

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??? Attend weekly work nights leading volunteers to prepare the grounds for the fair. JFDs are also expected to assist at other events such as ground clean up days and the scholarship horse show. 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 office@4hmiddlesexfair.org.

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. Be sure to file your Fair Worker's Sign Up form with your entry paperwork. If you have any questions, please contact Pam LeFave at (978) 851-6360 or email Pam at plefave@umext.umass.edu.

HANDS ON EXHIBIT

A "Hands On" 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. For example, bring your table weaving machine and sit and work on a project or HAVE SUPPLIES TO ALLOW OTHERS TO "LEARN BY DOING" THEMSELVES, AND TAKE THEIR OWN SMALL PROJECT WHEN THEY LEAVE. 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.

FAIR FASHION REVIEW 2 p.m., SATURDAY - AUGUST 25

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 Elaine Toomey at 978-337-9138, or e-mail eltoomey@comcast.net, or sign-up in the static building during set-up night or fair days.

SHERIFF ARNOLD WILDER APPLE PIE CONTEST

For young people and adults!

The Apple Pie Contest will be held on **Friday, August 24** at about 4 p.m. The contest was established to honor former 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. Perhaps win a prize, 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: Your favorite recipe of any kind of apple pie from scratch with a homemade bottom crust and lattice or full top crust (no mixes) in a non-returnable pan at least 8" in diameter. No mixes or purchased pie crusts. 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 24.

Judging: Judges choose the best pie on such criteria as color, texture, taste and aroma. Winners' names will be posted in the Static Exhibit Building. Pie entries, ribbons and winner's prize can be picked up after judging is completed, beginning 5:00 p.m. Friday. Pies not picked up by noon on Saturday, August 26 will be disposed of and the ribbons and prize will be sent to the fair office. If you have any questions, call the Fair Office at (978) 256-4623.

4-H ALUMNAE/ADULT VOLUNTEERS STATIC CLASSES

Attention all parents, leaders, chaperones and volunteers: Are you a former 4-H'er or 4-H Fair Volunteer? 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 from any lot in any Static Department;
- The item must be made or grown since the 2017 fair;
- The entry must be made or grown entirely by the 4-H alumnae/adult volunteer exhibitor. No assistance from current 4-H youth members is allowed!
- You do not need to have been in 4-H as a youth member!
- Your entry must show your name, 4-H club & state where you were a member, if applicable, and last year exhibited, if applicable. 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 night.

