

**Have you ever thought about this?**

Picture yourself the last time you were at the fair. You enter the exhibit building and you see the displays of the art, photographs, baked goods, flowers, fruits and vegetables, woodworking, school projects, and much more.

Did you think to yourself that you made something that you would have liked to enter?

Did you think that your friend makes amazing baked goods and maybe thought he/she should enter?

Did you see a picture and think you really had a great photo you would have liked to share?

But what's stopping that from happening?

Is it because you don't know where to find information or how to enter it?

This Florence County Fair Book will hopefully help you do just that.

In fact, most people have items that are ready to enter into the fair and just don't realize that there is an opportunity just waiting for them.

Let's start with some Frequently Asked Questions:

**Question:** What is this newspaper I am reading?

**Answer:** This is the Florence County Fair Book.

**Question:** What does that mean?

**Answer:** In this Fair Book you will find information on what is happening at the fair, but you will mostly find information on entering exhibits and contests at the fair: who can enter, what they can enter, when the entries have to be in, etc.

**Question:** What are exhibits?

**Answer:** Exhibits are items that have been created, made, crafted, and/or grown by the person entering them in the fair.

**Question:** Who can enter items in the fair?

**Answer:** Anyone, but there are some limitations:

- ◆ Florence County Youth under the age of five can only enter items in 17a (found on page 4 of this book) and the special contests (on pages 25-26 of this book).
- ◆ Florence County Youth ages 5-6 can only enter items in 17b-17h (found on page 4 of this book) and the special contests (on pages 25-26 of this book).
- ◆ Florence County Youth ages 7-17 can enter items in youth class departments 1-34 (on pages 4-14 of this book) and the special contests (on pages 25-26 of this book).
- ◆ Florence County Adults ages 18 & older can enter items in open class departments 101-128 (on pages 16-23 of this book) and the special contests (on pages 25-26 of this book).
- ◆ Non-Residents of Florence can enter items in the special contests (on pages 25-26 of this book).

**Question:** Why should I enter items into the fair?

**Answer:** Entering your items into the fair gives you the chance to display your hard work and talents.

**Question:** Can you really earn money for your fair exhibits?

**Answer:** Yes. Exhibits winning ribbons also receive a premium. A premium is a monetary prize that is associated with the ribbon won. The premium amounts are listed under each department in the book.

**Question:** Is there a deadline for registration?

**Answer:** Yes, please see the information to the right on "How to Register Exhibits"

**Question:** Do you still have more questions?

**Answer:** Contact Jessica at 906-282-9153 and leave a message or email the [florencecountyfair@hotmail.com](mailto:florencecountyfair@hotmail.com)

**Florence County Fair Local Regulations - 2019**

1. All Florence County residents are eligible to exhibit at the Fair.
2. All Florence County youth, may enter Youth Class exhibits in the fair. Youth Class is defined as:
  - ◆ Children under the age of 5, can only enter exhibits listed in Department 17a below.
  - ◆ Children ages 5-6 may only enter exhibits listed in Department 17 Classes B through H below.
  - ◆ Any child having completed first grade, through grade 12, may enter the rest of the exhibits listed as Youth Class: Departments 1-16 and 18-34.
3. All Florence County residents over the age of 18 may enter in Open Class.
4. There are a few special contests that are open to everyone regardless of age and residency. The information and requirements for them can be found on page 24 of this fair book

5. Registration is FREE.

- ◆ Pre-Registration is until August 9.
- ◆ Those pre-registered will have their entry tags printed and waiting for them when they come to drop off their exhibits.
- ◆ Pre-registered exhibitors may still add or remove items from their registration form when they bring their items to the fair.
- ◆ Anyone pre-registered for their fair exhibits will receive a coupon for a free treat from Lydia's fair kitchen.

6. Entries will be accepted after August 9, but it is requested that after August 9, you email your entries or bring your entry form with you to the fair on August 21. All items must be registered by August 21.

7. Additional entry forms are available online at [www.florencecountyfair.com](http://www.florencecountyfair.com).

8. Non-Livestock exhibits shall be brought on Wednesday, August 21 between 3-7 p.m.

9. Items should be made with a good clean wholesome nature—no vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed.

10. All exhibits shall remain on display for the duration of the fair.

11. Exhibit release is 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Removal of any or all exhibits before 5:00 p.m. Sunday will result in forfeiture of all premiums, as per Wisconsin State Regulations.

12. All exhibits at the fairgrounds are under the supervision of the Florence County Agricultural Society. Reasonable care will be taken to protect against loss, injury, or damage to exhibits; however, the exhibitor exhibits at his/her own risk.

13. Exhibits must be the work/craftsmanship of the exhibitor. Only exhibits not shown previously at the Florence County Fair may be entered this year (except animals).

14. Youth Class exhibits are judged under the Danish Judging System. Open Class and Special Contest Entry exhibits are judged under the Single Placing System.

15. State-registered judges are carefully selected: exhibitors agree to abide by the judges' decisions. Youth exhibitors under the direct supervision of a parent or leader are invited to view the judging procedure, which begins Thursday at 9 a.m. Any person attempting to influence a judge in his or her work in any manner shall forfeit all premiums and be excluded from further competition.

16. An exhibitor may enter only one item in each lot.

17. Violation of any Florence County Fair regulation shall result in forfeiture of premiums, and may result in being excluded from further competition.

18. Further rules and requirements may be found under each department. Although these local regulations are only printed at the front of the book, they apply to all of the Youth and Open Class exhibits.

19. There are additional rules and regulations for the Special Contest Exhibits, which can be found on page 24 of this book.

**Additional Animal Regulations:**

1. The Draft Horse Pull may be entered by any exhibitor regardless of residency. Proof of current negative Coggins is required and needs to be on file with the fair, as is any other State required Health Certificate. Protective headgear may be required.
2. The exhibitor is responsible for the health and proper care of his/her animals. Animals shall be cared for a minimum of twice each day (morning and evening); failure to do so will result in forfeiture of premiums. Exhibitors agree to abide by fair board or veterinary decision regarding the health and well being of their animal. Animals not in good health must be removed from the fairgrounds.
3. Equines, exotics, dogs, cats, pet rodents and non-poultry birds are required to remain only during judging.
4. Animal exhibits may be brought in before 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 23. Animal Judging will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday.
5. There is a \$10.00 cage/stall deposit, which will be refunded at the close of the fair provided the exhibitor has cleaned the cage/stall and restored it to pre-fair condition. The cage/stall deposit will not be returned if the cage/stall is not cleaned on Sunday, when the animal is removed.

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3. There is one exception. Special Contest entries (found on pages of this book) may be registered and brought to the fair on Wednesday, August 21 between 3-7 p.m. or on Thursday, August 22 between 9 a.m. and noon.

4. There is a registration form on the page 3 and page 15 of this fair book. You may make copies or write on a blank sheet of paper. The same entry form can be used for kids (youth class), adults (open class) and special contest entries. Each individual must have their own form.

5. Additional entry forms can be found online at [www.florencecountyfair.com](http://www.florencecountyfair.com).