

MINI PERFORMANCE ACTS 2009 Wisconsin State Fair

Wisconsin State Fair is looking for Youth Organization Groups with excellent mini performance acts to perform on the Demonstration Stage at the Wisconsin State Fair. A mini performance act is made up of one (1) to five (5) individuals and can be any performance of interest to the Wisconsin State Fair Fairgoers. However, the performance must be well suited for a 6' by 10' stage. Suggested performances may be mini-dramas, interpretive readings, clowning acts, comedy routines, juggling acts and simple dance routines. Excellent vocalists and instrumentalists are especially encouraged to apply.

Selection Process:

1. Each 4-H county or youth organization may select and mail **two (2)** mini-group nominations to Wisconsin State Fair to perform on the Demonstration Stage in the Wisconsin Exposition Building Youth Exhibits Hallway. The group must be available to perform from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm on the assigned day. Selected groups are given first priority over alternate groups for performance dates and times. Group selections are made on the following criteria:
 - 1) county/district rankings
 - 2) agent recommendation
 - 3) availability of group
 - 4) timeliness of group nomination
 - 5) number of group performers
2. Each county may also submit up to **three (3)** alternate group nominations. These groups can be either music or drama and must be ranked according to 1st alternate, 2nd alternate and 3rd alternate.
3. Each group must designate a contact person for the group who is responsible for submitting information and all communication with Wisconsin State Fair. This person should be a responsible adult who can relay information to every group member quickly and easily.
4. Group contacts should submit mini performance act nominations to the Wisconsin State Fair by May 30th. Groups will be notified of acceptance and the performance schedule in early June. Final registration will be due to the Wisconsin State Fair on June 30th.
5. In order for individuals to receive premiums, the performer must be present for all performances.

Participant Fees:

Youth who will only perform one day will need to purchase one of the following options for admission:

- One Day Group Performer Package (\$11.00 pkg) which includes a Wisconsin State Fair admission ticket and two meals in the Youth Center.
- Advanced Wisconsin State Fair General Admission Tickets at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (ages 7 – 11). Advanced tickets must be purchased on the final registration materials before June 30.
- Tickets purchased on-site during the Fair are \$9 for adults and \$3 for youth ages 7-11.

Advanced and one day group performer package tickets can be purchased by participants, family, friends or anyone else who may be coming to watch performances. These tickets can be purchased through the exhibits form. Chaperones who accompany youth for the day **DO NOT** receive free admission to the Fair or meals at the Youth Center.

Youth interested in staying at the Youth Center overnight will need to pay \$20 per night and complete a Youth Center form to receive a wristband covering admission, lodging and three meals per day in the Youth Center. Youth must be at least 12 years of age to stay in the Youth Center. Limited space is available during 3rd and 4th periods only. Youth Center space is not available 1st and 2nd periods.

Youth participating at Wisconsin State Fair will receive a premium of \$15 for one or two days of participation. Youth who participate more than two days will receive a premium of \$20. A partial travel reimbursement may be available. The Wisconsin State Fair Entry Office will issue one check to the Group Contact Person, who is responsible for distributing the amount to performers appropriately. Partial travel reimbursement may be available.

YOUTH EXPO STAGE Information Sheet

1. Groups will perform on the Youth Expo Stage located in the northeast hallway of the Wisconsin Exposition Center on the south end of the State Fair grounds.
2. Groups will have **ONLY 15 minutes on stage** including setup and takedown time. Performances should last at least 8-10 minutes. Groups can request performance times on any day of the Fair.
3. The stage is one platform, 8 feet by 8 feet, and is raised 8-12 inches above the floor. Drop cloth curtains surround three sides of the stage.
4. The Youth Expo stage has no backstage areas. There are no changing rooms for participants. Groups are encouraged to use public restrooms if needed. Props and belongings may be stored near the sound table between performances but they will not be locked up. Space is limited, so please keep props to a minimum.
5. It is a part of the experience that the youth performers learn how to use what is available with sound at the stage. Encourage your group to practice with the State Fair stage set-up in mind. Generally, the Youth Expo Stage has two microphones available (the option of 1 hand held mic and 1 head set, 2 head sets, or 2 hand held mics). These microphones will be set up and controlled by the stage manager. The sound system is equipped to play cassette tapes or CDs, which will be amplified through speakers to the audience. The State Fair encourages the use of CDs and reminds you to bring a back up.

STAGE MANAGER SUGGESTION: Keep in mind that this is the State Fair and we do our best to project the performers voices. No matter what sound equipment we use, there will always be unavoidable fair noise. Please encourage your performers to keep this in mind. To relieve anxiety, please practice projecting voices and planning how each person can best use the microphones available at the stage. We will do the best we can to make their voices projected, but keep in mind, this is a learning experience and we are at the Wisconsin State Fair. 😊

6. A keyboard can be available IF the stage manager knows in advance it is needed.
7. Extension cords can be available IF the stage manager knows in advance they are needed.
8. Additional chairs and tables can be available on stage IF the stage manager knows in advance they are needed.
9. Equipment should be brought to the Youth Center when your group arrives/registers. From there, equipment transfer is available to and from the Ag Oasis Stage via a motorized golf cart IF the Youth Expo Coordinator knows in advance it is needed.
10. Each group is encouraged to have an identification poster that will be displayed near the stage while your group is performing. The sign should be 22" x 28" (standard tagboard size). Letters should be at least 3" high and clearly readable at a distance. It should state: (1) title of act or performance, if applicable, (2) group name and (3) county.

YOUTH EXPO MINI PERFORMANCES

Wisconsin State Fair Youth Exhibits Stage

2009 Nomination Form



I am willing to serve as Performance Contact Person for the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair and the mini performance act I am representing has read and understands the qualifications and responsibilities for this opportunity. I understand submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance. *Notification and acceptance will come from Wisconsin State Fair and will be based on the following criteria: 1) stage availability, 2) Wisconsin State fair interest in performance, 3) county/district rankings and agent recommendation, 4) availability of performance members and 5) timeliness of group nomination.*

Group Name: _____

County: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ WI _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (day): (____) _____ Phone (evening): (____) _____

Email: _____

Has your group previously performed on the Youth Exhibits stage? Yes No # of years: _____

Mini Performance Title: _____

Type of Performance: *mini drama* *dance* *musical act* *interpretive reading*
 (please circle) *juggling act* *comedy routine* *other* _____

Number of performers in group: _____ Number of chaperones accompanying group: _____

Onstage Time (entire time onstage must stay within 20 minutes): _____ Total Perform. Minutes: _____ Total Set-up Minutes: _____ Total Take-down Minutes: _____

Rank, in order of preference, the period you wish to perform. "1" = first choice, "2" = second, etc. Only the dates ranked will be considered for your group's performance.

Thurs., Aug. 6 _____	Sun., Aug. 9 _____	Wed., Aug. 12 _____	Sat., Aug 15 _____
Fri., Aug .7 _____	Mon., Aug. 10 _____	Thurs., Aug. 13 _____	Sun., Aug 16 _____
Sat., Aug. 8 _____	Tues., Aug 11 _____	Fri., Aug. 14 _____	

Group will arrive by: Bus Car # of Cars/Buses: _____

Distance group will be traveling on day of performance: _____ # of miles

To be completed by your UW-Extension agent or Organizational leader:

Is this group the: Selected 1st Alternate 2nd Alternate 3rd Alternate

Is this music group and its performers in good standing within your county program? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Due May 30, 2009 to Wisconsin State Fair Park, Youth Expo Mini Performance,
640 S. 84th St., West Allis, WI 53214**