

2017 MADISON COUNTY FAIR GUIDELINES FOR FAIR COMPETITIONS, ENTRIES, AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2016 Madison County Fair. If you are interested in entering any of the competitions in either the Adult or Youth division, these guidelines will help you with that process. Other useful information is also listed.

Fair Vendors:

- A limited number of 10' wide by 15' deep Vendor spaces will be available to rent for the fair.
- The fee for each 10' wide space is \$75 which covers the entire fair.
- Fair times are Thursday from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm; Friday from 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm. and Saturday from 9:00 am - 11:00 pm. Vendors are encouraged to set up for the entire length of the fair.
- Vendors must declare the nature of their booth as to product, service, etc.
- The Fair Vendor application is found at the back of the Fair Book and on website. Photocopies are also accepted
- A detailed Vendor Rules and Regulations page is also found at the back of the Fair Book. Please refer to that page for further information.

Application for Competitions:

General:

- Only one individual may appear on each form. For example, if two members of the same family want to enter a competition, they must each fill out a separate form.
- The Fair Book contains several copies of the forms. Photocopies are also accepted.
- For all entries in the Craft & Agricultural Products Division (including Youth entries), use the general application that lists Departments A through I and YS and YR
- Entrants in the Craft and Agricultural Products Division is open to Madison County residents and the surrounding counties.
- There are separate forms in the Livestock Division, so choose the appropriate form for your entry. These forms may also be photocopied for use.
- Each entry form is designed to allow for entry in multiple classes. Simply refer to the specific Department and Class Code listed in the catalogue. Be sure to describe the entry where indicated. Note that all Youth entries begin with "Y".
- If you desire to enter more classes than a form allows, an additional form must be used.
- Deadlines and fees for applications vary among the departments. Deadline dates and times are listed in the catalogue for each Division and Department.

Youth Division:

- The Madison County Fair follows the rules and regulations set forth by the North Carolina 4-H Youth Development for all competitions in both the Craft, Agricultural Products and the Livestock.
- **Although 4-H rules and regulations are used, the fair is open to any youth (ages 5-19) regardless of 4-H membership. There is no requirement that a youth must join 4-H to participate in the Madison County Fair. These youths simply must agree to follow the guidelines established for the various Divisions and Departments, including age calculations for class levels.**
- The Madison County Fair is also open to all youth. See age requirements.
- Youths should use the same form as adults in the Craft, Agricultural Products Division. Note that all Youth classes begin with the letter "Y", regardless of Division.

Youth Premium Schedule:

- In the Craft & Agricultural Products Division, the premium schedule for each class is as follows:
 - First Place, Blue Ribbon, \$6.00 premium
 - Second Place, Red Ribbon, \$4.00 premium
 - Third Place, White Ribbon, \$2.00 premium
 - No premium is awarded for any 5-8 Youth class. Ribbons will be awarded in these classes.
- In the Livestock Division, the premium schedule for each class is as follows:
 - Poultry:
 - First Place, Blue Ribbon, \$6.00 premium
 - Second Place, Red Ribbon, \$5.00 premium
 - Third Place, White Ribbon, \$4.00 premium
 - Goats, Sheep and Market Hog Departments:
 - First Place, Blue Ribbon, \$20.00 premium
 - Second Place, Red Ribbon, \$15.00 premium
 - Third Place, White Ribbon, \$10.00 premium
 - Beef Heifer Department:
 - First Place, Blue Ribbon, \$30.00 premium
 - Second Place, Red Ribbon, \$25.00 premium
 - Third Place, White Ribbon, \$20.00 premium
- No youth under the age of nine (9) may receive a premium for any class in any division. Age as of January 1, 2017 is the determining factor. The youth must be nine years old on that date.

Fees, Judging and Display:

Craft & Agricultural Products Division

- There are no fees for any Department in this Division.
- Allentry forms must be received by Friday, September 22, 2017.
- Entry submissions in the Craft and Agricultural Products Division will not be accepted prior to Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Entries must be brought to the Madison County Cooperative Extension Center between 9AM - 5PM on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 or 9 am until noon on Wednesday, September 27, 2017.
- Winning entries will be displayed at the Madison County Cooperative Extension Center beginning on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 5PM.
- Pickup for entries and premiums for winning entries will be Saturday, September 30 2017 9:00 pm or Monday, October 2, 2017 from 9 am- 4 pm.
- ALL ENTRY SUBMISSION FOR BAKED GOODS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE MADISON COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION CENTER ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH BETWEEN 10AM - 5PM

Livestock Division

- Refer to each Department description for information regarding fees, deadlines, show dates, and logistical details. Those details vary depending on the department.
- Judging occurs during the scheduled event and awards are made on site.

Admission Fee:

\$6.00 per person
6 and under FREE

Thursday, September 28th Admission Fee:

Fairgoers who bring five cans of any brand food products on this day, can exchange them for one free gate admission! All food collected will be donated to the Beacon of Hope Services.

Special Contests and Events

- See Department X description for details regarding:

Queen of the Fair
Antique Tractor Parade and Show
Old Time Skills Exhibits
Draft Horse Parade
Women's Cast Iron Skillet Throwing Contest
Horse Shoe Pitching Contest

Madison County Cooperative Extension Center

258 Carolina Lane
Marshall, NC 28753
Phone: 828-649-2411

All applications should be mailed to or dropped off at the Extension office.



DIRECTIONS:

From Asheville take 19-23/I26 North to the Marshall Exit 19-A. Follow Hwy 25/70 North/West for 9.3 miles, after the 4 lane road becomes a 2 lane road turn RIGHT onto LONG BRANCH ROAD (Do not take the first Long Branch Road off the four lane). *See below for further directions on Long Branch Road. From 25/70 South/East turn LEFT onto Long Branch Road. From Mars Hill (I-26) take Exit 11 to HWY 213 toward Marshall approximately 11 miles. At the 25/70 intersection take the Asheville exit onto 25/70 SE. Once on 25/70 take the second paved road to the left, LONG BRANCH ROAD. *See below for further directions on Long Branch Road. (Look for NC Cooperative Extension signs at each of the turn offs; these signs will be low to the ground) Once on LONG BRANCH ROAD go .4 miles and turn RIGHT onto KENPACK LANE (first road on the right). Then go .2 miles and turn RIGHT onto ELDERBERRY LANE (first road on the right), then IMMEDIATELY turn LEFT onto CAROLINA LANE. Go .2 miles (you will pass ball fields on the left) and Madison County Cooperative Extension will be to your left (you will see NC Cooperative Extension sign in front of parking lot and a sign on the building).