County Fairgrounds
Open & 4-H/FFA Wool & Fiber accepted in the 4-H Building (Dept. 12 & 62)

Wednesday – Wednesday August 30th
7 am-3:00 pm
9 am-12 pm
12 pm
2-7 pm
3:00 pm
9 pm
All animals arriving. Refer to Livestock Guide for times
Open class **Fruits** (Dept. 14), **& Vegetables** (Dept. 15) exhibits accepted in 4-H Building
Mandatory Meeting - Open & 4-H Rabbit and Cavy - Bloom Pavilion
Open Floriculture accepted in Home Arts Building (Dept. 16)
All Livestock/Animal Exhibits in place
BARNs CLOSE
All barn decorations & large educational displays in place
All Still Life exhibits will be judged before Fair opens.

FAIR AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

Thursday – August 31st

8 am	4-H/Grange/FFA Market Hogs -Bloom Pavilion/Ring 1 & 2 4-H/Grange/FFA Market Lambs - Bloom Pavilion/Ring 3
10 am	FAIR OPENS Open Class Sheep Judging - Bloom Pavilion Followed by 4-H/FFA/GRANGE Sheep
10 am	Thursday through Friday Eggcellence Written Exam...contact Superintendent to schedule time.
12 pm	OPENING CEREMONY – Main Stage in the Park CARNIVAL OPENS
1 pm	Ribbon Cutting at Bloom Pavilion for new addition.
1 pm	4-H/Grange/FFA Market Steers - Bloom Pavilion Followed by 4-H, Grange/FFA Dairy Cattle Followed by 4-H, Grange/FFA Beef Cattle
2 pm	4-H/Grange/FFA Market Goats - Bloom Pavilion Open Class Goat Judging follows 4-H/Grange/FFA Goats
3 pm	Costume Contest- Small Animals (poultry, rabbit, and cavy)
3 pm	Rabbit Agility - Bloom Pavilion
4 pm	4-H Poultry Written Exam
5:30 pm	Poultry Agility
10 pm	Fair & Barns Close (Carnival may stay open later depending on attendance)

Friday -September 1st

8 am	4-H/Grange/FFA Livestock Judging Contest -Bloom Pavilion
10 am	FAIR OPENS 4-H Educational Club Barn Displays/4-H Building
11 am	4-H/Grange/FFA MARKET SALE -Bloom Pavilion
12 pm	CARNIVAL OPENS
10 pm	4-H Horse exchange- leave barn
10 PM	Barns Close
11 pm	Fair Closes (Carnival may stay open later depending on attendance)

Saturday -September 2nd

7-8 am	4-H Horse exchange veterinary check
8 am	4-H Horse exchange in place 4-H/Grange/FFA Swine Fitting and Showing
10 am	FAIR OPENS 4-H/Grange/FFA Dairy Fitting & Showing -Bloom Pavilion/Ring 3
10:30 am	4-H/Grange/FFA Beef Fitting & Showing – Bloom Pavilion
12 pm	CARNIVAL OPENS
2 pm	4-H/Grange/FFA Goat Fitting & Showing, then Breed classes - Bloom Pavilion
2-5 pm	4-H/Grange/FFA Sheep Fitting & Showing -Bloom Pavilion
4:30 pm	4-H Draft & Pack Goat Judging - Bloom Pavilion
10 pm	Barns Close
11 pm	Fair Closes (Carnival may stay open later depending on attendance)

Sunday - September 3rd

8:30 am Open Class Light and Draft Horse Show – Bloom Pavilion/ South Ring
9 am Poultry Judging - 4-H/Grange/FFA and Open
9:30 am Rabbit, Judging Contest, Showmanship, Breed Classes 4-H/Grange/FFA and Open
10 am **FAIR OPENS**
Poultry Egg Judging
11:00 am Poultry Showmanship
12 pm **CARNIVAL OPENS**
10 pm Fair & Barns Close (Carnival may stay open later depending on attendance)

Monday – September 4th

10 am **FAIR OPENS**
4-H/Grange/FFA Department All Around Livestock Showmanship - Bloom Pavilion
12 pm **CARNIVAL OPENS**
4 pm 4-H/Grange/FFA & Special Awards Ceremony - 4-H Courtyard
6 pm Fair & Barns Close
6-8 pm ***All exhibits to be claimed and removed by exhibitors***

Tuesday- September 5th

4-7 pm **Last chance to pick up Exhibits- Senior Lounge (Corner of Home Arts Building)**

JUDGING & AWARDS

1. The Danish system of judging will prevail. Blue, Red, or White ribbons will be awarded to each exhibit based on its merit. Judges may select outstanding exhibits for special awards if quality exists. Participation ribbons may be awarded.
2. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases under their jurisdiction.
3. Superintendents of Departments are delegated authority over all matters within their respective departments by Fair Board.
4. Protests of Superintendents' decisions may be submitted to the Board, whose decisions will be final.
5. All protests must be in writing and accompanied with a \$50.00 deposit and submitted no later than 2 weeks following Labor Day, the last day of the Fair, of the current year.
6. Protests must state plainly the cause for complaint or appeal and will be acted upon at the next regular Board meeting following the Fair of the current year. In case a protest is not sustained, the deposit is forfeited.
7. **The Fair Board has made every effort to make the rules and regulations definite and clear, however, reserves the right to final interpretation as may become necessary, and to settle controversies arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.**

PREMIUM CHECKS

ATTENTION: All checks NOT cashed by 12/31/2023 will be considered a donation to the Fair.

Premium checks will be made available at the end of October and will be mailed to exhibitors at the mailing address associated with their entry form. Should you have questions please contact fairgrounds@co.kittitas.wa.us

PARKING & PERMITS

1. Eligible Superintendents or Livestock Exhibitors may purchase parking permits on the first Monday of August, on a "first come-first served" basis. The cost is \$30.00 and is valid for all five days of Fair. Space is extremely limited for all lots.
2. Livestock Parking Permits may be purchased only at the Fair Office starting on The first Monday of August. All entry paperwork must be completed, and copies (proof of online entries and fees paid) presented to office staff before purchase can be made.
3. ***One Superintendent or Livestock Exhibitor parking permit issued per household.*** Lot 1 is limited to livestock exhibitors (horses, beef, sheep, goats, and swine) ONLY.
4. Exhibitors may not purchase permits for other exhibitors.
5. All parking permits are issued for one vehicle not to exceed 18' in length. Trailers will not be permitted. No campers or overnight camping in parking lots.
6. Parking permits cannot be reissued if lost or stolen. Please lock your vehicle and secure your belongings. *Kittitas County Fair is not responsible for lost or stolen items or damage to vehicles.*
7. **NO PARKING within the Fairgrounds on Monday through Wednesday prior to Fair, due to carnival and vendor set up. Please Park in North Parking Lot.** Animal and livestock exhibitors will be allowed 15 minutes to unload, between the hours of 6am & 9am ONLY. They must then move their vehicle to their designated parking area.
8. CAMPING/RV spaces are available, advance reservation required. Inquire at fairgrounds@co.kittitas.wa.us