

MUSIC & DRAMA GROUPS

2009 Wisconsin State Fair

Wisconsin State Fair is looking for Youth Organization Groups with excellent musical acts or drama performances to perform during State Fair.

Selection Process:

1. Each 4-H county or youth organization at their discretion may select and mail **ONE (1)** group nomination to Wisconsin State Fair to perform on the Ag Oasis Stage. A group must have at least five (5) members and must be available to perform from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm on 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 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 is 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.

AG OASIS STAGE FACTS

1. Groups will perform on the Ag Oasis Stage located in the Ag Oasis tent found between the Coliseum and the Wisconsin Products Pavilion on the State Fair grounds.
2. Groups will have **ONLY 20 minutes on stage** including setup and takedown time. Performances should last at least 10 minutes. Groups can request performance times on any day of the Fair.
3. The stage is one platform - 30 feet by 20 feet and is raised 30 inches above the floor. Stairs are located at the back of the stage. A ramp is also located at the front (stage left) of the stage.
4. There are several small changing booths available for participants back stage. Though your props and belongings can be stored backstage between performances they will not be locked. Mirrors are available for use. Space is limited, so please keep props to a minimum and remember you may have to share the backstage area with other groups.
5. One of the lessons youth performers learn at State Fair is how to adapt to the sound challenges at the stage. Encourage your group to practice with the State Fair stage set-up in mind. The Ag Oasis Stage has six (6) wireless mics and two (2) corded 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 this is the State Fair and we do our best to project the performer's voices. No matter what sound equipment we use, there will always be unavoidable Fair noise. To relieve anxiety, please practice projecting voices and planning how each person can best use the microphones available on the stage. We will do the best we can to project their voices, but keep in mind, this is a learning experience and we are at the Wisconsin State Fair. 😊

6. Groups are not allowed to bring or use their own sound equipment at the State Fair. This includes, but is not limited to: wireless and choral microphones, speakers, lighting, etc. Additionally, only the stage manager and the Youth Exhibits staff may be behind the sound table or control any component of the sound.
7. A keyboard can be available IF the stage manager knows in advance it is needed.
8. Extension cords can be available IF the stage manager knows in advance that they are needed.
9. Additional chairs and tables can be available on stage IF the stage manager knows in advance they are needed.
10. 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.
11. Each group is encouraged to have an identification poster that will be displayed near the stage while the 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 MUSIC & DRAMA GROUPS

Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Stage

2009 Nomination Form



The music/drama group I am representing has read and understands the qualifications and responsibilities for this opportunity. I am willing to serve as its Group Contact Person for the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair. 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) county/district rankings, 2) agent recommendation, 3) availability of group and 4) timeliness of group nomination and 5) number of group performers.*

Group Name: _____

County: _____ Music Group Performance Drama Group Performance

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ WI Zip Code: _____

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

Email: _____

Has your group previously performed on the State Fair? Yes No # of years: _____

Performance Title: _____

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: _____

(Groups with longer performance times should contact the Youth Expo Coordinator immediately.)

****In the space provided below please briefly describe your performance.**

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 (One Way)

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 Music/Drama, 640 S. 84th St., West Allis, WI 53214