

The FAIR FOUNDATION

north idaho fair and rodeo

Farm to Table Program Educates Nearly 800 5th Grade Students

In its second year, the Farm to Table program expanded to two days in 2016 and reached hundreds of students from both Lakeland and Post Falls School Districts. Twenty-nine classes came to the Fairgrounds on May 18th and 19th to learn about agriculture and where their food comes from.

Participants rotated through several stations covering topics such as beef, wheat, dairy, sheep, crops, vegetables, bees, swine, aquifers, chemicals, wagon rides, and of course a lunch to fit the days curriculum. A menu of hamburgers, on wheat buns, served with cheese, tomatoes, pickles and lettuce, carrots on the side and milk to drink or ice cream was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to the event co-chairs, Linda Rider and Joy Crupper who put in countless hours of work to ensure the event was a success.



Sponsors include:

Idaho Beef Council
Kootenai/Shoshone County
Farm Bureau
Panhandle Health District
Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H
University of Idaho
Rider Ranch
Northwest Farm Credit Services
Timberlake Agriculture Club

Wilbur Ellis
Spokane Area Sheep Producers
Hughes Farms
Lunceford Farms
An Tostal Farms
Busy Bee Farms
Lyle Enterprises Inc.
Inland Empire Beekeepers Assn.

Fair & Rodeo Get New Name

As a culmination of nearly two years of strategizing, the Fair and rodeo both have a newly elevated brand. They will now be known as the North Idaho State Fair and Gem State Stampede, Coeur d’Alene’s PRCA Rodeo.

Already the largest fair in the northern ten counties of Idaho, the North Idaho State Fair rivals many other fairs in the industry, offering world-class entertainment, the largest carnival in the region, professional rodeo and bull riding performances, record-breaking exhibit entries, and enhanced educational programs. In addition to increasing the fair’s geographical presence, the name change serves to reflect the fair’s brand and the quality of experience it already provides.

As the North Idaho State Fair, the area of eligible fair participants will expand from five counties to ten, giving the fair an opportunity to showcase more open class exhibit entries, as well as attract additional guests from the surrounding counties. The transition to being a state fair will also help develop new community partnerships and draw diverse vendors to the fair, further enhancing the event for all guests.

“This is an exciting time for the North Idaho State Fair. We are proud of the high-caliber fair we offer our guests, and look forward

to this chance to evolve our attendance, exhibits, and business relationships while still keeping our well-known rural charm. We’re eager to invite new and returning guests to celebrate this opportunity with us,” said Dane Dugan, General Manager.

The fair’s expansion will allow exhibit participants from the following counties: Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, and Idaho. 4-H entries will continue to be limited to those residing in Kootenai and Shoshone counties.



New Rodeo Chutes Getting Installed

Last September, the North Idaho Fair and Rodeo Foundation purchased a set of Powder River bucking chutes through the Fort Dalles Rodeo Liquidation Auction. The bucking chutes were acquired to replace the wood chutes that have been an icon at the fairgrounds for as long as many of us can remember.

The rodeo committee has done a lot of work on the old wooden chutes over the years, but the consensus of the contestants and rodeo stock contractor was that replacing them would improve our arena events, attract more cowboys and be safer for the bucking stock.

Thanks to the Fair Foundation we were able to post a successful bid of just over \$11,000 well below the asking price for a new set of metal bucking chutes. The cost of the chutes is being recouped through sponsorships (eight chutes sponsored for \$1,500 per chute). The sponsors will be recognized on the front of each chute and there are only two remaining!

In October, the rodeo committee traveled to Fort Dalles and picked up the new bucking chutes. Over the winter, the volunteer committee completely disassembled each of them and spent several weekends welding, cleaning and generally making them look new again. The disassembly of the old bucking chutes has started and the new chutes will be set in the arena in early summer.

We are excited to continue to improve the whole ambiance of the rodeo arena and grounds as the PRCA rodeo continues to grow. Attracting top cowboys and cowgirls to the North Idaho Fair and Rodeo is one of our top goals. We believe, the new bucking chutes will be well received by cowboys, animals and our stock contractor.

-By Dave Paul, Rodeo Committee Member & Foundation Board Member



Save These Dates!



PAINT THE FAIR PINK

Friday, Aug. 26th



Wednesday, Aug. 24th
through Sunday, Aug. 28th



Friday, Sept. 30th &
Saturday, Oct. 1st


**MARDI GRAS
NEW YEAR'S
EVE PARTY**

Saturday, Dec. 31st



Friday, April 7th





Cowboy Ball Has Continued Success

Well, the 5th Annual Cowboy Ball went off without a hitch on April 7, 2016! The North Idaho Fair and Rodeo Foundation's premier fundraiser was a success, once again, thanks to all of the sponsors in attendance and to all of the volunteers who helped organize the event. Overall, the event raised \$76,000 for the Foundation. These funds will be used for capital improvements on the Fairgrounds as well as to provide scholarships to local youth.

Once again, Kootenai/Shoshone County Farm Bureau and Texas Roadhouse were title sponsors, and they were joined by our Stetson and Branding Iron level sponsors: The Odom Corporation, Idaho Forest Group, Fox Trailers, K102, Super One Foods, Gem State Mule Company, William Wishnick Foundation, Cannon Hill Industries, Knudtsen Chevrolet, Dave and Sue Nussear, and the Rider Ranch, who all helped us reach our goals through their support. Stetson sponsors provided for five scholarships this year! Thank you to our sponsors – at all levels – for the continued support you have shown.

For the second year in a row, the Cowboy Ball sold out as a tabled event, meaning no individual tickets were sold. On top of that, tables were sold out a few months in advance of the Ball (some reserved in 2015)! Some have said, "That's a good problem to have!" It is true that selling tables out ahead of time gives us confidence in how successful the event will be, but it

really puts the pressure on our volunteers to make sure we deliver a program that is fun, purposeful, and something everyone wants to come back to.

Many of those in attendance were regulars to the event, and we sure had fun seeing those familiar faces. It was also wonderful to see some new faces too! It was especially fun to see everyone enjoying the Photo Booth and posting their pictures on social media and to watch the dancers enjoy stepping out to Sam Platts and the Kootenai Three and to the Kelly Hughes Band. A recap of the event can be viewed at: <http://photos.blacktie-northwest.com/event/cowboy-ball-benefit-north-idaho-fair-rodeo-foundation/>.



Finally, a big thank you to the volunteers who put so much time in to prepare for the Ball (planning for the 6th Annual Cowboy Ball begins in May)! This event would not be possible without the gift of your time and love for the Fairgrounds and our community!

Happy trails,
Kim Edmondson, Cowboy Ball Chair

A Special Thanks To The 2016 Cowboy Ball Live Auction Buyers!

- Bryan & Suzanne Metzger
- Dan Reasor
- Dave & Kristy Laurie
- Melody Gularte
- Nichole & Brian Eiter
- Vonnie Stevens
- Linda Northington
- JR & Debbie Dobbins
- David & Connie Clark
- Kim Edmondson
- Dianna Lilleflore



Scholarships Awarded

Thanks to the fundraising efforts from the Cowboy Ball, the scholarship committee is pleased to be offering eight \$1000 scholarships this year to graduating high school seniors and college students continuing their education. Additionally, and for the first time, we are facilitating the awarding of a \$1500 scholarship from the 4H Booster Club to a student who has participated in showing animals at our fair.

This year's recipients represent all that is amazing with the youth in

our community. We are pleased to grant scholarships to: Cassidy Bane, Caitlin Calvert, Taylor Ekness, Margaret Holloway, Gabe Kegley, Darby Litzko, Payten Rhodes, Mallory Sisson, and Mariko White. We thank these young adults and all the applicants for their commitment to their education and to our fair and send an extra thank you to their families for their continued support.

The Scholarship Committee of the Fair Foundation works



within our community to provide financial assistance for education and to develop educational opportunities for area youth. For more information and to find out how you can be involved, please contact Mary Larson at (208) 691-2197 or Dane Dugan at the Fair Office.

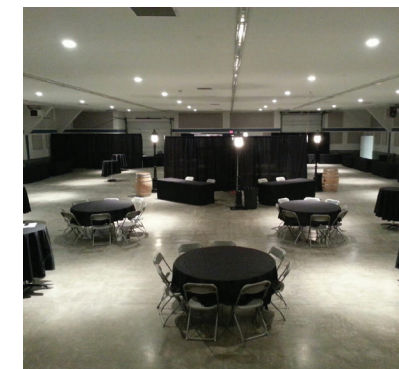
Have Your Next Event At The Fairgrounds

As a primary gathering place for the community, the Fairgrounds continues to expand the number and types of events hosted at the facility. With 83 park-like acres and over 30 structures across the grounds, there is an option for every occasion.

Rental highlights include:

- Friendly and outgoing staff who are onsite to help coordinate your event
- Parking for 6,000 vehicles
- Equipment rentals such as tables, chairs, linens, sound systems, drapery and more
- Staging, tents, theme décor, bleachers, fencing and other items available
- Food and beverage services
- Assistance with marketing public events through signage and social media
- Existing vendor partnerships – basically, if we can't help you with something, we know who to call!

Contact our Office and Sales Manager, Tammie Peacock, to book your next event!
(208)765-4969



5 Ways You Can Help The Fair Foundation

- 1 **Share this newsletter** with a friend or neighbor so they can learn about the purpose and impact of what we do.
- 2 **Make an in-kind donation** of equipment or services. Contact us at (208)765-4969 to discuss the possibilities!
- 3 **Host a fundraiser** at your home or business and designate the Foundation as the beneficiary.
- 4 **Sign up to volunteer** at one of our events. Email dane@northidahofair.com for more information.
- 5 **Consider a donation** in tribute to someone special.

Fair Entertainment Lineup!



Main Arena Events



Sawyer Brown Concert & Fireworks Spectacular Show

Wednesday, August 24th



PRCA Xtreme Bulls

Thursday, August 25th



Gem State Stampede PRCA Rodeo

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
August 26th-28th



Draft Horse Show & Pull

Friday & Saturday
August 26th-27th



Demolition Derby

Sunday, August 28th

Featured Attractions



Aussie Kingdom Kangaroos



Zuzu African Acrobats



All American Dubois Circus



Jungle Stilt Walkers



Canadian Lumberjack Show



North Star and Paradise Amusements Carnival



Strolling Mariachi Band

TerranceB Celebrity Hypnotist • European Children's Theatre • Peruvian Alpacas
Kid's Pedal Tractors • Japanese Taiko Drummers • Chinese Dragons • Beers of the World
FarmToTable Park • Community Stages • Funtastic Kid's Zone • Daily Parade • Pony Rides
All Aboard Express Train • Carnival • Fair Foods • Exhibits • Much More!

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