

## ***ARMADA FAIR - RULES & REGULATIONS - PLEASE READ!!!!***

### ***Rules & Regulations:***

1. The Armada Agricultural Society is not responsible for errors and/or omissions in the Fair Books or our website [www.armadafair.org](http://www.armadafair.org).
2. Every article or animal on the fairgrounds will be under control of the Armada Agricultural Society Board of Directors or Superintendents. While the Association provides precautionary measures for protection of all exhibits and articles brought on the grounds, they are not to be responsible for theft, loss, injury, or damage by fire, lightning, wind, or any other agency to such animal, article, exhibition or display. When space has been allotted to an exhibitor, the Armada Agricultural Society Board of Directors reserves the right, in case such exhibitor shall fail to make or maintain a creditable display, to declare the space forfeited.
3. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard all exhibits. Be it understood that in no case shall the Armada Agricultural Society, aka The Armada Fair, its management, officers or agents be held responsible for loss or injury of any character to person(s) or article(s) while participating in or exhibiting at the Armada Fair. The Armada Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles.
4. The Armada Agricultural Society Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to mind all matters, questions or differences. It further reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, and in case of receipts of the Fair are insufficient to pay premiums and expenses, the Association may pay prorated sums on all premiums awarded.
5. All entries must be made in the name of the bona fide owner(s), actual growers, or producers, inventors or manufacturers. Premiums will be paid only on animals fitted for show purposes and no animal(s) shall receive more than one prize per class unless otherwise specified.
6. In case of joint ownership only one exhibitor will receive tickets. Any additional admission desired by such exhibitor must be purchased at the regular admission rate.
7. Any person using deception on entering any animal or article shall not be awarded any premium, and shall be denied the right to exhibit for the period of three years. False representation, interference or ungracious conduct on the part of the exhibitor will not be permitted.
8. Disregard of any rule by an exhibitor will result in forfeit of all premiums, rights, and privileges.
9. The exhibitor fee allows the exhibitor to enter in as many departments that are appropriate for their age group. All rights are reserved by the Armada Agricultural Society to reject any entry offered.
10. An exhibitor cannot show in professional and non-professional classes in the same department. **Professional:** One who has obtained a tax ID number to sell their goods and/or accepts money to teach. **Non-Professional** One who does not sell/teach for profit.
11. No animal or article shall compete for more than one premium unless specified in the premium list.
12. The maximum entries allowed by one firm or individual in any class will be governed by that departments rules.
13. In the event of conflict between the general rules and special rules governing various Departments, the special rules will take precedence.
14. Judges have discretionary powers to withhold premiums on any entry if in their opinion, the entry is unworthy of a premium. Any false representation, interference or ungracious conduct on the part of the exhibitor will not be permitted.
15. No livestock permitted on the fairgrounds until permission by the Superintendent of department is given.
16. Health papers must be presented to officers in charge before animal(s) may enter the fairgrounds and unload.
17. All animals for exhibition must be free from contagious infections, or communicable disease. Any animal showing symptoms of disease must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. If requested, approved health certificates are required.
18. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse admission of any animal(s) originating from a herd/stock, whenever the status of health of the entire herd/stock is questionable or is suspicious.
19. All breeding animals must be accompanied with certificate of registration in exhibitor's name. Animals under one year old must be properly identified as being eligible for registry by official identification for the breed. Registration papers must be available upon request of Superintendent or judge.
20. For safety and health protection, perishables will not be released when entries are picked up.
21. Exhibitors and/or their designee must be present when entries are being checked in. No deliveries from UPS or Express will be accepted.
22. No animal(s)/article(s) entered for exhibition shall be removed from the grounds until the time designated in their department rules and 4-H Club regulations, without permission in writing of the Superintendent in charge and/or Executive Board.
23. All articles must be claimed by 12:00 noon, the Monday after the current fair.
24. 4-H Club and FFA members may show breeding animals or produce and agricultural exhibits in open class by registering as such.
25. Pens and stalls will only be rented to exhibitors registered in livestock classes.
26. All animals and articles for exhibition must be in their proper places on the fairgrounds as designated in their Dept. rules/regulations.
27. Any exhibitor who fails to keep his/her stalls and animals clean at all times may be asked by the Superintendent to remove his/her exhibit and forfeit his/her premium.
28. Open Class exhibits in place for Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, and Goats, Sunday, before the fair. Open Class Rabbits in place from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Open Class Poultry, Geese, Ducks, Turkeys, and Bantams in place from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
29. **Exhibitors will be permitted to bring onto the grounds, feed and bedding up to 8 a.m.,** the management reserves the right to refuse admission of such, if in their judgement there is an excessive use of the privilege. The space in the barns is for exhibition purposes and not for storage of feed and bedding.
30. No person at any time, without permission of the management, shall lead or ride their animals from the barns to any place on the fairgrounds where they may endanger pedestrians. Also, all animals must stay out of the areas near all food stands.
31. All animal(s) must be paraded in front of the grandstand whenever ordered by the Superintendent or judge. Infraction of this rule will mean a forfeiture of premiums.
32. Cars illegally parked will be towed away at owner's expense.
33. No peddling, selling, soliciting, distributing of hand bills or advertisements will be allowed in the buildings or on the grounds, unless a special permit, license or contract is obtained from the Concession Committee.
34. Exhibitors Entry tags will be ready for pickup on Monday, the second week of August. All admission tickets will be given to exhibitor when exhibit is brought to the fair for exhibition. If you exhibit in Open Class and 4-H, you will receive either 7 tickets or 1 armband NOT both.
35. Pens/Stalls must be cleaned upon departure, if not cleaned to superintendents satisfaction, \$10.00 will be withheld from premium check.
36. Early removal of any exhibit, prior to stated release times, will result in the forfeiture of premiums and/or a year's suspension from the Fair.

## 2011 ARMADA FAIR LIST OF 4-H EVENTS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011

10 AM TO 2 PM Judging of all non-livestock 4-H Exhibits plus Dog and Goat Project Books  
 10 AM Voting for 4-H King, Queen & Court During scheduled voting times  
 11 AM - 6 PM 4-H Saddle Horses in place  
 3 PM - 7 PM 4-H Rabbits & Poultry in place  
 3 PM - 8 PM 4-H Beef Cattle & Dairy Cattle in place  
 3 PM - 8 PM 4-H Sheep & Market Goats in place  
 3 PM - 8 PM 4-H Swine in place

### MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011

11 AM 4H Poultry Show-following Open class  
 4 PM Open Horse Show/\$5 Per Class  
 6 PM Armada Fair Opening Ceremonies  
 4-H King, Queen & Court Announced

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011

8 AM 4-H Saddle Horse Judging  
 9 AM 4-H Swine Judging  
 9 AM 4-H Dog Show  
 (Showmanship & Obedience)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011

1 PM 4-H Sheep Judging  
 4 PM 4-H Goat Judging

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2011

7 AM - 11 AM 4-H Saddle Horses released  
 9 AM 4-H Miniature Horses in place  
 9 AM 4-H Beef Cattle, 4-H Rabbit, 4-H Pocket Pets & 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging  
 12 PM 4-H Miniature Horse Judging

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011

9 AM - 11 AM 4-H Draft Horses in place  
 4 PM 4-H Livestock Sale

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011

9 AM 4-H Dog Judging  
 (Agility & Fun Classes)  
 9 AM 4-H Draft Horse Judging (Halter)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011

10 AM 4-H Draft Horse Judging (Hitch)  
 7 PM (Barn #15 Released)  
 4-H Beef Cattle released  
 4-H Sheep released  
 4-H Swine released  
 4-H Market Goats released  
 Clean-up of Barns

8 PM 4-H Draft and Mini Horses  
 4-H Rabbits released  
 4-H Poultry released  
 4-H Dairy Cattle released  
 4-H Dairy Goats released  
 All 4-H non-livestock exhibits released & clean-up of buildings

### MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011

9 AM Final clean-up of buildings/barns and grounds



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**The Purposes of 4-H Youth Participation in a Fair:** 1) Provide positive incentives for youth to complete educational projects and learning experiences. 2) Recognize youth accomplishments. 3) Offer evaluation. 4) Use the fair itself as an added experience for youth to have fun, develop friendships and learn new things. 5) Experience competition with peers and learn to handle the winning and losing situations that competition brings.

## 4-H EXHIBITOR INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE ARMADA FAIR

### REGISTRATION/Please do not register Open Class with 4-H forms.

1. 4-H Fair books can be copied from the website of the Armada Fair at [www.armadafair.org](http://www.armadafair.org).
2. To enter 4-H projects at the Armada Fair, previous 4-H members must be registered by November 1, 2010 with Macomb County MSU-E office and be in good standing with 4-H in all counties in Michigan. New 4-Hers have to be registered by April 1, 2011 with Macomb County MSU-E office and be in good standing with 4-H in all counties in Michigan. In the event of extenuating circumstances regarding the Nov 1/April 1 deadlines, contact the MSUE 4-H office for direction. Membership in 4-H shall be open to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status. (Updated 3/2008.)
3. Projects shown in 4-H must be done under the guidance of a 4-H Screened Leader or 4-H Resource person. **No school projects.**  
\*\*\*\* Youth transferring from one club to another, must do so on/before June 1st to be eligible to show at the Fair with the new club.
4. 4-H Club Leaders and/or their designee are required to register completed 4-H entry forms and fees for the entire club at the Armada Fair Office from June 1, to June 30. **No late entries will be accepted, no exceptions.** 4-H registration is for ages 5 through 18 as of January 1, 2011. If 20 years of age and entered in any class, entire class is ineligible for funding.
5. 4-H Entries will be returned if the official forms are not legible, not filled out correctly, or all fees not paid. All entries should be printed and must include the 4-Her's full name, address, telephone number, **birth date, age as of January 1, 2011**, social security number, club name and required fees. Number of stalls/pens/cages and number of animals must be noted on the entry form at time of filing. A "Parent Permission Slip" must accompany all 4-H animal entries. All entries are final.
6. 4-H Club leaders can pick up their club's 4-H Exhibitor tags and armbands starting Monday, August 1. Tags and armbands will not be available during fair week.
7. Some 4-H projects can also be shown in Open Class, see Open Class book and check with Superintendent .
8. The Armada Fair Board has the right to reject any entry.
9. All entries must be made in the name of the bonafide owner or owners, actual growers, or producers, inventors, or manufacturers.
10. Project or 4-H Leader must enter club or 4-H organization on entry form for 4-H Exhibit Bldg. club & barn displays.
11. Beginning June 1, office hours/Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm.
12. Stalls/pens/cages will not be available for those that do not register on the official forms required by the Fair Board.
13. See Cloversprout Dept. for instructions on filling out Clover Sprout Entries and showing (Ages 5 to 8 as of January 1, 2011).
14. More than one entry may be made within a Section, but only one entry per Class unless noted in Department rules.

### BARNES

1. 4-H Clubs will be notified by Fair or 4-H Superintendents of dates for cleaning, set up, decorating and tear down of barns.
2. Office in front of 4-H Youth Exhibit building will be the Main 4-H Office during fair week.
3. All 4-H animal exhibitors should bring their own water pails, equipment and suitable halters. Exhibitors need to furnish their own bedding and grain.
4. All exhibits must remain on exhibit throughout the fair. See page 4 for release times.
5. Any exhibit left after Noon on Tues., after the fair, will be held at the MSU Extension office for a limited time after the conclusion of the fair.
6. All 4-H Clubs are to sign up with the 4-H Superintendent for monitoring duty in the barns/buildings where the clubs have projects on exhibit. Clubs are encouraged to have demonstrations or educational activities to present during the time they are scheduled to monitor any 4-H Building.
7. The MSU Extension, its committees and the Armada Fair Board will not be responsible for any losses, damage or injury to any animals or articles.
8. Exhibitors must place all exhibits in the space allotted and under the direction of the Superintendents in charge or in the event of his/her absence, under the direction of the Board of Directors. Assignment of stalls/pens/cages will be made by the Superintendent in charge. Exhibits will be removed if moved without permission from the Superintendent.
9. Exhibitors and all persons shall keep all animals away from pedestrians, food stands and carnival areas.
10. Any exhibitor who fails to keep their stalls and animals neat and clean at all times may be asked by the Superintendent to remove their exhibit and forfeit their premium.
11. Registration papers must be available upon request of Superintendent.
12. No livestock permitted on fairgrounds without prior Superintendent approval.
13. Health papers must be presented to Superintendent in charge before animals may be unloaded. All animals must meet 2011 Health requirements by the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture, posted at [www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo](http://www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo).
14. The Fair Board reserves the right to refuse admission of any animal(s) that show signs of illness or originating from a herd whenever the health of the entire herd is questionable or suspicious. Any animals showing signs of illness will be required by the Superintendent to be removed from fairgrounds.
15. No soliciting, peddling or selling of any kind will be allowed in the buildings or on the grounds, except by special permit or license obtained from the fair office.
16. 4-H exhibitors are permitted to bring feed and bedding onto grounds with a 20 minute pass from the gate up to 10am. Fair Board reserves the right to refuse excessive amounts of feed and bedding as the space in barns is for exhibition purposes. Auto privilege pass must be displayed. Vehicles illegally parked will be towed away at owner's expense.
17. Every exhibitor is responsible for the feeding and care of their animals. To be completed daily at times designated by the Dept Superintendent.
18. Livestock will be divided into classes after arrival on the fairgrounds by Superintendent.

### SHOWING

1. Judging of 4-H exhibits (Project Books and Dept 70 thru Dept 83, except Dept 81) will occur on Sunday, AUGUST 14, between 10:00 AM and 2 PM near the 4-H Youth Exhibit Building. No 4-H Entries for those departments will be accepted after this time.
2. Superintendents will report to the fair office where they will be furnished with instructions and judge's books in their Department(s). **NO Judge's books will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds.** All judge's books need to be signed by the Judge, Superintendent, Clerk, and returned to the Fair Office when judging is complete. Judges decisions are final.
3. All produce exhibited must be grown by the exhibitor and all assembled items competing must have been made by the exhibitor. All animals (except dogs & horses-see those Depts.) must be registered in exhibitor's name and cannot be shown on another exhibitor's entry. All exhibitors must be present at the time of judging and must show their own entries.

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4. Only youth exhibitors will be allowed in judging areas during competition. Parents/trainers are not allowed to coach exhibitors or judges when judging is in progress. Grooming, fitting and showing of animals must be by exhibitor. Any assistance should be by another youth or Teen Leader. Leaders, parents and other adult persons may advise but are asked to refrain from performing tasks that reduce the learning experience of youth. If a youth has documented special needs, accommodations will be made when possible. Notify the 4-H Superintendent for that department if accommodations are needed.
5. 4-Hers are encouraged to complete 4-H project books for each of their animals or articles exhibited at fair.
6. Dress Code for animal exhibitors showing in ring and livestock sale, unless specified in Department Rules for animal project: a) Clean shirt or blouse, with collar (tucked, buttoned, with no lettering except 4-H); b) Clean part of jeans or slacks (no holes, cut offs or shorts); c) Clean and laced up shoes (western boots, sport shoe, work boot). Any clothing that draws undue attention or distracts others is not acceptable, i.e (Tiaras, sashes or court attire) Bare midriffs, halter tops, low cut blouses or sweaters and sandals are not acceptable. The Armada Agricultural Society Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to determine appropriate show ring attire.
7. Exhibitors entering livestock should be responsible for at least 80% of the care of the animal he/she registered.
8. Exhibitor must be owner of market livestock shown.
9. Any tagged livestock that does not show a weight gain between tagging and weigh-in at the fair will not be allowed to show at fair.
10. 4-H youth in project is responsible for preparing their animal for showmanship.

### **PREMIUMS**

1. Removal of an exhibit (animal or article) without prior written permission from (4-H or Fair) Superintendent or the disregard of any rule by an exhibitor will have ALL PREMIUMS, RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES FORFEITED for that exhibitor.
2. Any exhibitor, who has not received all money or other records due them from the Armada Agricultural Society Fair by November 1<sup>st</sup>, in the same calendar year in which the money was won, should contact the Treasurer of the Armada Agricultural Society Fair.
3. **Any premium checks not cashed by the end of (6) months from the issue date shall be considered void.**
4. The Armada Agricultural Society reserves the right to refuse any entry. The Armada Agricultural Society Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to mind all matters, questions or differences. It further reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and in case the receipts of the fair are insufficient to pay premiums and expenses, the association may pro rate sums on all premiums awarded.
5. Ribbons and rosettes will be awarded for all places as listed for each class, unless otherwise specified.
6. No animal or article shall compete for more than one premium unless specified in the premium list.
7. Premium ribbons or cards have no value, as premiums are paid only from the recorded judge's book.
8. Judges have discretionary powers to withhold premiums on any articles or animals, if in their opinion the item is unworthy of such premium. No premium shall be awarded without competition unless the judges deem the animal or product highly meretricious.
9. Any person using deception on entering any animal or article shall not be awarded any premium, and shall be denied the right to exhibit for the period of three years.

### **CAMPING**

1. 4-H members can stay overnight in campers with a parent/guardian as chaperone. No tents allowed.
2. Camper/trailers can be brought in starting on Saturday prior to the fair beginning at 8:00 a.m.
3. Air Conditioners cannot be run while on fairgrounds.
4. NO gopher holes.
5. Camping privileges are restricted to Vendors, Animal Exhibitors and Armada Fair Directors.

### **VIOLATIONS**

1. Anyone caught in the act of theft, vandalism, illegal drugs, alcohol, unsportsmanlike conduct, foul language, animal abuse or fails to follow the rules may be dismissed from the fairgrounds. If the offender is an exhibitor, premium monies, trophies and privileges will be forfeited. If appropriate, the offender may be turned over to the proper authorities.
2. 4-H Code of Conduct will be in effect. Behavior will be in accordance with 4-H Guidelines outlined on the Code of Conduct form.
3. The Fair Association, Board of Directors and Superintendents will not be responsible for the behavior of any exhibitor.

### **COMPLAINTS & APPEALS**

1. Any exhibitor may file a complaint regarding any of the following:
  - a. Conflict of interest of the judge
  - b. Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor
  - c. Exhibitor, Group Leader, or Superintendent behavior
  - d. Eligibility of exhibit
2. The association board, except as provided in Regulation 851, Michigan State Fair and Regulation 852, Upper Peninsula State Fair, shall adopt and maintain a complaint and appeals procedure which shall include the following:
  - a. In accordance to the annual appropriation act, exhibitors are allowed to file a written complaint, within 10 days after the end of the fair or exposition
  - b. Provide steps for the board to review, investigate, and issue a notice of findings and recommended actions.
  - c. Notify the exhibitor filing the complaint that he or she may make an appeal to the department within 45 days of filing the initial complaint if the exhibitor is not satisfied with the association's action.
3. The department shall have 60 days after receipt of any appropriately filed appeal to investigate the complaint, and issue a finding of fact and notice of department action and any recommended actions for the association.
4. Policies listed in fair book will be in effect for the 2011 Armada Fair. All suggestions or changes for 4-H should be addressed to the 4-H office no later than December 15th. The 4-H office will forward all proposed suggestions and changes to the Armada Agricultural Society by the date determined by the Fair Board.
5. Every article or animal on the fairgrounds will be under control of the Armada Agricultural Society Board of Directors. The Board will have watchmen or police on duty both day and night. While the Board provides this precautionary measure for protection of all exhibits and articles brought on the grounds, it will not be responsible for loss, injury, damage by fire, lightning, wind or any other to animal or article or exhibition or display, and accepts entries only with these conditions.
6. In the event a conflict between general rules and special rules governing various departments, the special rules will take precedence.

**How old will you be January 1, 2011? That is the age you will use on your Fair 4-H and/or Open Class entry form.**