

How to Exhibit - Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Who can enter exhibits?

Answer: Residents of Grays Harbor as well as any other area.

Question: What does it cost to enter?

Answer: Nothing, unless you are entering livestock.



Question: Do I have to pre-register my entry?

Answer: No, but you will need to fill out an entry form and tag when you bring your entry to the fairgrounds. There are four categories: Youth, Adult, Senior, and Professional or Commercial. Anyone who charges a fee to teach, or makes items for sale should enter in the Professional or Commercial class.

Question: Where do I get an entry form and tag?

Answer: Entry forms and tags will be available on entry day. Before entry day, right here at the fair office. You can pick up entry tags during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm) OR, you can send a self-addressed stamped envelope (using one first class stamp for every 6 tags) and we'll mail them to you.

Question: When do I bring my entry? And where do I take it?

Answer: All Exhibits, except livestock and horticulture are entered on Saturday, August 7, 10 a.m. – noon or Sunday, August 8, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Horticulture including gardening and floral are entered on Tuesday, August 10. Horticulture 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Floral 2 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Entry times are strictly enforced and late entries are not accepted.

Question: Can I enter exhibits in more than one department?

Answer: Absolutely! There are more than a dozen departments to choose from. Check the Exhibitor's Book at www.gchfairgrounds.com or call 482-2651 to see how many items can be entered in a specific category.

Question: Can I win anything?

Answer: Typically, blue ribbons are given for first place, red ribbons for second, and white ribbons for third. Premiums (cash awards) are also given on placement, unless otherwise specified. You can also vie for special awards, such as Cash Awards or a Merchandise Award. Check the departments for premium levels and special awards. Also be sure to read the General Rules and Regulations regarding Awards for additional information.

Question: How is my entry judged? When does it happen? Can I watch?

Answer: Entries are judged using the Danish Judging System – entries are judged by a standard, not against other entries. Depending on the department, judging typically takes place the morning after or immediately after entry closes. It is closed to the public.

Question: When can I see if I won anything?

Answer: When you come to the fair! And, as an added bonus for entering something, you can purchase a one-day admission ticket at a reduced price on entry day!

Question: When can I pick up my entry?

Answer: Entries can be picked up Sunday, August 15, between 7 and 9 pm from the building it was displayed in. After that, you can come to the fair office during regular office hours, Tuesday, August 17.

Question: When and where do I pick-up my winnings.

Answer: Premiums (cash awards) are paid approximately 30 days after the fair ends. Merchandise Awards and certificates can be picked up with your entry on Sunday August 15, from 7 to 9 pm.

The Grays Harbor County Fair Exhibitor's Book is available on-line at www.gchfairgrounds.com. Click on "County Fair", then on the Exhibitor's Guide Button to find out what is necessary to enter, and to print entry forms. If you still have questions, please feel free to call the fair office for help.