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2023 Kent County Youth Fair

Exhibitor Information Meeting

2023 Kent County Youth Fair: July 31-August 5
at The Grand Agricultural Center of West Michigan
Lowell, MI

[2023 Fairbook](#)

[The Grand Preview: May 26-29th, 2023](#)

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Age Groups for Equine & Bovine</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explorer : 5-9● Novice : 5-9● Junior : 10-12● Intermediate : 13-16● Senior : 17-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explorers : 5-9● Novice : 7-9● Junior : 10-12● Intermediate : 13-16● Senior : 17-21

Royal Court:

Superintendent: Chrissy Westfall freyc@mail.gvsu.edu

- Applications due By June 15th
 - Found on website under forms: <https://www.kcyf.org/royal-court-department>
- Interviews to be held on **July 7th, 2023 at 5:30 PM** in the King Building.
- Mandatory Orientation and Training on **July 8th** for all 2024 Court Members

Still Exhibits Department

Superintendent: Beth Perry beth.perry1110@gmail.com

Superintendent: Needlework, Sewing & Modeling: Jennifer Courtney jenniferbieneman@yahoo.com

- Judging is at the same time, 10am - 3pm, with a judges lunch time still TBD.
- Still Exhibit Absentee Judging Report, All requests to be excused from Still Exhibit judging must be submitted no less than **two (2) weeks prior**.
- Modeling is now under Demonstrations in Department 73
- **Must sign up in FairEntry if you plan to sell in Auction** (do have have to declare item)
- **Exhibitors who fail to register their Auction Item by 7 pm Saturday before fair will NOT be eligible to sell.**
- Exhibitors selling a still exhibit may make a duplicate item to be sold and given to the buyer the night of the sale. **If a duplicate is not made, the exhibitor must return the item to the exhibit booth.** Items will need to be delivered to the buyer after the fair.
- There will be no tear down of the still exhibit building until **5 pm on Saturday**. Any clubs found tearing down early will have their **entire club's premiums revoked**.

Performing Arts Department

Superintendents: Andrea Boyd andrealboyd3@gmail.com & Becky Reagan jbreagan680@gmail.com



PERFORMING ARTS!

Fair Week is July 31st-August 5th!

Register under Department 62!



Voice



National Anthem Judging:
Saturday, July 29th 10am!



Vocal and Instrumental Judging:
Tuesday 3:00-6:00 pm!



Demonstrations, Public Speaking, Modeling,
Podcasts, and Radio Programming Judging:
Wednesday 2:00-5:00 pm!



Theatre, Dance, Puppetry, Clowning, and
Miscellaneous Performance Judging:
Thursday 3:00-6:00 pm!



Dance

Join our *KCYF*
Performing Arts
Facebook Group Here!



Register Here!



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Beef Department

Superintendent: Ben Diekevers bendiekevers@yahoo.com

- **For 2024:** There will be \$20.00 fee for the DNA, no freeze branding
 - If the DNA sample does not match the exhibitor of that animal will incur a 1 year suspension from the Beef department
 - Also forfeit 50% of the animals sale check to the Livestock Auction Committee
- The Grand Preview 2023, Beef Show May 29th
- Verification of age and breed of the breeding animal **MUST** be available at check-in
- YQCA has been added to Educational events
- Will set up the new barn early with the new panels and communicate a time for clubs to come view to prepare for set up. The new barns have cement so no t-posts to pound and set up will be different.

Sheep Department

Superintendent: Kara Schut kschut@aol.com

- Tots & Tykes Class (4 & Under), with signed waiver. The child must be able to walk and Parents or Guardians ONLY allowed in the ring with the exhibitor.
- Same set up as before, will be in a Tent for 2023.
- Asking for help for the jackpot show: setup, cleanup, and during the show
- Come and show at The Grand Preview
 - Sheep Show May 26th & 27th
- Any questions please call or text Kara

Goat Department

New Superintendent: Autumn Skinner autumnskinner@gmail.com

- No horned dairy or dairy market goats
- No bags of hay allowed, must use crate or hard feeder
- Tots & Tykes Class (4 & Under), same as sheep; , with signed waiver. The child must be able to walk and Parents or Guardians ONLY allowed in the ring with the exhibitor.
- Weigh-in and tagging of market animals will be due upon check in
- A copy (no originals) of registration paper and/or chipped goat registration papers (copies only) are required and due at check in.
- All exhibitors, market and exhibition, **MUST** participate in at least one provided educational event to be Exempt for presenting a notebook

Swine Department

Superintendent: Heather Everett hcanfield@hotmail.com

- Exhibitor responsible for obtaining 840 or NUIS tags, Contact heather for help.
- All hogs will be declared with 840 or NUIS# by June 15th prior to Fair If available, please add ear notches
- No hog will be weighed without proper identification. **If numbers do not match hog will be sent home.** (Best Practice: Take a Picture of the Tag and Have someone read it while you enter number in FairEntry.)
- Market hog weighs are 225-300 lbs
- Exhibitors must declare what animal will sell at the time of check-in
- Emails will go out June 16th asking if families want 72 hrs or all week

- Market Pictures will be at 3pm-5pm on Sunday at the backdrop, no order . The photographer will be available for 2 hours.
- Come and show at The Grand Preview Show, Swine Show is May 28th
- Looking for help at the 2023 Grand Preview Show, this is a fundraiser for the department.

Rabbit & Cavy Department

Superintendent: Andrea Perez perez.andrea@att.net

- Pocket-Pets has been moved to Still Exhibits Class: Youth Agriculture, Department 66
 - Will show with Still Exhibits on Saturday before Fair.
- No other changes

Poultry Department

Superintendent: Mary Crosby crosby27253@earthlink.net

- Showmanship record books are due **Monday July 18th**
 - At the fair office by 5:00 pm (Fair Office Location is TBD, look for communication)
- Pullorum testing, health evaluation & weigh-in of all Market birds
 - Saturday from 10-1 pm & 2-5 pm
 - Sunday 1-5 pm
 - **MUST have clean & dry birds**
- All dozen eggs will be in class 1225 regardless of color

Dairy Department

Superintendent: Renee McCauley tumbleweedcows@comcast.net

- All record books must be the current books available on the website
- All forms on website
- The set up will be different in the new barn, no kickboards will be installed
- Will set up the new barn early with the new panels and communicate a time for clubs to come view to prepare for set up. The new barns have cement so no t-posts to pound and set up will be different.

Breeding Classes

- ****NEW** Showmanship Class offered for Intermediate and Senior Exhibitors on **Monday, July 31st @ 7 PM** for Sweepstakes - **DOES NOT REPLACE SHOW ON FRIDAY.**
 - Exhibitors interested in participating in Sweepstakes should enter Monday class, but Exhibitors must still participate in showmanship on Friday, August 4th. Sweepstakes participant will be winner of showmanship class on Monday.

Dairy Market Classes

- No changes

Horse Department

Superintendent: Travis Geerligs titan.tld@gmail.com

- Fees have increased to \$120
- All participants, families, and visitors are expected to follow the Kent County Youth Fair code of conduct
- All participants and families are required to comply with all KCYAA Horse Leader Association's Bylaws and Guidelines.

- **Check-In is 8 AM to 6 PM Sunday**
- New barns have cement floors, please plan accordingly and bring rubber mats if necessary

Dog Department

Superintendents: Emma Wikstrom wikstrom2018@gmail.com & Gail Roderick gailksrp@aol.com

- Must be declared by **May 1st**
- Handler classes are for youth who are exhibiting a dog trained and/or shown to the level by someone other than themselves.
- **\$25 *Mandatory** membership fee will be due by May 15th. This may be paid out of pocket or by raising donations (of \$25 or more) for the annual KCYF Dog. Scholarships available if needed.
- All our classes that have age groupings have changed (aside from showmanship) to just 5-12 & 13-21. These are the classes that will be affected;
 - Pre-Novice Obedience (class # 2208-2211)
 - Rally Novice (class # 2227-2230)
 - Beginner Agility (class # 2241 - 2245)
 - Beginner Agility Jumpers with Tunnels (class # 2258)

Fair Week Activities

- Live Entertainment Nightly
- Carnival Rides & Games- Tues-Saturday
- **Ride Information: [Anderson Midways](#)**
 - Tuesday Day Armband cost will be \$20
 - Wednesday-Saturday daily armband cost will be \$25
 - Week Long (Tuesday - Saturday) Armband will be \$80
 - Ticket cost will be...\$1.50 each, 15 for \$20, or 50 for \$50.
 - All rides will take 3 or more tickets, every person will need a armband or a ticket to ride.
 - Open:
 - Tuesday: 6pm
 - Wednesday: Reading for Rides 1-4pm & 2pm Public
 - Thursday & Friday: 2pm
 - Saturday: 1pm
- Gelly Ball- All Week
- Ice Cream Social
- Tractor Pulls- Monday at 7PM
- Draft Horse Pulls - Tuesday at 7PM
- Mini - Horse Pulls - Friday at 7PM
- Exhibitor Family Dinner : Friday at 5PM
- Family Line Dance- Friday at 7PM
- Cornhole Tournament

Volunteer Service Hours

AVAILABLE ON Website → Exhibitors → Service Hours

<https://www.kcyf.org/exhibitor-service-hours>

- Club worknights can be scheduled through the office.
- Sign Up Genius will be used for the following:
 - Little Red Barn

- Guest Services
- Exhibit Building
- Table Cleaning
- Shuttle Drivers
- Courtesy Cart Drivers : MUST be 18

Auction

Heather Everett hcanfield@hotmail.com

- **Wednesday @ 6pm - Small Animals & Still Exhibits sale order will be:** Poultry, Rabbit, Still Exhibits
- **Thursday @ 9am- Large Animal sale order will be :** Goats, Sheep, Hogs, Dairy Feeder, Gallon of Milk, Dairy Market, Beef Feeder, Beef
- Still Exhibits must be signed up in **FairEntry** then registered for auction by **7pm on Saturday, July 30th!**
- **2.0 Auction** is still available for additional market animals. In order to participate MUST have a slaughter spot before registering. Exhibitor will be responsible for getting animal(s) to slaughter.
 - Exhibitors need to complete a consignment contract and submit to the office **BY SATURDAY, JULY 29TH.**
 - Digital picture of exhibitor and animal should be submitted by **Saturday, August 5th!**
- **NO Online Bidding** will take place during the live auctions Wednesday & Thursday. If buyers cannot make it to auction we will have proxy bidders available.

Premiums

- Premiums will be paid by check or in cash. Checks will be ready for pickup at the same time as Auction Checks, this information will be communicated once the checks are ready. Exhibitors must sign for their premiums if picking up in office, or will be mailed to them.
- Premium checks must be cashed within 60 days of when the check was written. Checks may be re-issued after the 60 day period, upon request. Checks requested to be reissued will be subject to a \$25 check cancellation fee, to be paid in cash, if the expired check is not returned to the office.

General Fair Book Rule

Membership :

- Dues are \$20 and are due October 1st
- Receive discounts on rentals for their membership year.
- Includes a weekly parking pass

Camping :

- Absolutely no overnight parking in the visitor lot. Cars WILL be towed between midnight and 5 am at the owner's expense. Overnight parking is in designated lots ONLY!
- No Electric available
- Will have 2 (8-stall) Shower Trailers onsite for camping use

Golf Carts:

- All golf carts must be registered with the official permit visible to all times. No limit to clubs
- UTVs allowed, but **MUST** have utility function
- Forms must be filled out with copies of licenses of all allowed drivers, No one without a driver's license can drive a golf cart!
- Must have insurance on file, must have certain limits! No golf carts/ UTVs will be allowed without insurance.
- Form available on website

Late Entry Policy

1. Late entries, upon **Superintendent** approval, must be submitted by **July 1st**.
2. Exhibitors **agree to the following**:
 - a. A late entry fee of \$100 for each exhibitor will be assessed.
 - b. Entry fees will be doubled for each class that the exhibitor enters late.
 - c. Late entry exhibitors forfeit their premiums.
 - d. Late entries must be paid in full within 24 hours of submission.

Fair Entry Instructions

KCYF Website : <https://www.kcyf.org/fairbook-registration>

Fair Entry : <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18475>

Deadline Dates

- May 1st Dog Declarations
 - Declaration Link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUx3HZ3bgV74srji730ZGOJMzmMF78CNep4Qrh6xBk9LtohQ/viewform>
- May 1st Horse Declarations
 - Declaration Link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_11GIYz3HvyFo_ZxXCncY6_Vq7jq-A4oTw5HmLm3rkb9wg/viewform
- June 15th - All Other Entries
- Online Entry begins on May 1st
- Credit Card payments will be accepted by STRIPE on FairEntry.
- **Payment MUST be received by July 1st.**

