

REGISTRATION IS BETWEEN APRIL 10TH, 2026 AND MAY 11TH AT 11:59PM

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1. **Read** through the rules for the Junior Fair, make sure the youth exhibitor is aware of and understands all the rules and regulations.
2. **Read through all animal species specific rules** and regulations as well as the live meat animal sale rules and regulations if exhibitor is planning to exhibit animals.
3. **Online once the box for following the rules is checked during registration, it is understood that the exhibitor is aware of and understand the rules and regulations and that the rules and regulations were shared with all youth who are registered by themselves or by another person.**
4. **Changes**-Realizing that these policies, within the Fairbook, may not be all-inclusive, the Sauk County Agricultural Society, Inc. Board reserves the right to make adjustments to these policies.
5. **BEHAVIOR POLICIES** - All participating youth, parents, volunteers and leaders must follow the Sauk County Fair behavior policies.
 - a. No one will be allowed to smoke in any of the Junior Exhibit Buildings, including barns.
 - b. No one will be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages or other intoxicating substances in any of the Junior Exhibit Areas, including buildings and barns at any time.
 - c. The Junior Exhibit Buildings will be **closed** between 8:30 PM and 9:00 AM, animal barns are **closed** between 10 PM and 5 AM.
 - d. Anyone who is intoxicated, or exhibits "rowdy" behavior will not be allowed in the Junior Exhibit area including barns.
 - e. Everyone will be responsible for their own property and will respect public and the private property of others. If damages are done to public or the private property of other youth, parents, volunteers and/or leaders will be financially liable for these damages.
 - f. No one will participate in activities which could harm any other youth, parents, volunteers, leaders, chaperones, superintendents, Extension Staff or Sauk County Agricultural Society, Inc. Board members in any way (mentally, physically, or emotionally)
 - g. Violations of the above policies:
 - i. When violations of the above **policies** occur, all **youth** violators will be asked to cease the activity and a care to share form will be completed.
 - ii. Be asked to leave the fairgrounds **immediately**, and parents will be called (day or night).
 - iii. Forfeit all premiums for the current fair and immediately remove all of their exhibits.
 - iv. Forfeit the opportunity to be a Junior Fair Exhibitor at the Wisconsin State Fair.
 - v. If the violation takes place after the Fair, youth may possibly forfeit the opportunity to exhibit at the following years fair.
 - vi. When violations of the above policies occur, all **adult** violators will be asked to cease the activity and a care to share form will be completed.
 - vii. Be asked to leave the fairgrounds **immediately**.
 - viii. Youth of that adult may forfeit all premiums for the current fair and immediately remove all of their exhibits.
 - ix. Youth of that adult may forfeit the opportunity to be a Junior Fair Exhibitor at the State Fair.
 - x. If the violation takes place after the fair, youth of the adult violator may forfeit the opportunity to exhibit at the following years fair.
 - h. Realizing that these policies may not be all inclusive, the Sauk County Agricultural Society, Inc. Board reserves the right to make adjustments to these policies.
6. **CHECKING OUT**
 - a. Exhibits (including any barn decorations, bedding, and general tack) may not be withdrawn or disassembled before 4:00PM on Sunday.
 - b. Fitting Chutes, exhibitor clothing, and show tack may leave prior to Sunday release, but not after 8am Sunday morning.
 - c. Non-Livestock Exhibits, rabbits & poultry will be released at 4:00PM & must be picked up by 5:00PM on Sunday.
 - d. Large animal exhibits will be released at 4:00PM and must be removed by 6:00PM on Sunday.
 - e. Only exceptions are the animals sold at auction which may be loaded out at 2:00PM.
 - f. Stall Equipment, bedding, tack, and decorations must stay in place for those animals.
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 - h. Large animal exhibits will be released at 4:00PM and must be removed by 6:00PM on Sunday.

7. CONSEQUENCE FOR EARLY REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS, ANIMALS, OR BARN DECORATIONS

- a. If an individual removes decorations or exhibits early, the exhibitor will forfeit their premiums, be fined \$50, and the individual will be placed on probation the next year.
- b. If an individual on probation removes items early the following year, they will not be allowed to show in that project area at next year's County Fair.
- c. If an exhibitor believes they were wrongly accused of early removal they may write a letter to the Superintendent Oversight Committee for review.
- d. The appeal must be received within 7 days of the exhibitor being notified of the infraction.
- e. All decisions made by the Superintendent Oversight Committee are final.
- f. The Superintendent Oversight Committee reserves the right to interpret rules and regulations when questions arise. See definition of Superintendent Oversight Committee.

8. **DRIVING- YOUTH EXHIBITORS DRIVING MACHINERY or EQUIPMENT (including ATV, RTV, UTV) ON THE FAIR GROUNDS**

*Due to safety and insurance restrictions youth (including age 18+ registering as a youth exhibitor) **will not be permitted** to drive any machinery on the fairgrounds, except: *If they are age 18 or older and have a valid Wisconsin Driver's License; *Have proof of driver's liability coverage with their insurance company; *Sign Waiver of Liability and *Have Registered in the office.

*** To receive permission (for youth exhibitors) to drive machinery on the fairgrounds, bring the following items to the office: (Not needed for adult non-exhibitors)

*Valid Wisconsin Driver's License; *Proof of liability coverage on your insurance policy

*Signed waiver of Liability

No ATV, RTV, UTV, Machinery, or Golf Carts. No one may have ATV/UTV/RTV, machinery including golf carts unless approved fair board member or vendor, all motorized vehicles must be approved by the board.

9. EXHIBITORS- Who may exhibit at the Sauk County Junior Fair

- a. All participants MUST BE in grades 3-13 (1 yr. past high school) as of the current exhibit year.
- b. All participants in grades K-2nd as of the current exhibit year may only participate in the Exploring Department and may not exhibit in any other departments at the fair.
- c. Participants must be a member in good standing of any Sauk County organized youth group with adult leadership (with an education program approved by the local Fair Board) which includes: 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boys & Girls Club, Junior Breed Association, Wisconsin Show Pig Association, approved church youth groups,
- d. After School Clubs & 4-H member participants will exhibit only in the project areas that they are signed up for. Enrollment for animal projects must be by December 1st & non-animal projects must be enrolled by Feb. 1.
- e. If a foreign exchange student wishes to exhibit in the Junior Fair they may show non-animal projects to a judge for a ribbon but no premium will be paid.
 - i. If the foreign exchange youth is a member of an approved club those established rules would be in effect.
- f. The Sauk County Agricultural Society, Inc; Sauk County Fair Board; does not exclude, restrict, or deny any person membership or participation in its activities because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, arrest or conviction record, or military or veterans' status.

10. EXHIBITS NUMBER OF

- a. **No exhibitor may make more than one entry in any lot/prize number or weight class.**
- b. Entries exhibited in Junior Fair cannot be shown in Open Class.
- c. Animal exhibits may have a limit on animals that may be entered by each exhibitor

11. JUDGING

- a. **Youth must be present for judging.**
 - i. The only exception made will be for youth attending a sanctioned organized youth group event or family event and with advance notice to the Sauk County Superintendent Oversight Committee. In the event youth are not able to attend pre-fair judging day, someone should be sent to represent them during fair judging with an index card stating why and how they made the project.
- b. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and must be work done since the last fair.
- c. Boys and girls belonging to any Sauk County youth organization entered as a junior exhibitor shall not be permitted to show in open classes if exhibiting in Junior Fair, only in classes that are not projects being carried by the exhibitor in the Junior Fair.

12. JUDGING TYPES OF

- a. There are two different types of judging used at the Sauk County Junior Fair. In **Regular conference judging** an exhibit is evaluated based on its own merit; it is not compared to other exhibits in the same class. With regular judging there may be a class of all blue ribbons.
- b. In **Danish Judging**, exhibits are evaluated against a standard, and ribbons are awarded and placed from highest to lowest based on meeting the standard. In Danish judging, ribbons are awarded based on the total number of entries in a class and using the national guidelines for the distribution of ribbons.

13. SEASON PARKING PASS If purchased **at time of entry** is \$15/vehicle (limit of 3 per family). If purchased at the fair, purchase price is \$30/vehicle or \$6/day Exhibitor families may purchase up to 3 season parking passes PER FAMILY, not exhibitor, purchased on any exhibitors registration.

14. CLUB BOOTHS (4-H, FFA, approved youth club/groups) 2025 theme will be **"To Be Determined"**

- a. Club booths may be set up Sunday of fair week 1pm-6pm, or Monday of fair week from noon to 5:30 pm, and must be completed by 5:30pm, that day.
- b. Judging of the booths will take place Monday at 6:00 PM.

15. DISPLAY BUILDINGS

- a. Buildings will be open each day, starting Wednesday, with someone on duty throughout the day until the buildings close. If there are no supervisors, the building will be closed.
- b. The Sauk County Agricultural Society, Inc. will take every precaution in its power for the safe preservation

of stock and articles on exhibit after their arrival and arrangement on the grounds but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that might occur.

c. Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident.

16. SUPERINTENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE- This committee will be responsible for any fair exhibit grievances or conflicts that occur that have an impact on eligibility of an exhibit, animal or exhibitor of the junior fair. This committee will also be responsible for resolving conflicts that may arise with superintendents or complaints concerning superintendents. Committee members are Liz Cook, Heather Marlette, Dorothy Harms, Don Larsen, Beth Yanke & Josh Nagel. This committee reserves the right to interpret rules and regulations when questions arise.

17. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-Sharon Verthein, Connie Meyer, Barb Schachern, Gary Kaun, Brad Anderson, Doug Larsen, Samantha Miller & Bridget Wozniak, Lesa Knuth, Paula Brandt, Katie Meyer, Sydney Bailey, Sarah Mueller, David Cook, Sarah Cook, Katie Cook, Heather Marlette, Tessa Wagner, Tammie Case-Fry, Katie Fry, LaNell Jaquish, Franklin Cook, Dorothy Harms, Jean Bonham, and UW-Extension rep.