

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

Jr. 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 Jr. 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 Nancy Downing at (978)649-3563.

FAIR FASHION REVIEW SUNDAY AFTERNOON - AUGUST 24

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. Junior Fair Directors will be there to teach you how to model and will remove your entries from the Clothing Department for the Fair Fashion Review. This event is not judged. Come and join in for a short fashion review. If you would like to participate, please contact the Fair office at (978)256-4623, or email us at MiddlesexCtyFair@aol.com.

THE COUNTRY STORE OPEN DURING THE FAIR - FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY

Popcorn, cotton candy, apples and home-grown and home made items have been popular attractions at The Country Store. It is your participation that makes this area successful. There is a tremendous demand for goods prepared by 4-H members. If you have grown vegetables, flowers or plants, please clean and/or arrange them and bring them to the Country Store Thursday night or Friday morning. Also welcome are homemade jams, pickles, relishes and honey, as well as crafts, needlework, art and woodworking projects. Please label and price all items. If you have any questions, please contact Erika or Tanya Shiner at (978)851-4367, or email the Fair at MiddlesexCtyFair@aol.com.

AUCTION FRIDAY EVENING - AUGUST 22

Your donations and apple pies from the afternoon contest will be auctioned to the highest bidders. You can help too, by obtaining donations of items such as a bike, major workshop tool, gardening equipment, a trip, stereo, boom box or similar item, food, chair, other furniture, an antique, good jewelry, an appliance (small, medium or large), a gift certificate (grocery store, hair cut, etc.) or plants (bushes, bulbs, trees). Other interesting items also are welcomed. Donations are tax deductible. Donor forms are available on Monday night worknights. If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Fair Office at (978)256-4623.

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 MiddlesexCtyFair@aol.com.

APPLE PIE CONTEST

For young people and adults!!

The Apple Pie Contest will be held on **Friday, August 22**, just after Opening Ceremonies, or at 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 or trophy 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. Bring your pie to the Overnights Kitchen Thursday evening or up to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22. Judges choose the best pie on such criteria as color, texture, taste and aroma. **Friday Auction:** Winners will have their names and ribbons posted in the exhibit hall; on Friday night, the pies will be auctioned to the highest bidders (Send your friends and relatives to bid--what a great way to support you and the 4-H Fair!!! If you have any questions, call the Fair Office at (978)256-4623.

7th 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 23, 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!!!

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, 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.