

Lincoln County Fairgrounds 4-H/FFA Community Barn Guidelines

Purpose:

- The Lincoln County Fairgrounds facilities will be utilized as a Community Barn to allow members in the community without land the opportunity to have a livestock project in 4-H/FFA. The purpose of the Community Barn is to help youth develop skills that will benefit them throughout their lives, provide formal and non-formal community-focused experiential learning opportunities, and to help strengthen our community.
- The opportunity for leasing pens will only be available to youth from families that do not own or lease land properly zoned to house livestock.
- To lease a pen from the Lincoln County Fairgrounds for a 4-H/FFA project, youth must be of 4-H/FFA age, must be enrolled in 4-H, and signed up for a livestock project. Enrollment via 4-H/FFA registration software must be completed prior to submitting an admission application.
- Persons seeking rental of facilities shall be considered without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, political belief, disability, veteran status, and/or marital or familial status.

Cost:

- There will be an initial \$25 NON Refundable use fee.
- There will also be a monthly rental fee; pens will be rented to 4-H/FFA members for a \$15.00 per month, per animal charge.
- Every 4-H/FFA member who leases a pen will be responsible to provide their own equipment, bedding, etc.

Procedure

- Youth wishing to participate in a 4-H/FFA livestock project at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Barn must complete a Barn Application. Barn applications will be collected and managed by the Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board. (**See Appendix A**).
- Members and their parent/guardian must sign a usage contract. These contracts are to be kept on file at the Lincoln County Fair Board Office. The Usage Contract must be completed and returned to the Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board before animals are placed in the barn. (**See Appendix B**).
- Participating members/families are expected to adhere to all rules and expectations listed on the Usage Contract.
- Members are responsible for purchasing their own animals and making arrangements/transport animals to the community barn.
- Pen assignments will be made by the Fairgrounds Manager.
- When market animals are sold, it is the responsibility of the 4-H/FFA member and parents to make arrangements/transport animals to processing and make arrangements with their buyer for pickup.

Discipline

- In the event that Barn Rules and Expectations are not followed, disciplinary action will be taken by the Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board.
- Primary offences will result in immediate termination of rental agreement and removal of animals from the barn. Primary offences could include, but are not limited to: causing intentional harm to barn participants and/or animals, use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, drugs or other controlled substances, administering illegal substances to animals, failure to provide monthly health certificate to Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board.
- All necessary legal action will be handled by the Lincoln County Sherriff's Department and/or County Attorney.
- Secondary offences will result in a disciplinary letter. After one disciplinary letter has been issued by the Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board, the offending member/family and the Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board will come to a "last chance agreement". If the last chance agreement is not followed, termination of rental agreement and removal of animals from the barn will result. Secondary offences could include, but are not limited to: failure to clean their pen, failure to feed animals and ensure clean water supply, failure to complete barn cleaning assignments, failure to attend barn work days. In the event that a rental agreement is terminated, and animals are removed from the barn. Any pre-paid expenses are forfeited.
- Future renting agreements will be completed at the discretion of the Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board.

Appendix A

Admission Application Lincoln County Fairgrounds 4-H/FFA Community Barn

4H/FFA Member Name(s): _____
Parent Name: _____
Physical Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Please note the species and number of animals you would like to house at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds barn. (i.e. 2 lambs, 3 pigs)

Do you currently own or lease property that is properly zoned to house livestock?
YES NO

I understand that this application does not guarantee that my child(ren) will have space in the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Barn to raise a 4-H/FFA animal. I further understand that the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Manager and the Lincoln County Fair Board will assign barn space at their sole discretion according to the following priorities 1- Families who do not own or lease property that is properly zoned to house livestock.

Parent Signature: _____
Date: _____

For Office Use Only

Date Received: _____

Received By: _____

Appendix B

Lincoln County Fairgrounds 4-H/FFA Barn Contract

In exchange for the use of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds 4-H/FFA Barn to house my animal(s), I agree to the following:

1. Place an Initial amount of \$25.00 NON Refundable with the Fairgrounds Manager. This is a one-time yearly fee as security for the faithful performance of the terms of this agreement..
2. Pay rent in the amount of \$15 per month, per animal on or before the first day of each month.
3. Agree to and pay appropriate amount for Animal Coverage Fund.

I agree to adhere to the following Rules and Expectations:

1. Use of the facilities is at my own risk. The Lincoln County Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board and/or Lincoln County is not responsible for; the death and/or injury of an animal, the injury of a youth at the facilities, the theft and/or damage of personal property.
2. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, or other controlled substances is prohibited at the facility.
3. Members will be assigned pens by the Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board based on number of animals and space available. I agree to not modify any pens for my livestock. It is my responsibility to keep my animals, equipment, and other items locked up and put away.
4. Members will attend all Fairgrounds Barn Work Days. You **MUST** get PRE-EXCUSED if you are unable to attend.
5. Care of animals:
 - a. Participants will keep a current prevention plan posted at the Fairgrounds barn at all times.
 - b. Livestock are required to be fed and watered daily.
 - c. Bedding in each pen must be completely changed every 7 days. Changing the bedding more often is recommended. It is the responsibility of the member to provide their own bedding of sawdust. Absolutely no Straw allowed.
 - d. Participants will keep an updated feed and water log, cleaning log, and medication record for each animal in the barn.
6. Medical Care:
 - a. Animals with apparent signs of illness will need to be checked by the vet. It is my responsibility to call and transport the animal to the vet or set up a visit at the barn. I will follow all recommendations given by the vet.
 - b. All animals will be health inspected prior to entry by a certified vet and a copy of the health certificate will be filed by the Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board.
 - c. In the instance of any and all contagious illness/disease the effected animal will be removed from the barn immediately, associated pens disinfected, and the infected animal will only be allowed to return to the barn with a current written vet inspection stating the illness/disease has been found to have no risk to other livestock or the facilities.
7. Taking animals in and out of the barn:
 - a. When animals leave barn for prospect shows and events they must receive a vet inspection to be shown to the Fairgrounds Manager/Lincoln County Fair Board before they return to the barn. Swine that leave the State of Wyoming will follow State Veterinary decontamination/isolation recommendations before being allowed reentry to the fairgrounds barn.
 - b. Animals can be hauled to a vet within Wyoming and return without an inspection.
8. All families are responsible for cleaning the general part of the barn on a rotating schedule. Schedules needs to be shared with Fairgrounds Manager.

I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my child, to waive any claim or cause of action against Lincoln County Fairgrounds Manager, Lincoln County Fair Board, and/or Lincoln County, their governing boards, members, past members, officers, employees, agents, volunteers and assigns for injuries to any person occasioned by said person's participation in activities or use of equipment while using the Fairground facilities.

I further agree on behalf of myself and my child to indemnify and hold harmless any employee, officer or agent of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Manager, Lincoln County Fair Board, and/or Lincoln County, including elected or appointed officials, and persons acting on behalf of said entities in any capacity, temporarily or permanently in the service of said entities, whether with or without compensation, from any and all manner of damages, causes of action, suits, injuries or any other claim or demand arising out of the use of the Fairgrounds Barn. I further agree to pay all costs, attorney's fees, damages, and other charges arising out of any such claim or cause of action.

I understand that the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Manager, Lincoln County Fair Board, and Lincoln County are government entities. Said entities do not waive any defenses available to them and retain all such defenses including government immunity.

This agreement shall be binding on the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties to this agreement.

This agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and that this agreement shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Wyoming. In the event that any clause or provision of this agreement shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this agreement.

By signing below, I indicate that I have fully read and understand this document. I understand that by signing, I have agreed to give up certain rights and have agreed to take upon myself certain responsibilities.

4-H/FFA Member Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____