

Fair Family, we are excited to share more details for the Eau Claire County 2020 “SHOWCASE” July 27-August 2.

Members of the Eau Claire County Fair Committee, Friends of the Fair, Eau Claire County Livestock Project along with Eau Claire City County Health, UW Extension and Eau Claire County Board have worked tirelessly to present a safe and healthy environment for exhibitors and family members to showcase the projects they have worked on the past year.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions by the Eau Claire City County Health Department, the Showcase will NOT be open to the public and will be limited to exhibitor and family members in the same household only. Exhibitors and families will be required to leave the grounds when done exhibiting/showing to ensure numbers on the grounds are kept within the mandated limits. The restrictions to numbers on the grounds have been determined by Eau Claire City County Health. Since the Fair Committee is committed to the safety and health of everyone at the Showcase, we will be enforcing the restrictions.

With that, we understand there may be exhibitors, families, and our staff members that are not comfortable participating in this event given the ever-changing environment we are dealing with the COVID-19. We want to ensure those exhibitors there will be other opportunities to achieve for the year. Exhibitors that this would have been their last year will be granted an exception from the Eau Claire Fair Committee to show one additional year in 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: There are several documents attached that we are sharing in advance of the Showcase:

Waiver: ATTACHMENT

Anyone entering the grounds will be required to complete and sign the waiver. The waiver will be updated on any additional days that exhibitors would need to be on the grounds. Wristbands will be issued to ensure everyone that we are remaining within the county’s mandated numbers on the grounds. This is required by Eau Claire City County Health and Eau Claire County Fair Committee, no exceptions.

It should be noted that:

1. Care has been taken to reduce the number of people on the grounds, facilitate social distancing, and provide sufficient sanitation. However, coronavirus spread may still occur. If you are a person at high risk for serious illness with coronavirus, please consider staying home.
2. Wearing a mask will be **MANDATORY** in the exhibit building for anyone over 2 years of age. We strongly recommend wearing a mask while on the grounds. Mask requirement is subject to change and may become mandatory on the grounds including showrings.
3. If you have any of the following symptoms, you **MUST** stay home: cough, fever, chills, sore throat, sudden loss of taste/smell, body aches, shortness of breath.
4. If you have been in contact with a person infected with coronavirus in the last 14 days, you **MUST** stay home.

Exhibit Building:

All exhibits for the Expo Building must be dropped off on Wednesday July 29th. Specific times will be given for exhibitors to bring their exhibits (alphabetically, by last name). These times will be provided once all entries are submitted online.

1. Cloverbud and Explorers will sign-up for a time to be judged, just as they have in the past to help with social distancing. Exhibitors will be contacted after FairEntry has closed for a judging time.
2. A plan for how to have exhibitor's check-in that will also adhere to the social distancing guidelines is in the works. A "flow of traffic" will be established for drop off of projects.
3. To emphasize, wearing a mask will be **MANDATORY** in the exhibit building for anyone over 2 years of age.
4. The only face-to-face judging that will take place will be for Explorers, Cloverbuds, and Robotics. Judging times will be assigned for these projects. All other categories that have been historically judged face-to-face will be judged only on the project submitted. Exhibitors will be contacted after FairEntry has closed for a judging time.

5. During face-to-face judging, exhibitors and judges will have to wear face coverings. There will be plexiglass between the exhibitor and the judge. Areas where there is potential for contact between the exhibitor and the judge will be cleaned after each person.
6. After all exhibits are judged, results will be posted on social Facebook media for the public to view.

Grounds: ATTACHMENT

A map of the grounds is attached. Please note which gate will be open to enter the grounds and where the exit will be. Please follow the direction signs when arriving at the grounds to avoid delays in getting to your destination. There may be some backups so please have your paperwork completed, ready **and be patient!**

Schedule: ATTACHMENT

The most current schedule is attached. **HOWEVER**, the schedule is subject to change so please continue to check email, 4-H Online, Facebook (Eau Claire County Fair) and our website (eauclairecountyfair.com). If you have any questions please email the Fair Coordinator, Debbie Kitchen at eauclairefair@gmail.com.

Fair Entry:

The Fair Entry is online and up & running. The last day to enter is **July 10**. Because this is a new format for everyone there may be some hiccups. **PLEASE** do not wait until the last minute to enter in case you have a problem. If you have problems or questions, please call Andy at the Extension Office – 715-839-4712. Entry is \$5.00 per exhibitor. There will be **NO** late entries this year, no exceptions to this as it is critical to have accurate counts of projects as we move forward. More information on tag distribution to be shared later.

Animal Exhibits:

Please be aware of special requirements/changes to the animal exhibits. The schedule reflects new days and times, along with requirements to exhibit and when to leave the grounds. Only Livestock Project animals for the auction will be on the grounds overnight. Animals should be “ready to show” when they arrive on the grounds. Superintendents, the Fair Coordinator, along with the Livestock Project Committee will be sending out project specific information as updates become available.

Volunteers:

There will still be a need for volunteers for positions such as taking and processing of exhibits for judging, helping at the food stand and/or at parking/entry. A Sign-Up Genius will be coming out soon. Help is always appreciated, and great care will be taken to ensure everyone's health and safety.

Food Stand:

There will be food on the grounds (see schedule). Examples would be sandwiches, a salad, chips, ice-cream, all served in to-go packaging. Details are still being finalized. There will be a Drive Thru Chicken Dinner on Saturday from 3-6pm. Please support this Showcase event. We will also be asking for donations for beverages for the food stand. Any help will be appreciated.

As we continue to move forward please know that we want all our families, exhibitors, staff, and judges to be safe. We will understand tough decisions will need to be made this year. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

On behalf of the Eau Claire County Fair Committee, we look forward to the 2020 Showcase.

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