

## 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. Please note ALL adults over the age of 19 as of January 1, 2018 who wish to remain on the grounds overnight must be 4-H screened.

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. PLEASE REVIEW THE FAIR DIRECTOR'S NOTES AND GENERAL RULES SECTIONS OF THE PREMIUM LIST!**
5. Upon arrival at the Fairgrounds, the 4-H Fair worker overnighers are to report to the Administration Building to pick up their schedules.
6. All youth members who are registered as overnighers must remain on the grounds from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. If 4-H overnigher must be off the grounds between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., a parent or guardian must clear this request with the department chair or chaperone prior to leaving the grounds. If a 4-H overnigher must be off the grounds between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., parent must provide written authorization to the 4-H Fair office prior to leaving and upon returning to the grounds.
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 work nights 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 \$30.00 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 and exhibitor admission pass.

**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 \$30.00 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, in order to remain on the grounds overnight 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):

**All adults staying overnight on the grounds must be 4-H screened volunteers. REMEMBER, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT, WELL-BEING AND WHEREABOUTS OF ALL THE YOUTH FOR WHOM YOU ARE THE DESIGNATED CHAPERONE.**

1. Chaperones must be 4-H screened volunteers prior to the event (including having current CORI on file) and be at least 21 years of age. Chaperones must adhere to the Volunteer Code of Conduct. Contact your club leader for any questions about the process.
2. Chaperone Responsibilities:
  - Be a positive role model and lead by example.
  - Ensure that all 4-H members are familiar with the 4-H Fair Rules and Regulations.
  - Ensure that all youth understand the 4-H Code of Conduct.
  - Enforce the 4-H policy of separate sleeping quarters for males, females and adults.
  - Monitor the youth during the Fair and conduct safety checks after lights out.
  - Encourage and support the full involvement of all participants in 4-H Fair activities.
  - Assist in developing a positive community spirit.
  - Ensure that you are aware of any health issues for any overnights for whom you are responsible and maintain confidentiality of this information.
3. Immediately report any issues or problems to the Department Chairman AND the 4-H Fair Business Office located in the Administration Building. Report any major issues and accidents in writing to the 4-H Fair Business Office located in the Administration Building. Discuss your assignment with the club leaders, Department Chairman or appropriate Fair Director.
4. Submit your Overnighter Form with the fee of \$43.00\* 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 30, 2018 and should be submitted with the entry package for your club.
5. You will receive a meal ticket, 3-day admission pass, and a letter in the mail. We thank you for helping in this way!
6. Prepare for sleeping in the immediate area of your assigned 4-H'ers. Each club should schedule hours when sleeping areas can be set up.
7. Chaperones must attend the chaperones meeting on August 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Static Exhibit Building.
8. 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 23 are \$13.00. If purchasing a meal ticket and 3-day pass after Thursday, the total cost will be \$46.00 (\$30.00 for a meal ticket and \$16.00 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.*

### 4-H FAIR ADMISSION PRICES FOR 2018

3 Day Pass purchased prior to end of day on Thursday, August 23	\$13.00
3 Day Pass purchased after Thursday, August 23	\$16.00
One Day Pass (10 and over)	\$8.00
One Day Pass (65 and over and military with ID)	\$6.00
One Day Pass (4 through 9 years)	\$3.00
Children 3 and under	Free

Parents who will be attending the fair but not staying overnight are welcome to purchase a meal ticket and a 3-day pass prior to the start of the fair. These may be purchased in the fair office.

*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 \$15.00. 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.