

YOUTH EXPO MINI PERFORMANCES 2011 Wisconsin State Fair

Youth Organization Groups with excellent mini performance acts are encouraged to nominate youth to perform on the Youth Expo Stage at the Wisconsin State Fair. **A mini performance act (one (1) to five (5) individual(s)) can be any performance of interest to Fairgoers.** The participants must be available to perform three (3) times between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm on their assigned day.

Suggested performances include: mini-dramas, interpretive readings, clowning acts, comedy routines, juggling acts and simple dance routines. Excellent vocalists and instrumentalists are especially encouraged to apply. Performances must be well suited for a 12' x 12' stage. The Youth Expo Stage is located in the Youth Exhibits and Activities Hallway in the Wisconsin Exposition Center.

Selection Process:

1. Each 4-H county or youth organization at their discretion may select and mail **two (2)** mini performance nominations to Wisconsin State Fair by June 1st. Selected acts are given first priority over alternate acts for performance dates and times. Selections are made on the following criteria:
 - 1) Timeliness of nomination
 - 2) County/district rankings
 - 3) Stage availability
 - 4) Availability of group
2. Each county may also nominate and submit up to **three (3)** alternate acts. These acts must be ranked as 1st, 2nd and 3rd alternates. We will do our best to select acts based on county ranking.
3. Each mini performance act must designate a contact person who is responsible for submitting and communicating all information with the Wisconsin State Fair. This person should be a responsible adult who can relay information to every member of the performance quickly and easily.
4. Contacts will be notified of acceptance and their performance schedule in early June. Final registration is due to the Wisconsin State Fair no later than June 30th.
5. In order for individuals to receive premiums, the performer must be present for all performances

Participant Fees:

All participants and chaperones will need to purchase one of the following options for admission:

- Advanced Wisconsin State Fair General Admission Tickets at \$4 (adults and children ages 7 – 12). Children ages 6 and under are free. Advanced tickets must be purchased on the final registration materials before June 30.
- Admission tickets purchased at the gates during the Fair are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 7-12. Children ages 6 and under are free.

Advanced Fair admission tickets may be purchased for participants, family, friends or anyone else interested in attending. Meals at the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center can be purchased on-site.

Youth participating at Wisconsin State Fair for one or two days will receive a premium of \$15. Youth who participate more than two days will receive a premium of \$20. 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.

For more information on Mini Performances contact Lisa Talen, Youth Expo Coordinator at (414) 750-0872 or by email at lisa.talen@wisconsin.gov.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR YOUTH EXPO STAGE Information Sheet

1. Each act will perform three (3) times throughout the day on the Youth Expo Stage. The stage is located in the northwest hallway of the Wisconsin Exposition Center on the south end of State Fair Park.
2. Acts will have **ONLY 15 minutes on stage** including setup and takedown time. Performances should last about 8-10 minutes.
3. The stage is one platform, 12 feet by 12 feet, and is raised 12 - 16 inches above the floor. Drop cloth curtains surround three sides of the stage.
4. The Youth Expo stage has no backstage area or changing rooms for participants. Participants are encouraged to use public restrooms if needed. Props and belongings may be stored near the stage between performances but they will not be locked up. Space is limited, so please keep props to a minimum.
5. The stage has two wireless microphones which 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. The State Fair prefers the use of CDs and encourages you to bring a back up.

STAGE MANAGER SUGGESTION: To relieve anxiety, prepare your act by practicing with microphones. We have a very mobile audience and the hallway area is noisy, so the use of microphones is necessary for your performance to be heard.

6. A keyboard, extension cords, tables and chairs can be available IF the stage manager knows of the need(s) in advance.
7. Equipment should be brought to the Youth Center when you/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 the transportation is needed.
8. Each act is encouraged to bring a sign which can be displayed near the stage to identify their performance. The sign should be 22"W x 28"H (standard tag board size). Letters should be at least 3" high and readable at a distance. It should state: (1) title of act or performance, if applicable, (2) group name and (3) county.



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Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Stage

2011 Nomination Form



I am willing to serve as the Contact Person for the 2011 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) timeliness of group nomination, 2) county/district rankings, 3) stage availability and 4) availability of performance members.*

Individual or
Group Name: _____

County: _____

Contact Person: _____

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 15 minutes): _____ Total Perform. Minutes: _____ Total Set-up Minutes: _____ Total Take-down Minutes: _____

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

Thurs., Aug. 4 _____	Sun., Aug. 7 _____	Wed., Aug. 10 _____	Sat., Aug 13 _____
Fri., Aug. 5 _____	Mon., Aug. 8 _____	Thurs., Aug. 11 _____	Sun., Aug 14 _____
Sat., Aug. 6 _____	Tues., Aug 9 _____	Fri., Aug. 12 _____	

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 Youth Development Staff or your Youth Organization Leader:

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

Are all the performers in this group in good standing within your program? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Due June 1, 2011 to Wisconsin State Fair Park, Youth Expo Mini Performances,
640 S. 84th St., West Allis, WI 53214**