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JUNIOR LIVESTOCK INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

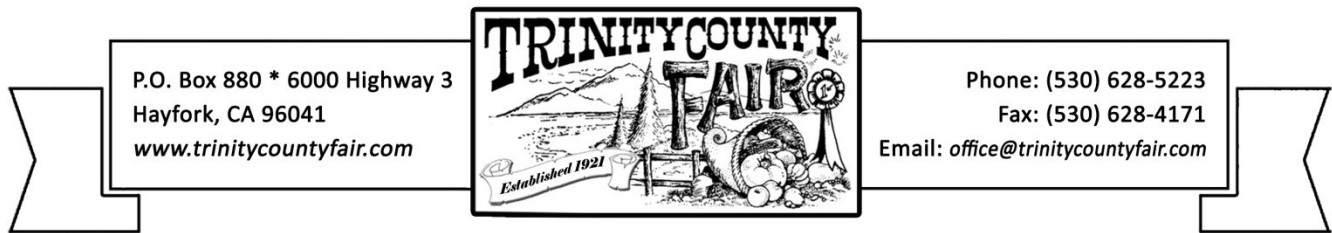
Welcome to the Trinity County Fair Junior Livestock Independent Exhibitor Program! We are very pleased that you have decided to bring an animal to the fair to exhibit, and possibly sell at the Trinity County Junior Livestock Auction. A 'Letter of Intent to be an Independent Exhibitor' must be received by the Fair Office not later than March 1, 2023 in order to meet the Exhibitor Requirement.

WHO QUALIFIES AS AN INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR?

An exhibitor who is not eligible to compete in a certain category as a member of a 4H, Grange or FFA junior organization (i.e. exhibitor is not a member of a club; exhibitor is a member of 4H but there is no project leader for the exhibitor's chosen project species or high school students who cannot fit FFA into their school class schedule may show at the Trinity County Fair as an independent exhibitor). California State Rules specify "Juniors who have been 4H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as independent exhibitors or enter project(s) under a different organization." Please refer to the 2022 State Rules for California Fairs CDFA, copies are available in the Fair Office. Independent Exhibitors must be 9 years of age by January 1, 2023 to compete in large animal (Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market 7 Fiber Goats, Horse & Llama) competition at California Fairs. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR REQUIREMENTS (Market Animals Only):

- Fairs and Exposition Branch (F&E) requires all California Fairs (County, Citrus, & District Agricultural Associations) junior livestock (large and small animal) exhibitors to annually participate in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program either online or in an instructor led program. For more information on the YQCA program, please visit www.yqcaprogram.org.
- Must attend six (6) meetings/trainings from October to August of the current year related to your project. Document each meeting and what was learned on the Meeting Verification Form.
- Must attend three (3) Junior Livestock Auction Committee Meetings with an adult. These meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday at 6:00pm of each month in Weaverville, contact the Trinity County Fair Association CEO for location of meeting. Failure to do so will result in a 14% commission deduction from your auction check instead of the standard 5%. Document each meeting and what was discussed on the Meeting Verification Form.
- Must be current on Quality Assurance Training. Please call the fair office for individual status, training dates and locations. Exhibitors 9-11 years of age must have the training every two years and exhibitors 12 years and over must have the training every five years.
- Must perform a community service in the current year and write a project essay including the date of the service and who it was performed for. The essay needs to provide details of the service you performed and what you learned from doing it.
- Pick up and review the current Exhibitor Handbook, available May, on the website and the fair office. Be sure to review and abide by all 2023 State and Local Rules



PROOF OF OWNERSHIP & AFFIDAVIT DEADLINE:

The attached form plus a photograph with visible identification tag, notch, etc. and bill of sale are due at the fair office by 5:00pm on the following dates, a bill of sale is required even if the animal was raised from birth by the exhibitor, the document needs to include all the same details as a bill of sale:

Beef & Dairy Cattle	120 Days before Fair	Friday, March 10, 2023
Sheep, Goats & Swine	60 Days before Fair	Thursday, May 11, 2023
Rabbits & Poultry	30 Days before Fair	Friday, June 9, 2023

Providing these documents to the fair office registers you as an Independent Exhibitor at the 2023 Trinity County Fair. If you have a back-up animal you must file the same documents to register that animal as an independent project.

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE:

The project animal must be "entered" into the annual fair by entry form online at trinity.fairwire.com (must include \$5.00 Showmanship Fee). Paper entry forms will not be accepted for Jr. Livestock Exhibits. Entry forms are due by the following deadline no later than 5:00pm:

Exhibitor must attend the mandatory livestock meeting prior to fair (Wednesday at 7:45am), sign up for duties during the auction, have a stall card on their project pens identifying themselves, their animals and their hometown, and follow all rules pertaining to Junior Livestock Exhibitors.

REPORTS TURNED IN:

The other requirements listed must be turned into the fair office after the fair. Those items are: Meeting Verification Form(s), Community Service Essay, Project Records, and Medication/Weight Gain Records. Auction Checks will not be released without the Independent Exhibitor Packet on file and appropriate thank you cards completed.

You can make copies of the attached forms as necessary and/or use additional paper. Please feel free to contact the fair office at 530-628-5223 should you have any questions.

The Trinity County Fair will run Thursday, July 13-16, 2023, we look forward to seeing you there and we hope you have an educational experience.