# 2017 Western Fairs Association Achievement Awards Program Marketing \& Media Form 

Please submit this form for each division indicated with

# Fair Name: <br> Washington State Fair 

# Division \# and Title: Division 8: Fairtime Innovative Marketing Strategy or Concept Class\# 4 

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Gain more local attendance on Thursdays, while rekindling the spirit of the previous beloved brand Marketing Goal:

Form of Promotion (what type of promotion was it and where did it appear):

This promotion was a Thursday specific promotion, developed to help combat our lowest attended day. We targeted our local community to get them into our gates on a weekday. Pierce County is our primary demographic target, as they are geographically closest to our location, most likely to be able to attend on a weekday, given brutal commuter traffic.

## Who was your target market?

The target audience for this event was our loyal Pierce County resident, of which there are 861 k , living within the surrounding zip codes. Although, ultimately, we welcomed all demographics that wanted to take part in the featured Thursday deals, if they inquired about the offer.

## What was the reach?

ValPak - 230,000, The Land Above-1,500, Hometown Values-30,000, The News Tribune (15 total ads, 450k impressions) 30,000 circ, Mountain Mist Water Delivery Drivers 3,500, TV spot 2 weeks 950 spots. Combined reach - 295,950 or 34\% of the county population 861,312.

## What was the ROI or outcome

The outcome greatly exceeded our expectations. Although weather conditions were not as ideal as they were in 2016, we managed to attract and additional 8,047 guests on the three Thursdays of the promotion, which was an $8 \%$ increase. The estimated gross spending of $\$ 34$ per person resulted in an incremental $\$ 273,598$, to support our vendors and stakeholders on those three Thursdays, on what are our otherwise slowest days of Fair. Net incremental spending retained by the Fair is estimated to be $\$ 185,805$, based on a net per cap of $\$ 23.09$ (with gate). The estimated ROI was $\$ 10.02$ overall, based on the incremental cost of advertising and bags for the gate giveaway. For every dollar the promotion cost us, we gained an additional $\$ 10.02$, in the first year of this promotion. We are very encouraged about the outlook for this promotion to help build attendance on Thursdays. Additionally, the opportunity to connect with our loyal market in a fun way, while celebrating our past brand legacy is invaluable.

## PRINT ADVERTISING PIECES



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| PIERCE COUNTY THURSDAYS! |

## BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE

Any Thursday Get BOGO Gate Admission
Take to any ticket booth to purchase one tick and a friend gets a complimentary ticket. Offer only valid Sept. 7, 14 \& 21

## 2-FOR-1 THURSDAY SHOWS

## THIRSTY THURSDAYS

Get 8, 5 Ounce Samples and a Collectible Glass for just $\$ 30$. Enjoy 24 taps of Washington craft beer \& cider
Available in the new Brew Park (near Blue Gate),

receive a fun "Do The Puyallup" reusable bag!
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EARTH, WIND
\& FIRE


HANK WILLIAMS, JR. THE CADILLAC THREE
 JASON ALDEAN KANE BROWN


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Limit of one discount per person, per day. Cannot be combined with any other offer Expires $9 / 21 / 17$. Must present this coupon. CODE: MtnMist

## 2-FOR-1 THURSDAY SHOWS

Grandstand shows are 2-for-1 on regular ticket price, valid day of show only. Purchase onsite at the Box Office

9/7•Rodeo Playoffs, 6:30pm
9/14 • Beach Boys, 7:30pm
9/21 • Modest Mouse with Built to Spill, 7:30pM per coupon, while supplies last. Cannot be combined with any other offer
Expires $9 / 21 / 17$. Must present this coupon. CODE: MtnMist FREE BENDIWARE GLASS

The first 1,000 guests to visit any of the three Mountain Mist fair booths on Thursdays will receive a FREE bendiware glass!


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