

SPRING YOUTH FAIR

May 5th, 6th & 7th 2023

Southwest Washington Fairgrounds

Rabbit Barn located on the North End

ALL EXHIBITS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGES 5-18

RABBIT & CAVY DEPARTMENT

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Questions?

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Check us out on Facebook, stay up to date on news and changes!

Search @ Spring Youth Fair Rabbit & Cavy Department

No previous experience or club affiliation to participate in the Spring Youth Fair is required.

Youth from other counties are welcome to join and participate.

Entry Forms due postmarked by April 12th. Money must be paid at such time. Check preferred, made out to Spring Youth Fair

Late entries may be accepted depending on the space available. Shirts not available after entry deadline.

RULES, please read for changes

What is Spring Youth Fair about? It's easy really. Spring Youth Fair is designed for today's youth to learn something new, to stretch their thinking, and to make friends with others who have the same interests. Your child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times, not dropped off and left. There will be other exhibits and species on display of which kids and adults can enter in as well.

You MUST bring your own cage that your rabbit/cavy can be displayed in safely for the entire weekend. No boxes, no large dog cages. Solid wire bottom cages are required. Spill proof food and water containers are required, and will not be provided. Any food and water must be in storage in a tidy manner in a small tack room in barn. You alone are responsible for keeping your area clean for the public to walk around. We may be showing, but we are a public display. This includes sweeping your area and cleaning up after your animals, there will be no herdsmanship shifts, but exhibitors we welcome to participate. Remember to wear pants, a long sleeved shirt and closed toed shoes for your own safety while handling animals. Our barn will not be heated, if the weekend is hot you are welcome to bring a fan.

RABBIT & CAVY BENCHING – NEW... While we have activities all weekend, rabbits will not be spending the night. Because this is a carrying cage show, we don't want the rabbits to be locked up in tiny spaces all weekend. The barn will be open at 9am on Saturday and Sunday, animals must be in the barn by 10am. Animals will be released at 7pm Saturday and 5pm Sunday.

Attendance...while we encourage everyone to attend all weekend, we understand that maybe you can only attend one day, or only interested in certain clinics. Unless otherwise mentioned to the superintendent, it will be assumed you will attend all weekend.

To help save space, please do not bring any saw horse table racks, or tables unless otherwise given permission. Grooming table tops or carpets are allowed, but only if it is able to rest on top of a cage.

Demonstrations... There will be an opportunity for the exhibitors to sign-up for a demonstration slot. This will not be a premium or ribbon contest, but a time to practice with a crowd. These slots will be 20minutes each, and must be rabbit or cavy related and family friendly. Sign-ups are first come first serve on Friday during set-up. All subject to change.

Advertising animals for sale during fair is not allowed.

Rabbits and Cavies will be on exhibition only and not judged for type. If you would like one of our senior teen exhibitors to go over your animal's qualities with you, there will be a sign up sheet at check in. We will fit this in as time allows.

** Type Judging may be added next year depending on this year's turn out and added interest.

If you are unable to bring an animal you still may participate in the clinics and classes.... we might have a critter we can share.... or you can bring a stuffed toy, just let us know.

The Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, Spring Youth Fair and superintendents are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Our weekend will be filled with Clinics and Contests for Fitting & Showing as well as information packed games. At the end of our weekend we will end with an awards ceremony. No type judging will be done this year. It is designed to be a low key, fun weekend while learning!

If there are further questions, please ask the superintendent via email prior to fair.

Entry fees:

Fitting and Showing	\$3.00
Quiz Down	\$1.00
Educational Poster	\$1.00

An optional Spring Youth Fair Rabbit & Cavy Dept T-Shirt is also available for purchase pre-deadline. This WILL NOT be available after the entry deadline April 12th. \$15.00 each shirt.

Rabbit/Cavy Schedule of Events

Subject to change

Friday

5pm-7pm Volunteer Barn set-up, Demonstration sign-up. Bring a push broom and cleaning rags.

Saturday

9-10 AM Barn Open, animals vet checked and situated for the day,

10AM FAIR opens, apron making throughout day

10-10:30AM Exhibitor Meeting required

11-12PM Fitting & Showing Clinic

Rabbit or Cavy fitting and showing clinic: Learn how to handle your animal for carrying position, check for common diseases and conditions, and answer basic questions that the judges may ask. Learn how to identify some different breeds of animals and learn common varieties and body types.

12-1PM Lunch Break

1-3PM Craft Time!

3-5PM Quiz Down

Games where we learn about our animals. How to care for them, about the breed, about the species. Suitable for any level of expertise.

5-7PM Youth Demonstration, sign-ups Friday

7PM Barn Closed, animals released

Sunday

9-10AM	Barn open, Animals vet checked and situated
9:30-10AM	Exhibitor Meeting, required
10:00AM	Fair Opens
10-12:00PM	Fitting & Showing Clinic (same as Saturday's clinic)
12-1:00PM	Lunch
1-3:30PM	Fitting & Showing Contest
4:00PM	Awards
5:00PM	Animals Released to go home.