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**ENTRY PACKAGE**

In an effort to go more paper-less, the PNE Agriculture team has brought the Entry Package to you via email, with fillable PDF forms and the ability to **email your entries** in to us this year! With any new process, we anticipate a few bumps in the road so please carefully read all information and understand how each form needs to be completed and submitted.

This email format should allow you to pass applicable forms along to your club's parents and share information more easily. If you require paper copies of any of the forms mailed to you please contact our office.

We understand that the large stack of papers enclosed in this package can seem daunting to many so, we encourage leaders to contact the Entry Office staff at 604-252-3581 if you need assistance.

Having all forms, particularly the parent release forms, complete and correctly filled out ensures that our staff don't have to follow up with you once your forms are in. Please make sure you do a good check over all forms that are required prior to sending in your entry.

The prizebook and all applicable forms are available online at [www.pne.ca](http://www.pne.ca) as well.

**WELCOME**

**Welcome to the 2017 4-H Festival at the PNE! Without exception, the 4-H Festival is always the busiest and most exciting time for the staff here at the PNE. This festival is the perfect way to showcase agriculture to the urban public that visit the PNE Fair annually. We look forward to another year filled with competitions, special events and exciting festivities for the 4-H members to participate in!**

**BCYA TRAVEL ASSISTANCE**

The BC Youth in Agriculture Foundation is once again offering travel assistance to members and clubs attending the PNE. Assistance is provided for a couple of different groups. Clubs from outside of the Fraser Valley are able to apply for travel assistance to offset **up to 50%** of their travel expenses. Travel assistance is also available for members participating in special non-project related competitions. See entry forms for information on eligibility and how to apply.

**ENTRY DEADLINE**

The deadline for 4-H entries is **Friday, June 30th**. There will be a late entry charge of \$10 **per day late** for any club registrations not received by that day.

**ADMISSION PASSES AND PARKING**

All registered members, leaders and dorm chaperones are given admission wristbands valid for the entire 4-H Festival. Wristbands, day passes and parking passes can be purchased at a reduced rate for additional family members staying onsite or coming to watch shows. Admission and parking pass orders are only accepted from registered club leaders and must be done before the entry deadline. After the deadline, passes can only be purchased at offsite retailers, online or at the gate for regular prices.

Some things to remember when ordering passes: Children under 13 years of age are free at all times. Thursday, Friday and Monday do not require admission or parking passes for anyone. Tuesday is free admission from 11am to 1pm so passes are not needed for guests arriving before 1pm.

**FREE DAY - TUESDAY**

PNE offers free admission until 1pm on Tuesday morning. Please advise your guests to come early to avoid traffic and line-ups. Parking Gate 9 and admission Gate 10 are open for 4-H guests at 8am.

## 4-H AUCTION

The 4-H Auction will be held on Monday, August 21st in the Agrodome beginning at 12pm. Buyers must pre-register through the entry office by July 31st to receive their invitation.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

There's so much fun to be had while at the PNE 4-H Festival!

### Friday:

To kick it all off, Playland and the PNE offer free rides all day (11am to 7pm) on Friday August 18th for all competing members with valid wristbands. After Playland closes on Friday evening members are invited to the Agrodome to participate in the 4-H Tug-O-War competition.

### Saturday:

The RCMP Musical Ride is here to celebrate Canada's 150th and Saturday evening provides a chance to have 4-H Members enjoy the show! Seats will be held for 4-H members until 15 minutes before the show and they will be released to the public. Following the ceremonies, members can test their skills in the Hay Hauling Competition at 8:30pm.

### Sunday:

Sunday plays host to the onsite Cloverbud program! Cloverbuds are able to pre register for an interactive discovery class, taking place at 9am on Sunday morning. See the prizebook for more details. In the evening members can test their knowledge of 4-H Trivia

during 4-H Feud at 8:30pm.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

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#### Monday:

The auction will be held on Monday while the Fair is closed to the public. Please contact the agriculture department for further information. The Agriculture Safety Seminar for the Educational display program will be held on Monday evening, at 5:00pm in the Coliseum. Pizza Night will follow at 6:30pm in the upper Agrodome! And of course, Monday night will feature the 4-H Dance to be held in the Tributes tent outside the east barns at 8:00pm.

#### Tuesday:

Tuesday holds two of our special competitions, the Judging Rally and the Speak and Show competition. Closing Ceremonies will be held at 3:00pm in the Agrodome to celebrate all the successes of the year!

## CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds have a few chances to participate at the PNE. They are able to submit entries into our Special Cloverbud classes or they can participate in our onsite activities on Sunday August 20th at 9am. See the prizebook for further details!

## JOB RECRUITMENT

The Agriculture department is currently recruiting for the 2017 Fair and would like to hire staff with a background in agriculture. If any members, alumni, leaders, or parents are interested in summer employment, please email [agriculture@pne.ca](mailto:agriculture@pne.ca)

## EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

Members have two opportunities to submit educational displays for judging at the PNE. Entries of all topics can enter in class 5614 or 5615. The special theme program has a topic of "Let's Get Growing" and is submitted on it's dedicated application form. Displays must be picked up by 11pm on Tuesday, August 22nd. The PNE will not be held responsible for displays left at the Fair.

## MONDAY FAIR CLOSURE

On Monday, August 21st the Fair will once again be closed to the public. Parents, family, and friends who would like to come see members compete are invited to enter the PNE grounds through Gate 10 (via parking Gate 9, off Bridgeway St). This will be the same as entering the grounds on the Thursday and Friday before Fair starts. There will be no charge for entrance or parking so leaders should plan their ticket purchases with this in mind. Please remember that none of the Fair concessions will be open with the exception of our dedicated 4-H breakfast and lunch service. In order to accommodate dinner, pizza night will be held on Monday evening, with dinner being available at 6:30pm. Please pack meals and plan accordingly for this day.

## BC FAIRS CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

New this year, we have a few classes where members in any project may submit entries into the BC Fairs Members' Choice Classes. Classes in Arts and Crafts and Photography are available. Please see the Prizebook or email [4h@pne.ca](mailto:4h@pne.ca).

## SCHEDULES AND REGULATIONS

Although the prizebook is sent only to 4-H leaders for the purpose of registration, we encourage everyone to look up the prizebook online at [www.pne.ca/thefair/agriculture](http://www.pne.ca/thefair/agriculture). It is important that members and their parents understand the general conduct rules and as well as the project specific class regulations that relate to them to avoid any unfortunate misunderstandings at the PNE Fair. While the PNE follows most 4-H BC rules and regulations there are some circumstances where our Fair has a variation that needs to be upheld. Additionally, the tentative show schedule is included in the prizebook so parents can plan accordingly.

## MEAL TICKETS

The PNE offers a 4-H meal ticket program with tickets purchased at 50% of the face value of the ticket. Meal tickets are valid only at PNE operated food locations.

**These tickets must be pre-ordered through clubs leaders on the pass order form included in the entry package.** You may purchase more meal tickets through the 4-H office on Sunday August 20th from 1pm to 4pm. There will not be any meal ticket returns processed so leaders and parents will need to plan accordingly to avoid being left with unused tickets. Meal tickets can be used at all PNE operated concessions as listed in the menu guide onsite.

## PNE AMBASSADORS

Calling all senior members who are interested in becoming a PNE Ambassador! Our goal is to enable members to come to the PNE to experience our great 4-H Festival, meet new friends, promote 4-H to the public and to also gain valuable experience. All applications must be sent directly to the Youth and Community Development office in Abbotsford. See the application form for more details.

***This year's Stall decoration theme is:***

**"4-H Celebrates  
Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>!"**



## SPONSORS

In recent years we have, unfortunately, heard from many sponsors letting us know that they have not received a thank-you note from the winner. We would like to remind all members that without our sponsors we cannot provide the prizing that we do. Please remember that a quick thank you card is imperative in making a sponsor feel appreciated. Contact information for sponsors is given with each prize.

## FOOD SERVICES

The PNE now operates over 15 food locations around the fairgrounds where meal tickets are valid. Selections such as pizza, poutine, hamburgers, paninis, popcorn shrimp, chicken and waffles plus salads, sandwiches wraps, vegetables and fruit platters are available through these locations. An exclusive 4-H lunch service is offered daily in the south Agrodome concourse to allow for quick and healthy lunch options. 4-H Breakfasts will be served by the PNE food and beverage team out of the Pacific Dining Lounge once again this year.

The PNE strives to provide opportunities for meal services onsite throughout the Festival but leaders and parents are strongly encouraged to plan accordingly for times when onsite food services are limited such as Friday and Monday when the Fair is closed.

On Friday, there will be 4-H breakfast and lunch service offered as well as Playland offers a number of concessions (open from 11am to 7pm) that accept meal tickets as well as few that do not such as Triple O's and Pizza Pizza. Those with PNE wristbands are able to access Playland for those food services.

On Monday, there will be 4-H breakfast and lunch services offered as well as free pizza night that evening.

The Agriculture department produces a food service booklet which is available onsite for a comprehensive detail of what is offered.

## DORMS AND RV LOT

All RV payments must be done prior to arriving onsite to allow our office to mail out the RV parking passes which are required to be in place on the RV to access the parking lot upon arrival. Also, because we are closed on Monday, there will be no charges for that night. We ask that you respectfully listen to any PNE staff there to assist with parking vehicles. Remember there are no awnings, tents or marked off areas of extra space allowed. Any RVs found not to be respecting these rules will be towed. 4-H project dogs are allowed in the RV lot but family non-project dogs are not permitted in the lot.

4-H Dorms are supervised by PNE staff and volunteer chaperones, but occasionally issues do arise. Please refrain from leaving valuables unguarded in the dormitories.

The Dorm and RV Curfew will be strictly enforced as always, so please respect them. The PNE 4-H curfew is 11:00pm nightly, with the exception of an 10:30pm curfew on Friday night to allow for fire drills and Monday night when the curfew will be 12:00am to allow for the dance.



## WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THE PNE?

As an urban Fair, the PNE is excited about the strong foothold that we continue to hold with 4-H and agriculture. We are proud to watch 4-H continue to evolve each year as we move forward together. The Pacific Spirit Horse Show will host shows in various disciplines along with some brand new shows this year and Farm Country continues to educate the urban public about BC Agriculture. In addition to our Ag programming, there is so much going on at the PNE that we challenge you to try to fit it all in during your stay! Offering Playland rides, Super Dogs, the Prizehome, nightly concerts in the Amphitheatre, hundreds of community group showcases, and many brand new exciting attractions being announced in June! As an exhibitor you have access to all of this and more free of charge during your stay! Come and experience our exciting Fair this year, we can't wait to share it all with you! Check out our website for more details at [www.pne.ca](http://www.pne.ca).

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## GOOD-BYE...

The PNE 4-H Festival closing ceremonies will be held on Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm in the Agrodome. The Closing Ceremonies will once again feature the awards ceremony as well as recognize the 2017 graduating members. Leaders are encouraged to submit names and a couple of lines about those members who are completing their 4-H career in 2017. These names must be submitted to the 4-H Office by 1:00pm on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## MOVE-OUT

Island and Interior clubs will be required to apply for an assigned early move out time. Clubs will need to fill out the form included in the entry package and send it back to the entry office. This will make it easier to schedule move out times for each club. Early release will begin at approximately 3:30pm. Remaining clubs will move out as directed following the evening RCMP performance. Clubs are permitted to start take-down at 5:00pm but are asked to be mindful of the public while doing so. Due to the RCMP performance, clubs will NOT be permitted to move equipment or supplies to the Agrodome until the RCMP horses are back to their stalls. Immediately following the RCMP show the 4-H area will be closed to public and clubs may begin to load out through the Agrodome. Because our Fair continues to be in full operation, movement in the barns and vehicle traffic on the grounds must exercise extreme caution.