

**Wisconsin State Fair – Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center**  
**2023 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**EXHIBIT/EXHIBITOR LIABILITY**

Wisconsin State Fair will take reasonable precautions to protect the safety of the exhibits sent to the Fair but owners themselves assume the risk of exhibiting them, and should any exhibitor or portion thereof be injured, damaged, lost or stolen, State Fair Park personnel will give assistance toward recovery of the same, but will not be liable or make any payment for the value thereof.

Neither the State of Wisconsin, State Fair Park, or its employees or agents shall be liable for any loss to an exhibitor occasioned by fire, accident, condition of structure, terrorism, vehicle or damage caused by weather to an exhibit, article, equipment or commercial exhibit left in the building or on the grounds after the close of the Fair.

Exhibitors or owners of animals, vehicles and/or machinery, while stationary or in motion, and any other exhibits or equipment which may cause accidents, injury or damage to persons or animals or property coming in contact with or in proximity to them, shall guard their exhibits, vehicles or machinery, and protect the public from coming in contact therewith at all times while on the Fairgrounds, and every such exhibitor or owner shall indemnify the State of Wisconsin, the Fair Park Board, and its agents and employees from and against claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which it or they might incur, suffer or be put to by reason of failure to take the precaution above referred to or failure to comply with State Fair Park rules, policies or directives. Liability insurance to comply with indemnity provisions is required. Presentation of an entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this provision.

Neither the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Fair Park, nor any of its officers, employees or agents shall be responsible for any bodily injury, damage or other loss to any Youth Exhibitor or his or her property while off-grounds of the Wisconsin State Fair Park during the Wisconsin State Fair.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO STAY IN YOUTH CENTER ROOMS – JUNIOR SHOW**

Wisconsin State Fair approved Volunteer Adult Group Contacts (VAGCs) are given the first opportunity to rent Youth Center rooms for their group use during Junior Show sessions. Volunteer Adult Independent Contacts (VAICs) are eligible to rent rooms if space permits after the VAGC reservation period is closed. Rooms may be occupied only by approved VAGCs, VAICs and Junior exhibitors showing in the current session. Younger/older siblings of participants or younger/older children of Volunteer Adult Contacts who are not showing are not eligible to stay in the Youth Center. Wisconsin State Fair Junior Division Agriculture employees in the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine Departments are not allowed to stay in rooms rented by VAGCs or VAICs. Current Junior Show exhibitors who wish to stay in the Youth Center should contact their VAGC directly.

**REGISTRATION**

- 1) All reservations must be pre-paid. **There is a no refund policy on Youth Center fees and wristbands.** No vehicle parking is included with the fees.
- 2) Those participating in the Wisconsin State Fair may request reasonable accommodations for disabilities by contacting the Agriculture Department via email ([entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com)) or by writing 640 S 84th St, West Allis, WI 53214 one month in advance of Fair events. The Agriculture Department will respond within a reasonable time to discuss the requests for accommodations.
- 3) All persons staying in the Youth Center must bring their own bedding and toiletries. Bunk beds are provided.
- 4) All persons staying in the Youth Center must abide by the room assignments for the entire event to provide accurate information in case of an emergency. Room switching is not allowed.
- 5) Check Out: Exhibitors must check out by the assigned time with Youth Center Staff before leaving.
- 6) Broken, lost or replacement room keys are \$20 per key.
- 7) Checks returned to the Wisconsin State Fair from a financial institution for any reason will be charged a \$20 service fee. Payment must be made within 5 business days of notification from Wisconsin State Fair.

8) Guest agrees to protect, indemnify and save the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin State Fair Park Director, and their agents and employees harmless from and against any and all claims, and against any and all loss, cost, damage or expense, including without limitation reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of any negligent acts or intentional misconduct of the Guest, its invitees or agents, which causes or is alleged to have caused injury to persons or property, including but not limited to intellectual property.

## **YOUTH CENTER RULES**

- 1) Youth Center Staff will supervise and enforce Youth Center rules and regulations.
- 2) Uniformed police officers may patrol the facility periodically throughout the day and night.
- 3) Anyone staying in the Youth Center must respect all public/personal property, facilities and privacy of others.
- 4) Quiet hours are to be observed from 11:30 pm to 5 am.
- 5) Junior Dairy Cattle Exhibitors: Wisconsin State Fair will no longer coordinate nightline. It is up to each individual Volunteer Adult Group Contact to coordinate any nightline duties for his/her group members.
- 6) Youth Center guests should be neat and proper in their dress and appearance in the Youth Center. Going barefoot or shirtless in the lobby or cafeteria is not acceptable. Participants failing to adhere to the above standards of dress will be requested to leave the cafeteria and lobby.
- 7) Food may not be cooked or heated on any electric or gas device (Crockpots, rice cookers, coffeemakers, grills, toasters, sandwich makers, hot plates, roasters, griddles, etc.) within the rooms. Propane tanks of any kind are not allowed within the youth center rooms.
- 8) Violation of any major rule (i.e. sexual harassment, chemical or substance use/abuse, theft, vandalism, etc.) may result in:
  - A. Notification of the violation to State Fair Management and Volunteer Adult Contact (if applicable).
  - B. Judgment by Wisconsin State Fair Management may result in award(s) and prize money(s) forfeiture; and/or dismissal from the Fair Park; loss of Youth Center privileges and/or being barred from competition immediately in the department(s) entered; and/or in future Wisconsin State Fair competition.
- 9) A first aid station, along with an ambulance service, are available on the Fair Park grounds if needed; however, fees for these services will apply.
- 10) Non-registered visitors to the Youth Center are not allowed above the first floor public areas.
- 11) Youth Center guests who break public laws will be subject to legal action by law enforcement authorities in addition to Wisconsin State Fair disciplinary actions.
- 12) All pets, whether on a leash, carried or in a container, are not permitted on site during the Wisconsin State Fair, with the exception of service dogs or dogs participating/competing in Fair events such as K-9 Sports.

## **CAFETERIA**

All Youth Center guests are eligible to eat meals served in the Youth Center Cafeteria.

2023: Breakfast (6-8 am): \$7  
Lunch (11am-1pm): \$8  
Dinner (5-7 pm): \$9

- 1) Meals are cafeteria style.
- 2) Meal tickets are available for purchase at the Youth Center front desk during the Fair.
- 3) Youth Center meals are not included with room rental, nor are they required to be purchased.
- 4) Youth Center admission wristbands are valid only for admission; they do not include meals.
- 5) During Junior Show Sessions: Meal tickets will be available to pre-purchase on the Volunteer Adult Group Contact Final Youth Center Reservation form. Meal tickets purchased in advance will be included in a room packet at Youth Center check-in and will not be mailed. Please note: pre-purchasing meal tickets on the final registration form will greatly speed up the Youth Center check in process.

## **ALCOHOL/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**

The possession/consumption of alcohol or illegal substances is strictly prohibited in the Youth Center and strongly discouraged in areas where youth are present including but not limited to; livestock barns and the Case IH Coliseum.

Anyone ticketed by law enforcement personnel for underage drinking and/or possession/use of illegal substances at any point during the Fair will not be allowed to exhibit/show/facilitate for the duration of the current Fair. Entry fees, Youth Center fees and premiums will not be refunded or paid. Exhibitors will lose eligibility for the following year's Fair as well.

### **ADMISSION FEES**

All Youth Center guests must have valid admission to enter the Wisconsin State Fair Park during the Fair. Admission fee do not include vehicle parking. Guests staying in the Youth Center will be required to purchase an admission wristband in advance or upon check in.

### **PARKING OPTIONS**

**Overnight Onsite Parking Passes:** A very limited supply of on-site overnight parking for Youth Center guests will be available in a new location north of the racetrack, approximately 4/10ths of a mile from the Youth Center. Parking will be limited to one car per room rented. All other vehicles needing overnight parking must park at designated offsite lots. Onsite parking in the general parking lots (daytime only – no overnight) will be available. Parking passes purchased in advance will be included in your room packet and will not be mailed.

#### **1) Blue Ribbon Off-site Parking: Free**

- A. Off-site Agriculture Exhibitor vehicle parking lot with easy access from I-94.
- B. This lot has 24-hour attendant, in and out privileges and overnight parking.
- C. A free shuttle will be run continuously from noon, Tuesday, August 1st through the duration of the Fair. The shuttle will pick up and drop off near Gate 5.
- D. Trailers are not allowed to park in this lot (see trailer parking below).

#### **2) General Fair Park Parking: \$15 per day/vehicle.**

- A. Valid for one vehicle admission per day (no in and out privileges).
- B. Purchase upon arrival at any vehicle access gate (except Gate 5). Parking is not guaranteed.
- C. No overnight parking is allowed

**3) Trailer Parking:** A free Wisconsin State Fair off-site trailer parking lot will be available and assigned upon arrival. All trailers **MUST** be parked offsite. Exhibitors cannot sleep in their trailers overnight or keep any animals in trailers at the offsite lots.