



GENERAL EXHIBITORS INFORMATION & RULES

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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

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District # 3
Brett Wachsmith

Welcome From the Board of County Commissioners

Kittitas County Fair Superintendents, Volunteers and Exhibitors,

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, THANK YOU for your time and dedication to making our county fair one of the best around! We are thrilled to join in the celebration of our vibrant community, filled with rich traditions and shared joys. Whether people visit for crazy rides, delectable food, unique exhibits or lively entertainment, it would not be possible without you. These five days are filled with unforgettable memories and so we thank you for all you do.

Thank you for being part of our fair family. Enjoy your time, and let's make this year the best one yet!

Warm regards,
Brett Wachsmith
Chairman, Kittitas County Board of Commissioners

Exhibitor Guide Welcome from the Fair Board President

The Kittitas County Fair and junior livestock show, and sale has been an eventful place to be during Labor Day weekend for years, the upcoming 2024 fair will follow suit.

In order for our event to be successful and bring home as many fun filled memories, we must first thank our exhibitors. Exhibitors showcase their hard work and skills during our fair. Some of the projects have been years in the making. Kittitas Valley is home to 'Sew' many incredible quilters, photographers, future farmers, gardeners, bakers and much more.

The Kittitas County Fair has a smorgasbord of entertainment to offer to people of all ages; from the wonderful entertainment on the stages to the games, rides, livestock shows and sales, home arts and tasty food creations.

Exhibitors who enter their projects into the fair will be eligible for a discounted pass for all five days of the fair. Each entry will be judged in their own divisions.

The Kittitas County Fair Board wants to thank all of our generous volunteers and superintendents that gladly spend their time to make the fair a wonderful place to be. These volunteers are giving time out of their lives. The tasks they take on are demanding, the compassion and selflessness will not go unnoticed. The many volunteers are the heart of the fair and make the entire weekend possible. Without them the fair would not be able to happen. We thank every one of you for your generosity.

The theme for the 2024 fair is "Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights". Come join us for all the fun the fair, junior livestock show, and exhibitors have to offer. The Kittitas County Fair Board of Directors are looking forward to another fun filled Labor Day Weekend.

Bob Eddings, President.

Kittitas County Fair Board of Directors
KITTITASCOUNTYFAIR.COM

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.

2024 KITTITAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Claire Alderman

Armory, Quilts
Fine Arts, Photography

Jessie Blackwood

Entertainment, Contest Center

Andrea Blume

Concessions
Commercial Vendors

Brittany Briggs

4-H Building
Cats and Dogs, Shooting Sports

Sponsorships

Brittany Briggs

Greg Zempel

Roylene Crawford, Sec.

Awards
Superintendents and Super Suite

Amy Cziske, Treas.

Admissions

Bob Eddings, President

Swine Barn
Beef
Operations-Grounds

Jarred Fudacz, Past President

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

Bret Hollar

Friends of Fair Booth,
Beer Garden

Jerry Lael, Vice President

Parking

Matt Martin

Frontier Village

Becky McDowell

Bloom Pavilion, Rabbits, Cavies,
Poultry, Sheep, Goats, Beef 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

Greg Zempel, Director at Large

Carnival

GENERAL EXHIBITOR'S RULES AND REGULATIONS

KITTITAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS STAFF

Kady Porterfield, CFE	KVEC Director
Lacie Dawson	Program Manager
Abbie Elliott	Accounting Assist. III
Daniel Eddings	Grounds Manager
Joseph Wicklander	Maintenance Tech I
Chase Gleason	Maintenance Tech I
John Hilton	Event Operations Aide
Kirk Kramer	Event Operations Aide

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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 16th)

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 16th

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 Arena 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.

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. Per Animal 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.**

PER ANIMAL FEES

OPEN DEPARTMENT

(Per Head Fee)

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

YOUTH GROUPS/FFA DEPARTMENT

(Per Head Fee)

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 2024

Times/dates are subject to change.

AUGUST

Thursday, August 1st

- Entry Forms accepted at Fair Office & Online anytime.

Sunday, August 4th

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

Thursday, August 8th 4-H Dog

Saturday, August 10th

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

Sunday August 11th

- Dog Agility – Yakama Indian Village - KCF

Friday, August 16th

5:00pm **ENTRY DEADLINE** for all Departments and indoor displays. Entries received after this deadline will accrue a late fee.

Saturday, August 17th 4-H Dog

\$3 late fee will be assessed on all entries accepted beginning August 17
Late exhibitor pass price rises to \$20.00.

Thursday August 15th- Sunday August 18th 4-H Junior Horse Fair, 4-H Dog, and 4-H Shooting Sports

Thursday – August 15th

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 16th

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

Saturday – August 17th

8:30 am	4-H Horse	Performance Classes, English Dressage -Bloom Pavilion/Rodeo Arena
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Sunday – August 18th

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 19th

12-5 pm **Quilts** (Dept. 28) will be accepted in the Armory

All Still Life exhibits will be judged before the Fair opens.

FAIR AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

Thursday – August 29th

- 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 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 -August 30th

- 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 -August 31st

- 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
4-H/Grange/FFA Beef Fitting & Showing – Bloom Pavilion
- 10:30 am **CARNIVAL OPENS**
- 12 pm 4-H/Grange/FFA Goat Fitting & Showing, then Breed classes - Bloom Pavilion
- 2 pm 4-H/Grange/FFA Sheep Fitting & Showing -Bloom Pavilion
- 2-5 pm 4-H Draft & Pack Goat Judging - Bloom Pavilion
- 4:30 pm Barns Close
- 10 pm Fair Closes (Carnival may stay open later depending on attendance)
- 11 pm

Sunday - September 1st

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 2nd

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 3rd

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 12/31/2024 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 may purchase parking permits. The cost is \$30.00 and is valid for all five days of Fair. Space is extremely limited.
2. ***One Superintendent parking permit issued per household.***
3. Exhibitors may not purchase permits for other exhibitors.
4. 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.
5. 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.*
6. **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.
7. CAMPING/RV spaces are available, advance reservation required. Inquire at fairgrounds@co.kittitas.wa.us