

## FFA

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### THE FFA DEPARTMENT

The agricultural education program provided a well-rounded, practical approach to learning through three components: Classroom education in agricultural topics such as plant and animal sciences, horticulture, forestry, agri-marketing, etc.; hands-on supervised agricultural career experience such as starting a business or working for an established company; and FFA, which provides leadership opportunities and tests students' agricultural skills.

The FFA local, state and national programs and activities help members develop public speaking skills, conduct and participate in meetings, manage financial matters, strengthen problem-solving abilities and assume civic responsibility. Degrees earned at local, state and national levels recognize members' increasing accomplishments. Competitive events and awards programs in areas such as public speaking, commodity marketing and agriscience recognize students' achievements, encourage them to excel beyond the classroom and develop career skills.

### FFA RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### A. ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Students between the ages of 12 and 21 who are enrolled in a systematic course of instruction in agricultural education are eligible for membership. FFA members may exhibit beef, sheep and/or swine. All animals must be shown by a FFA member.
- 2) Exhibits must be raised and cared for by FFA members since the 2007 Fair.

#### B. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE FFA MEMBERS

- 1) Entry forms must **BE RECEIVED** in the Fair Office, 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, New York 14075, on or before Monday, July 7, 2008 at 4:30 PM. This includes postal and personal delivery to the office. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT POSTMARKS OF JULY 8 OR LATER! FAXED ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED.**
- 2) ALL FFA Livestock exhibitors and their parents (beef, sheep, swine and dairy) are required to sign the entry form stating they consent to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
- 3) No entry fee will be charged.
- 4) A Jr. Exhibitor's ticket will be given to each exhibitor. It is suggested that parents avail themselves of the opportunity to purchase a membership in the Erie County Agricultural Society. For further information, call 649-3900 ext. 404. This provides unlimited access to the Fair.

#### C. PROCEDURES –Overnight & Camping

- 1) All FFA youth must leave the FFA livestock area, barns, and tents by 10:30 PM and not return before 6:00 AM. Lights will go off at 11:00 PM.
- 2) A limited number of camping spaces are available for \$15 per night. Campers/tents are only allowed on the grounds for the duration that the exhibitors' animals are on the Fairgrounds.
- 3) The camping request form must be sent to America's Fair, Attn: Livestock Camping Request, 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, NY 14075, by Monday, July 7, 2008. Spots will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis.

#### D. PROCEDURES – Release & Premiums

- 1) All premium checks are available the last Sunday of the Fair, August 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the Livestock Arena Office; and from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the 4-H Youth Development Building. They will also be released on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, the day after the Fair, in the 4-H Youth Development Building from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM. All adjustments to premium awards must be made on Sunday or Monday during hours noted. All checks must be cashed before November 30 of the current year or they will be forfeited to the Erie County Agricultural Society.

#### E. STANDARDS

- 1) REJECTION OR REFUSAL OF AN EXHIBIT. Any Fair society shall reserve the right to reject or refuse and to order the removal of any exhibit, which in the opinion of its board of directors, is not eligible or unworthy of showing or has not met the livestock health requirements.
- 2) Advisory committees of FFA advisors and Fair staff will supervise and inspect facilities. Failure to comply with rules and regulations and behavior not consistent with FFA standards OR Fair Rules and Regulations OR IAFE National Code of Showring Ethics will result in expulsion and forfeiture of all premiums due. Flagrant violations will result in expulsion with a subsequent forfeit of awards, premiums and privileges of participating in the FFA Department of the 2009 America's Fair.
- 3) In all cases of interpretation of the rules and regulations herein and any item not covered by this premium list, the decision of the FFA advisory committee and Fair staff involved will be final.