

Welcome to the Thurston County Fair!

The mission of the Thurston County Fair is to provide a community celebration that educates, promotes, and showcases the agricultural, business, industry, and home life of Thurston County citizens of all ages.

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Have You Ever Exhibited in the Thurston County Fair?

Members of the Thurston County community are invited to exhibit in several categories including: arts & crafts, photography, baking, sewing, collections, gardening, woodworking, livestock, etc. A complete list of categories is listed in this Exhibitor's Guide. It's easy to enter, a lot of fun, and you can win ribbons and prizes. You have taken the first step by reading this Exhibitor's Guide. Next, you need to determine in which department to enter - Open Class, 4-H or FFA?

Open Class is the department area that is open to anyone and everyone! All ages and skill levels can enter in Open Class. Generally, there is no entry fee, but the animal areas require an entry fee. The Open Class department listings are on pages 36 - 59.

4-H is a national youth organization run by Cooperative Extension, in partnership with land grant universities, the Department of Agriculture, and county governments. Youth kindergarten through 19 years may exhibit as a 4-H member if they are enrolled in 4-H with the WSU Cooperative Extension Thurston County 4-H Office by May 1 of the current 4-H year. There is no entry fee to exhibit in 4-H. The 4-H department listings are on pages 12 - 27.

FFA is a youth organization connected with the public school system. Only the students enrolled in Agriculture Education and members of the National FFA Organization through their high school may exhibit in this area. There is no entry fee to exhibit in FFA. You will find the FFA department listings on pages 28 - 35

How to Enter an Exhibit at the Thurston County Fair



First, decide what you would like to exhibit in the fair. You can enter in more than one Division and enter more than one item in most Divisions.

Second, the Exhibitor's Guide instructions for each Division will give the entry date(s) and time(s). Follow the entry rules for each Division you have selected to exhibit in.

Third, obtain the necessary entry form(s) and an Exhibitor Information Card from the Fair Office. 4-H can also get the forms and Exhibitor Information Card from the WSU Cooperative Extension, Thurston County Office. FFA members can get the forms from their FFA advisor.

Fourth, fill out an Exhibitor Information Card and obtain an Exhibitor Number. You must have an Exhibitor Information Card on file with the fair office in order to receive your premium check/award for your entry(s). See the following page for how to fill out your Exhibitor Information Card.

How to Determine Your Exhibitor Number

Open Class and FFA - your Exhibitor Number is the first letter of your last name and the last four digits of your Social Security Number. The only exception to this rule is if you are also entering in the 4-H department. Always use your 4-H member number over your Social Security Number (see 4-H below).

For Example: My name is John Smith. The last four digits of my Social Security Number are 6575. My Exhibitor Number is S6575.

4-H - your Exhibitor Number is the first letter of your last name and your 4-digit 4-H member number. You can get the 4-digit member number from your 4-H leader or the WSU Thurston County Extension 4-H office. If you plan to enter in FFA and/or Open Class also, you must use your 4-H Exhibitor Number for those departments. Never use more than one Exhibitor Number, even if you enter in more than one department.

For Example: My name is Jane House. My 4-H member number is 4567. My Exhibitor Number is H4567.

Are you confused?

We are here to help. Call the fair office at (360) 786-5453

Example of a Completed Exhibitor Information Card

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION CARD

EXH. NO. D-5642

(1st letter of last name & last 4 digits of SS# or 4-H#)

Name Jane Davies

Address 3054 Carpenter Rd.

City/State Olympia, WA Zip 98503

Telephone # 360-786-5453

I am entering in the following departments:

4-H FFA Open Class (Youth or Adult)

Name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter Arctic Huskies

Camping Registration

1. Camping registration forms will be accepted at the Fair Office on the first working day of June through the last working day of June. Additional registration forms are available in the Fair Office or the WSU Extension Office. Applications received after the last working day of June will be placed on a space available list. Notification of space assignments will be mailed from the Fair Office by July 15th.
2. Individual registration is required on a separate form for each site requested with payment of \$60.00 without electricity or \$80.00 with electricity. Groups wishing to be placed together shall submit all registrations for group in one envelope, registrations shall be stapled together, and spaces paid in full. No refunds will be made after the last Friday in June unless the space is reallocated to another camper.
3. Sites will be 12 feet in width (no awnings allowed); no tow vehicles; no in/out spaces. Generators will be used in site area "X" only (extension cords must be a 12 gage minimum). Generators shall not be used between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Infringement of this rule will result in denial of camping privileges in the following year.
4. Each space is designed to accommodate one of the following: (a) one trailer/RV, or (b) one camper and tent, or (c) one tent and picnic area or storage as space allows.
5. The camping area is not intended to accommodate any detachable vehicles. Detachable vehicles shall park in the regular parking lot. One Season parking pass is included with each camping permit.
6. Placement of camping units will occur between 8:00 a.m. Sunday and 8:00 p.m. Monday prior to Fair. No wheeled camping units will be allowed into the camp area after 8:00 p.m. Monday night. No wheeled camping units will be allowed to leave before the close of the Fair the following Sunday. The Fair Manager will address emergencies individually.
7. Empty stock trailers will not be allowed to be parked in the parking lot. They may be stored at Lakes Elementary parking lot on Mullen Road, or taken home.
8. Fee without electricity is \$60 for the week: Fee with electrical hook-up (min 20 amp service, available in "Z" area only, assigned based on first come first served) \$80 for the week. (extension cords must be 12 gage minimum)

Registrations will be accepted the first working day of June through the last working day of June.

CAMPING REGISTRATION FORM

Thurston County Fair
3054 Carpenter Rd SE
Olympia, WA 98503-3998
(360) 786-5453

\$60.00 w/o electricity
 \$80.00 with electricity

**Attach Check Made
 Payable to
 Thurston County Fair**

Date _____
 Length of Vehicle _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____

Type of Vehicle:

- Pickup
 5th Wheel
 Trailer/RV
 Camper
 Tent
 Motor Home

Do you plan to run a generator? Yes No

Do you want electricity? Yes No

How many slides? _____ Size _____

What side are the slides on? _____

Type of Exhibitor: 4-H _____ FFA _____ Open Class _____ Vendor _____

Assigned Time _____ Space Number _____

Fee will include one season parking pass.

*Camping site preference: (see map)

ADMISSION FEES



DAILY

Adult	\$ 7.00
Sr. Citizen (over 60).....	\$ 6.00
Child (6-14)	\$ 5.00
5 and Under	FREE

SEASON

Adult	\$21.00
Sr. Citizen (over 60).....	\$18.00
Child (6-14)	\$15.00
4-H or FFA Exhibitor	\$ 10.00
Leader/Exhibitor.....	\$14.00
Concessionaire.....	\$14.00

PEPSI FAMILY PASS

Up to 5 Admissions	\$18.00
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DOLLAR DAY

Wednesday, August 3.....	\$1.00
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MUST bring a non-perishable item to donate to the Thurston County Food Bank for \$1 admission

KID'S DAY

Thursday, August 4.....	\$ 2.00 for first 1,000
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PARKING FEES

Daily	\$ 5.00
Season.....	\$20.00

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

Minimum booth fee is \$350. Both inside and outside spaces are available. Applications need to be submitted to the Thurston County Fair.

FOOD CONCESSIONS

\$300 minimum or 20% of gross, whichever is greater. Passes and parking included in fee as per contract.

The Thurston County Fair Board will award ribbons to the Best Indoor Commercial Booth in each building, the Best Outdoor Commercial Booth, and the Best Food Booth.

SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets are available for purchase only in the Fair Office from June 1 through Thursday of the Fair. This includes general public adult and children, open class exhibitors, FFA and 4-H exhibitors holding current membership cards, and registered leaders and superintendents.

PARKING

No parking will be allowed on the fenced fairgrounds. All parking will be in the general parking lot, not in camping area.

Camping trailers are to be parked in assigned areas only. Payment of fee must be made before space will be assigned. Trailers not parked in the assigned space will be removed at the owner's expense.

Livestock trucks and trailers will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds or in parking lot during the Fair. Parking is available at the Lakes Elementary School parking lot.

INFANT CHANGING STATION

An infant/toddler changing station is located at the north end of the east rest room.

DELIVERIES

The Fairgrounds will be open from 6:00 am until 9:30 am for deliveries. All vehicles must be removed by 9:30 am. If delivery must be made between the hours of 9:30 am and 10:00 pm, vehicles must park outside the Service Gate and use hand trucks or other means to move supplies onto the fairgrounds. A short-time parking space will be designated.

FAIR HOURS

Fair hours are from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm on Wednesday through Saturday; 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Sunday, the final day.

All buildings, with the exception of participating food booths, will close at 10:00 pm each night except Sunday when closing will be at 8:00 pm. See entries for release times of exhibits.

RECYCLING

Recycling at the Fairgrounds is by Thurston County Solid Waste.



General Rules and Regulations

Thurston County Fair

ALL EXHIBITORS SHOULD READ AND FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS:

A. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. It is the goal and intent of the Thurston County Fair to promote displays of an agricultural, educational, and family-oriented entertainment nature. All exhibitors and concessionaires shall adhere to these general standards.
2. The power of general administration and supervision of the Thurston County Fair, including, but not limited to exhibits, entertainment and concessions is vested in the Thurston County Fair Manager, hereinafter called the Management. All business shall be conducted through the Fair office by either the manager or his/her designee. Management reserves the right to amend and enforce rules to insure the safety and well being of patrons, exhibitors and exhibits during the fair. The exhibit and grounds area, the parking lot, and camping areas shall hereinafter be called the Fairgrounds.
3. All concessionaires, exhibitors, and the like shall have the duty to protect the public from hazards which might be caused by their respective concession, exhibit, etc. and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Management and Thurston County against all claims resulting from said concessionaires, and exhibitors, etc., acts or omissions of those of their agents or instrumentalities within their control.
4. Thurston County Fair will in no case be responsible in any way for any loss, damage or injury of any person or property while the same is on the grounds.
5. No person shall incur any obligation whatsoever against the Management without first obtaining the written permission of the management. Any person so acting without such permission shall be personally liable for the same.
6. Overnight sleeping on the Fairgrounds is prohibited except in designated areas.
7. At 10 pm the Fairgrounds officially closes at which time everyone must be off the fairgrounds (exception: camping areas for registered campers) by 11:00 pm. Security officers will direct people towards the gates prior to 11 pm; anyone found on the grounds after 11 pm will be approached and escorted off the grounds; anyone escorted off the grounds will have their name and fair involvement (visitor, 4-H exhibitor, etc) noted and reported to the Fair Office with the daily security log; all gates will be locked at midnight and a security officer will be stationed at the campers gate until 6 am; all security officers will have a cell phone with them with a number that is readily available to people on the fairgrounds; everyone shall be treated equally, whether they are an exhibitor or general public; only persons designated by the management will be allowed to remain with animals after 11 pm.
8. Food consumption is prohibited in the barns and adjacent tack areas. Club potluck meals and banquets should be conducted only in designated areas.
9. **Any person shall be removed from the fairgrounds for:**
 - a) the use of a controlled substance;
 - b) drinking of any kind of alcoholic beverage;
 - c) being under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance;
 - d) disorderly conduct.
10. Violation of any of these rules or regulations after an initial warning from the management will be cause for forfeiture of all fees, premiums, and deposits paid and for expulsion from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair, under the power of the Management to maintain and manage the Thurston County Fair, pursuant to Chapter 2.48 of the Thurston County Code.

11. **No pets or other animals, except those on exhibit or assisting physically impaired persons are allowed on the fairgrounds during the Fair.**
12. The Thurston County Fair Board may adopt additional rules pertaining to, but not limited to Fair Board meetings and procedures, entries, premiums, parking, fees, tickets, judges, calendar of events, and areas necessary and pertinent to the governing of the General Rules of the Fair Board as approved by the County Commissioners.
13. Services and/or materials that are donated on behalf of the Fair become the property of the County and the Fair, and shall be administered by the Management.
14. The Management has final decision on the location of displays. Any recommendations will be given complete review and consideration.
15. Disabled persons interested in exhibiting at the Thurston County Fair and who would require assistance to do so, should contact the Fair Manager at (360)786-5453.
16. Raffles: Raffles are limited to a maximum of eight (8) per fair. Four are allowed to the 4-H program, two to FFA, and two for the Open Class Department. 4-H requests shall first be approved by the 4-H Office prior to being submitted to the Fair Board for approval. FFA and Open Class requests may be submitted directly to the Fair Board. The requests need to include information regarding who will be conducting the raffle, where the raffles will be held, and a complete list of prizes to be awarded. Prizes may not include: animals, tobacco products, weapons or alcohol. All raffles shall comply with the requirements and restrictions for raffles as published by the Washington State Gambling Commission. Requests will be reviewed and approved at the February Fair Board meeting.

B. CONCESSIONS

1. No person shall engage in vending or solicitation, nor operate any side show, amusement, game, device, ride or offer for sale any item on the Fairgrounds without obtaining permission from the management. Any person receiving permission will be issued a contract and shall be hereinafter called a "concessionaire".
2. Management will issue a non-transferable contract on a first come, first serve basis taking into account the record of previous concessionaires and the number of similar types of concessionaires applying for space at the Thurston County Fair.
3. Every exhibitor, concessionaire and agent shall work only in front of his/her own concession and shall not be over four (4) feet from his/her own concession while working at the Fair (Exception: Roving food concessionaires as approved by Management). **Vending and soliciting by those who are not concessionaires is strictly prohibited and such individuals will be expelled from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair.**
4. The posting of advertising matter on the buildings, trees, or other places in the Fairgrounds by concessionaires, exhibitors, or other persons is prohibited; except that concessionaires may post such matter within the confines of their respective booths.
5. Any concession, exhibition of animals, machinery, or other items, or the like shall be operated in a manner which does not present a hazard to the safety of a patron or the public in general; or shall any equipment or supplies be used which might pose similar dangers.
6. All concessionaires or exhibitors serving any food or drink shall comply with the State and local health laws and regulations applicable to the same. They shall hold Thurston County and the Thurston County Fair harmless from any and all claims for loss or damage, costs and expenses arising from or out of serving adulterated, tainted, or impure food or drink. Only products listed in the concessionaire's application may be sold on approval of the management. Any revision to this list must be in writing and approved by the management.

7. **Concessions shall be open and staffed at all times during Thurston County Fair hours, opening at 10:00 a.m. and must not be closed before the closing hour each day of the Fair** unless otherwise directed by Management. (Staffing requirements may be waived if approved during the application process, and if unmanned booth fee is paid in full. Booth must still be open and orderly during fair operating hours.) Violation of this rule will result in denial of contract in succeeding year and/or possible forfeit of deposit. Commercial exhibits may not be removed or dismantled before closing on the final day of the Fair. AND vendors will not be allowed to drive on grounds until 8:30 p.m. on Sunday evening to load up for move out. A refundable deposit is required to insure compliance.
8. Food concessions will submit their menu with a listing of the retail prices to the Fair Office no later than 30 days prior to the beginning of the Fair. No price changes will be allowed after that date. The prices listed and submitted will remain in effect for the duration of the Fair. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 fine.
9. **Free Food.** The distribution of free food to Fair employees or the exchange of food for services and/or tickets is not allowed.
10. Contract cancellations must be in writing and received by the Thurston County Fair office no later than the first business day in July **or fees will be forfeited.**
11. All exhibitors and concessionaires must keep their premises clean at all times.

C. EXHIBITS

1. Any group may request to sponsor Open Class exhibits by applying to the Management. The sponsoring group is responsible for all arrangements including securing the judges and entries. The Management provides space, ribbons, and will assist whenever possible. Management will evaluate all exhibits and displays annually, and shall determine if exhibits should be continued, combined, or dropped from the Fair.
2. Protests of any judge's decision must be in writing, signed and addressed to the management and received by management within forty-eight (48) hours of the alleged violation and be accompanied by a deposit of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars which shall be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Written protest must state rule violated and what relief is sought.
3. Exhibitors must supply their own tools for the set up of their exhibit and provide own hay and grain. Exhibitors are responsible for feed and care of own animals every day. Animals must be fed and stalls, pens, cages cleaned by 10 am. Youth are responsible for fitting of own animals.
4. **LIVESTOCK TRUCKS AND TRAILERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS OR IN PARKING LOT DURING FAIR.**
5. All exhibitors and concessionaires must keep their premises clean at all times (10 am to 10 pm).
6. 1 adult and 2 exhibitors per species need to be present Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 am - 10 pm and Sunday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm.
7. No animal or other Thurston County Fair exhibit shall be withdrawn from the Fair before the close of the Fair except by special permission from the Management (sick animal--veterinarian or Manager).
8. The Thurston County Fair will pay for initial inspection of livestock, horses, poultry, rabbits and dogs upon entry to the Fair. (Equine vet check will be conducted within 30 days of Fair, at either the 4-H Pre-Fair Horse Show, or the 4-H Horse Western Games Pre-Fair).
9. **Animal Health Requirements:** Thurston County Fair will designate the official fair veterinarians. All animals are required to come to fair in show condition, go through vet check as scheduled by management and be disease and parasite free.
10. When a new class is added, the first year the exhibit will be for exhibition only, the second year, ribbon only, and the third year it will be eligible for premiums.
11. If requested, exhibitor must stall animal. Failure to comply with this request will result in forfeiture of right to exhibit. Arbitration on this matter will be decided by superintendent and Fair Manager.

ENTRIES

ALL OPEN CLASS EXHIBITORS MUST BE ISSUED AN EXHIBITOR'S NUMBER AT THE FAIR OFFICE BEFORE ENTERING AN EXHIBIT.

Prior to the opening day of the Fair, an exhibitor is responsible for filling out an information card at the Fair Office on which he/she has recorded his/her exhibitor number. No premiums will be issued without a properly assigned exhibitor number.

1. Please refer to Division Rules for the closing date for all entries.

2. Livestock, poultry and rabbits must be in place before 9:00 pm on day prior to the Fair.
3. The Thurston County Fair officially opens at 10:00 am Wednesday, August 3, 2011. All exhibits and display booths must be completed and open by that time.
4. The Management reserves the right to limit exhibits because of the space available.
5. The Thurston County Fair officially closes at 8:00 pm on Sunday, August 7, 2011. All exhibits are to be checked out through class or department heads. The premises are to be left clean. All manure/bedding in livestock barns must be pitched out to aisles prior to Sunday departure. Those removing exhibits before designated times may forfeit premium money. Entry stubs must be presented to claim entries.
6. Livestock, horse, poultry and rabbits will be released Sunday night after 7:00 pm as scheduled by the superintendents. Other exhibits may be removed at times specified in the EXHIBITOR'S Guide under each division. **NOTE: Fourteen (14) days following the close of the Fair all remaining exhibits become the property of the Thurston County Fair and will be disposed of.**

7. SPECIES RULES

Cattle

- A. Cattle must be tied with an acceptable halter. Rope halters preferred, not show halters. All cattle must be double tied at all times.
- B. No horned animals allowed. No scurs more than 1 inch.

Sheep and Goats

- A. Scrapie Rule WAC 16-89: All goats and sheep are to be tagged, tattooed, or microchipped with Scrapies identification in accordance with the USDA Scrapies Eradication Rules. All exhibitors are required to bring their Flock ID papers as proof of compliance. For further information on registration, call USDA (360)753-9430.
- B. Horned animals must have the horn tips covered at all times as a safety precaution. No horned dairy goats are allowed, and no horned animals will be allowed in the Market Sale. See 4-H Animal Science General Rules for specific 4-H rules.

Poultry

- A. All exhibitors shall certify on their entry form that they have read WAC 16-54-155 Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) Emergency Quarantine. The rule is available at the Thurston County Fair Office and is published on the Fair's Web site: www.co.thurston.wa.us/fair

PREMIUMS

1. The judge's decision is final except when an exhibit is found to be ineligible.
2. While judging is in progress, communications with judges and attending clerks shall not be allowed. Any necessary communication shall be made with the superintendent or other designated person.
3. In Open Class, first premium will be designated by blue ribbons, second premium by red ribbons, third premiums by white ribbons, and anything below will not place unless otherwise specified in the Exhibitor's Guide under each Division.
4. Special awards must be presented to the Fair Board for approval prior to printing of Exhibitor's Guide. Detailed specification of award and sponsors needs to be printed in the Exhibitor's Guide. Points allowed may not be changed without prior approval of the Fair Board.
5. Management may withhold premiums and awards from any exhibitor found in violation of Fair rules.
6. **THE FAIR SHALL NOT MAIL ANY PREMIUM IF TOTAL IS LESS THAN ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) PER EXHIBITOR.**
7. Premium money will be paid by check and will be mailed as soon after the closing date of the Fair as possible.
8. Where there is no competition, or where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered, judges at their discretion may award premium of such grades as the exhibit deserves.

JUDGES

Contracts for payment of judges are available at the Fair Office. They must be completed, signed and presented at the Fair Office for payment.