

# **SKAGIT COUNTY FAIR AIMS & PURPOSES**

**It is the Goal of Skagit County to produce a Fair in which there is pride and involvement by the people of Skagit County. Therefore, we the staff of the Skagit County Fairgrounds endeavor to:**

- Display products of the agricultural industry of our area.
- Provide wholesome educational and entertainment activities for all people.
- Exhibit arts, crafts and manufacturer's products and show results of skills used for home living.
- Provide opportunities for all county citizens to share their knowledge and skills with other citizens of the County through participation in the Fair.
- Utilize the Fairgrounds facilities for multi-use activities throughout the year.
- Generate revenue to support Fair operations and provide support for expanding and updating the facilities.
- Develop objectives, aims and purposes through short and long range planning. From this planning, establish yearly goals that are measurable with evaluation each year.
- Provide for safe and healthful conditions for people participating in or attending activities on the Fairgrounds and safeguard the Fair properties and exhibits.
- Present a well-balanced and wide variety of exhibits that include displays by people of all ages and representing all Skagit County industries.
- Conform to the rules and regulations as set forth in the Washington State Agricultural Fairs Laws.

# SKAGIT COUNTY FAIR

## GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

- The Skagit County Fair has three Main Sections for exhibit entry:
  - Open Class – anyone in the public can enter Open Class
  - FFA – must be a member of an FFA Chapter to enter this Department
  - 4-H – must be a member of a 4-H Club to enter this Department
- **ALL EXHIBITORS:** Please see the Departments and Divisions for specific entry rules.
- **ALL EXHIBITORS** must register their exhibits online @ [www.skagitcounty.net/fair](http://www.skagitcounty.net/fair).<sup>\*</sup> All exhibits must be on the fairgrounds on the proper entry day for judging.
  - \* Some open class indoor exhibit departments would prefer you do not register on line and would like you to register when you bring your entries to the fair. Please read each department's rules for accurate information on your department.
- **ALL ANIMALS** must be registered with Skagit County Fair by the **SECOND FRIDAY OF JULY**. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**. Animal Exhibitors must submit their Pen/Stall Fee Payment when they register their exhibits online.
- **ALL ANIMALS** must remain on the Fairgrounds until their designated release time. Exhibitors who remove their animals from the fair before the designated release time may be banned from entering exhibits in the fair the following year. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- **ANIMAL EXHIBITORS** are required to follow the Skagit County Fair Veterinary Regulations.
- **ALL STATIC** (non-animal) exhibits may be picked up at 9 pm Saturday until 10 pm or 10 am – 1 pm the Sunday after the Fair and Monday after the Fair from 10 am – 1 pm. **NO EXHIBITS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS PRIOR TO 9 PM SATURDAY**. Exhibitors who remove their exhibits from the fair before 9 pm Saturday will not receive premiums and may not be able to exhibit at the Skagit County Fair in the future. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Exhibitor Claim Tickets must be presented in order to pick up entries. Perishable exhibits will be disposed of at 10 pm Saturday.
- Entries not picked up by 1 pm Tuesday become the property of the Fair and may be discarded.
- No person shall receive a free pass just because they have entered an exhibit. Exhibitors whose entries require re-entry into the fair may purchase a \$10.00 wristband, this allows them entry to the Fair to care for their projects. Pass requests subject to approval by management.
- The Fair will use every precaution in its power for the preservation of all articles and stock on exhibition during the Fair, but will not be responsible for loss or damage.
- Animals and exhibits are welcome to stay at the Fairgrounds until Sunday at the animal/exhibit owner's risk.
- Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion, and other exhibits liable to occasional accidents, injury, or damage to persons coming in contact herewith shall guard their exhibits in such a way as to protect the public. Such exhibitors shall indemnify the Fair from and against any claims and demands, costs, charges, and expenses, which may be incurred by reason of any accident.
- Should there be any disputes or misunderstandings, which none of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations will govern, whether in connection with judging or otherwise, they shall be referred to Fair Management whose decision shall be final. Parties filing protests will obtain forms from the Fair Office. All protests must be filed within 8 hours of incident & a decision will be made within 24 hours of filing. The decision of Management is final.
- **FAIR MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO ALTER, INTERPRET, OR CHANGE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BECOME NECESSARY AND TO DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS, AND DIFFERENCES THAT MAY ARISE IN OR OUT OF AN INCIDENT AT THE FAIR.**

## ONLINE ENTRY IS EASY

### SECTIONS:

Skagit County Fair has three main Sections for exhibit entry:

- Open Class – Anyone can enter in Open Class
- FFA – Must be a member of an FFA Chapter
- 4-H – Must be a member of a 4-H Club

### PREMIUM BOOKS:

The Premium Book is your resource for entering exhibits in the fair. All the rules and regulations and the information for each department is available online. As an exhibitor you are expected to read the General Fair Information section, Department Specific Rules (Open Class, 4H or FFA) and the premium book for your Specific Department. You can view, print or download the Premium Books online.

### REGISTRATION:

Visit: [www.skagitcounty.net/fair](http://www.skagitcounty.net/fair) and click on **Enter the Fair: Premium Books**. Follow the instructions to register and log in you entries. *You need to register even if you registered last year.* Some open class indoor exhibit departments would prefer you do not register on line and would like you to register when you bring your entries to the fair. Please read each department's rules for accurate information on your department.

### ANIMAL ENTRIES:

All ANIMAL ENTRIES must register online by the second Friday in July. When you register, stall fees will be paid online. Be sure to read the premium book for vet check times and other entry requirements.

### FAIR PASSES:

Animal exhibitors can purchase passes to come to the fair to care for their animals. Passes must be purchased online when registering.

### INDOOR AND STILL LIFE EXHIBITS:

SOME INDOOR AND STILL LIFE EXHIBITS can be registered prior to bringing the entry to the fair. Check with your department's rules.

#### OPEN EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- August 7: Hobbies and Crafts, Sewing, Needlecraft, Quilts, Photography, Food Preservation and Fine Art
- August 8: Home Economics and Food Preservation
- August 9: Horticulture, Local Produce and Honey

#### 4-H EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- August 5: All exhibits except Foods Exhibits, Vegetables and Flower Gardening
- August 9: Foods Exhibits, Vegetables and Flower Gardening

CHECK THE PREMIUM BOOK TO VERIFY ENTRY TIMES AND LOCATIONS

### FOR ONLINE ENTRY:

BE SURE TO SAVE YOUR PASSWORD. WE CAN'T GET IT FOR YOU SO YOU MUST REMEMBER IT. WRITE YOUR PASSWORD DOWN SO YOU HAVE IT!

BE SURE TO COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED FIELDS. IF YOU MISS SOMETHING YOU WILL HAVE TO GO BACK AND ENTER IT.

CHECK THE PREMIUM BOOK FOR DETAILS ON YOUR EXHIBITS INCLUDING NUMBER OF REQUIRED ITEMS AND REGISTRATION GUIDELINES.

### ON ENTRY DAY:

If you register online, bring a printout of your online entries receipt for verification of pre-entry.

Make sure you have all the required paperwork and information for your exhibits (recipe cards, labels, registration papers, etc.)