

4-H OVERNIGHTERS/CHAPERONES AT THE FAIR

A limited number of 4-H youth and their adult chaperones may stay overnight on the grounds Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. There are several categories of eligibility, but all categories of overnighers must comply with the following rules or be subject to dismissal from the grounds and forfeiture of all premiums, awards and fees paid.

1. All overnighers must have a purpose for staying overnight.
2. All overnighers must purchase a meal ticket for all meals starting with Friday breakfast.
3. All overnighers must accomplish all work assignments on time and to the satisfaction of the Department Chairman, leader or chaperone.
4. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED. FIRES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED. VIOLATION OF ANY PART OF THIS RULE WILL MEAN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
5. Upon arrival at the Fairgrounds Thursday afternoon, the 4-H Fair worker overnighers are to report to the Administration Building to arrange a work schedule, which will be posted Friday morning in the Administration Building.
6. Overnighers may not leave the grounds between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. without special permission from the Fair Directors.
7. All overnighers have assigned sleeping areas designated by the Fair Directors and must check in with their chaperones and follow their guidance throughout the weekend.
8. Misbehavior of an exhibitor, including poor sportsmanship and inappropriate 4-H behavior, will result in dismissal from the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the Fair and forfeiture of participation and prize money and other awards.

How to become eligible to stay overnight:

A. As a "4-H Fair Worker" in the Overnight Kitchen, Refreshment Stands, Country Store, Amusement Ticket Booths, BBQ and General Helper:

1. Be a 4-H member, and willing to work at least 4 hours per day.
2. Contact the Fair Office during Monday worknights to obtain permission to stay overnight.
3. If you are selected, indicate the person you contacted, sign your overnigher form and send it along with your fee of \$28.00 for a meal ticket to the Fair Office. (Make checks payable to Middlesex County 4-H Fair.)
4. Upon approval by the Fair Directors, confirmation will be sent to you, along with a meal ticket.

B. As a Helper in a Project Department:

1. Each Department Chairman may select a few helpers for the department. Contact the appropriate Department Chairman if you would like to apply.
2. If you are selected, have the Department Chairman sign an Overnigher Form, specifying your work assignment and hours of duty and send it along with your fee of \$28.00 for a meal ticket to the Fair Office. (Make checks payable to Middlesex County 4-H Fair.)

C. As a livestock exhibitor staying on the grounds to care for and show your animal, you will be expected to contribute time as needed to assist in the operation of the kitchen, refreshment stands, etc. However, if your animal is withdrawn from competition, you must become a "Fair Worker" subject to the requirements listed above in Item A.

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D. As an "Adult Chaperone to 4-H Overnights" (Day or Night Chaperone):

1. Discuss your assignment with the club leaders, Department Chairman or appropriate Fair Director.
2. Participate, where possible, in assignment of overnights for whom you are the designated chaperone. **REMEMBER, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT, WELL-BEING AND WHEREABOUTS OF ALL YOUR CHARGES.**
3. Submit your Overnighter Form with the fee of \$41.00* for a 3-day admission pass and meal ticket to the 4-H Fair Office. (Make checks payable to Middlesex County 4-H Fair.) All adult meal tickets include a 3-day pass; meal tickets will not be sold separately. These are due in the office by July 28, 2008, and should be submitted with the entry package for your club.
4. You will receive a meal ticket, 3-day admission pass, and a letter in the mail. We thank you for helping in this way!
5. Prepare for sleeping in the immediate area of your assigned 4-H'ers.
6. Chaperones must attend the chaperones meeting on August 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Static Exhibit Building.
7. Please remain aware of the needs of the Fair as a whole and work cooperatively with the Fair Directors.

* **PLEASE NOTE:** Three-day passes purchased on or before Thursday, August 21, 2008 are \$13.00. If purchasing a meal ticket and 3-day pass after Thursday, the total cost will be \$43.00 (\$28.00 for a meal ticket and \$15.00 for a 3-day pass).

During the Fair, there will be mandatory overnighter's meetings for chaperones and older 4-H members who are remaining overnight on the grounds. These meetings will take place in the Overnighter's Kitchen on Thursday and Friday nights at 10:00 p.m.

CALLING ALL PARENTS, LEADERS AND CHAPERONES!!!

Adult volunteers are urgently needed at many locations to assist our young people and to ensure the smooth operation of the Fair. A few hours of your time to help out would be greatly appreciated!!! Please contact the Fair Office at 978-256-4623, or email us at MiddlesexCtyFair@aol.com, if you are able to volunteer.

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4-H FAIR ADMISSION PRICES FOR 2008

3 Day Pass purchased prior to end of day on Thursday, August 21	\$13.00
3 Day Pass purchased after Thursday, August 21	\$15.00
One Day Pass (10+ years old)	\$7.00
One Day Pass (65+ years old)	\$5.00
One Day Pass (4 years up to 10 years)	\$2.00
Children 3 and under	Free

Special Note for parents and chaperones with children 4 years old or younger: If you are purchasing a meal ticket for a young child (4 years old and younger) who is staying on the grounds with you, the cost of that meal ticket is \$14.00. The meal ticket will show that it is for a child, and it cannot be used for anyone but that child. Please note the name and age on your meal ticket request form.