

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO HELP RUN THE FAIR???

Junior Fair Directors do!!! Be part of this great group and work with the public, run opening and closing ceremonies, children's games and many other areas. What are the rewards for you??? You develop leadership skills, a chance to mentor, recognition for your hard work, and the opportunity to provide your input on ways to make the Fair better. Oh yes, you also get a tee-shirt!

We're always on the lookout for new recruits to join the Junior Fair Director program. This is a great way to get more involved in the behind-the-scenes operation of the Fair. Think you have what it takes??? Contact the Fair Office at (978)256-4623, or email us at Middlesex4hfair@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL ADULTS WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

In order to have the Fair run smoothly, we need assistance from parents, leaders, chaperones, relatives and friends. Additional staffing is necessary for ticket sales (particularly the Main Gate ticket booths as well as entertainment areas), the food areas (Overnighters Kitchen, Snack Bars and BBQ), the Country Store, and the Face Painting booth. Help make the Fair a success and pitch in for just a few hours. Please contact the Fair Office at (978)256-4623 or Linda Gardner at (978)263-0141, or email us at Middlesex4hfair@comcast.net.

HANDS ON ACTION EXHIBIT

A "Hands on Action" exhibit is a working demonstration on something you have done in 4-H. It is a chance to show the public what you do while actually doing a project. This is different than a visual presentation in that you do not give a speech, but rather you talk with the public and answer questions that they have on what you are doing. For example, bring your table weaving machine and sit and work on a project, or put together some nutritious snacks to give away to the public. Sign up your club or one or two 4-H members to do an action exhibit in the Static Building this year at the Fair. **Please note:** Any items you make can be given away, but no items may be sold. Having information and instructions to hand out to the public is also welcome and recommended.

We will provide: One table, approximately 3' long, chairs, and a sign that tells who is working at the exhibit. **You need to provide:** All your supplies for the project, table covering, one or two 4-H members who will be behind the table during the entire time slot that is signed up for (no leaders, please).

For more information contact Pam Lefave at (978)851-6360 or Amy Herrick at (978)667-4532.

4-H ALUMNAE STATIC CLASSES

Attention all parents, leaders, chaperones and volunteers: Are you a former 4-H'er? If so, you're invited to bring an item for exhibit and display in the static building this year. What were your prize-winning entries when you exhibited as a 4-H member? (Just a few short years ago!). Do you still sew, grow flowers or vegetables, or bake? We'd like to see what today's prize-winning entry will be. The rules are as follows:

- You may enter one item;
- The item can be from any lot in any Static Department;
- The item must be made or grown since the 2010 fair;
- The entry must be made or grown entirely by the 4-H alumnae exhibitor. No assistance from current 4-H youth members is allowed!
- Your entry must show your name, 4-H club & state where you were a member, and last year exhibited. Please attach a 3x5 card with this information to your entry.

Please send your entry information on a Static Department form, and note "Alumnae entry" at the top of the form. **Please include a \$2.00 entry fee** and mail to P.O. Box 352, Westford, MA 01886, to the attention of Pam Lefave, or drop off at Monday work nights.

SHERIFF ARNOLD WILDER APPLE PIE CONTEST

For young people and adults!

PLEASE NOTE: \$5 entry fee for all entries; \$25 award to first place winners!

The Apple Pie Contest will be held on **Friday, August 26**, just after Opening Ceremonies, or about 2:30 p.m. The contest was established to honor Fair Sheriff Arnold Wilder. Who makes the best apple pie in the county? Let's find out! Bake your best traditional apple pie and bring it to the fairgrounds. Win a ribbon and a moment of fame -- all for the time it takes to bake a pie. The contest is open to everyone -- 4-H members, non-members, young people and adults. Encourage all your friends to enter!

The Requirements: Traditional apple pie with a homemade bottom crust and lattice or full top crust (no mixes) in a non-returnable pan at least 8" in diameter. Put your name (first and last) and division (Child 18-and-under, or Adult) on the bottom of the pan. Do not mix divisions; the pie must be from either one to three children working together, or one adult. Include a recipe. Pies should be cool. Securely attach a **sealed envelope with your \$5.00 entry fee** to the bottom of the pie pan. Pies without entry fees will not be judged. Bring your pie to the Overnights Kitchen Thursday evening or up to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26.

Judging: Judges choose the best pie on such criteria as color, texture, taste and aroma. **The first place winner in each division (Adult and Child 18 and under) receives a \$25.00 award.** Winners' names will be posted in the Static Exhibit Building. You can pick up your pie entry and ribbon after judging is completed, beginning 5:00 p.m. Friday. Pies not picked up by noon on Saturday, August 27 will be disposed of and ribbons sent to the fair office. First place winners can pick up their prize money at the fair office in the Administration Building during the fair. If you have any questions, call the Fair Office at (978) 256-4623.

4-H FAIR TENT SALE ***SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.***

This year the fair will be running a "Tent Sale" on Saturday, August 27 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The fair needs your donations of new or gently used items such as children's goods, books, household items, games and toys, and antiques. There will also be a Silent Auction for any items that the Tent Sale Committee determines should be auctioned. Donations of gift certificates, gift baskets and new items are appreciated and will be part of the silent auction. All donations are tax deductible, and may be dropped off at the Administration Building at the fairgrounds until Friday, August 26th. If you have any questions, please contact the fair office at 978-256-4623, or Brenda MacPherson at 978-532-4712.

10th ANNUAL SILLY PET TRICKS CONTEST

Once again this year we will hold the Silly Pet Tricks contest at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 27, in the infield. The contest is open to every animal that participates in the fair and can be shown by any 4-H member that is showing at this year's fair. So start training your critter to learn a silly trick that could make both you and your pet famous. The judges are looking for originality and skill, and it doesn't hurt that your pet be just plain cute while doing it's tricks! As in the past we will be awarding a silly prize to match the theme of the contest. The decision of our completely impartial judges will be final. Be crazy and have some fun!!!

FAIR FASHION REVIEW ***12:30 p.m., SUNDAY AFTERNOON - AUGUST 28***

During the Fair Fashion Review, 4-H'ers will model their own fashions as a commentator describes the garments. 4-H'ers of all ages and experience are welcome. The Sewing Department chair and other experienced models will be there to teach you how to model. Come to the static building between 11:30 and 12:00 pm to tell us which item(s) you plan to model and we will remove your entries from the Clothing Department for the Fair Fashion Review at 12:30 pm. This event is not judged. Come and join in for a short fashion review. If you would like to participate, please contact Joanne Brown at 781-246-2340 or e-mail jojofam@juno.com or sign-up in the static building during set-up night or fair days.