

February 23, 2009

FAIR UPDATE LETTER

The following contains information and changes regarding Placer County Fair and/or Gold Country that will be helpful to know as you plan for the fairs and at fair time.

Placer County Fair June 25- 28, 2009 "Celebrating 100 Years of Swine & Roses"
Entry closing date: Friday, May 29th

Gold Country Fair September 10-13, 2009 "Where Memories Begin"
Entry closing date: Tuesday, August 11th

Weigh In Dates:

Placer Co Fair :

Sheep, Swine & Goats - Saturday April 25th 7-11 am

Gold Country Fair:

Beef - Saturday, April 11th 8-11 am

Sheep, Swine & Goats - **SUNDAY**, July 12th 7-11 am

Ethics/Quality Assurance is mandatory for all exhibitors, leaders, advisors and Independent parents. Training dates are:

- March 5th Placer Co. Fair - Lauppe Hall, 6:00 pm
- April 10th Placer Co. Fair - Lauppe Hall, 6:00 pm
- June 11th Gold Country Fair - Sutter Bldg, 6:00 pm
- Aug. 20th Gold Country Fair - Sutter Bldg. 6:00 pm

This mandatory training is required every 5 years for exhibitors entering livestock, small animals and horses in Gold Country Fair, Placer County Fair or California State Fair. Exhibitors qualifying for State Fair must have completed their training by August 1, 2009.

Independent Exhibitors must attend a noted Independent Exhibitor meeting, complete a record book and show proof of animal ownership along with a picture of their market animal(s). Record books will be handed out at the mandatory meeting. Completed record books, proof of ownership and pictures of market animals are due with entry forms by that fair's entry deadline.

Independent Exhibitor Meeting dates are:

Thursday, March 5 Placer Co. Fair 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 11 Gold Country Fair 6:00 pm

Swine - market hogs will be pre-weighed & tagged this year. The minimum market hog weight has been changed to 225 lbs. Therefore market hogs weights will be 225 - 285 lbs, with the top pay weight at 280 lbs.

Dairy Goats - Youth exhibitors will show after the Open exhibitors at both Fairs. Recorded Grade will be added to the Youth Dairy Goat Divisions.

GOLD COUNTRY FAIR changes:

Pygmy Goat Show will be a NPGA sanctioned show and held prior to the fair on Saturday, September 5th. The Pygmy Goat Costume Contest and Obstacle Course will be a one day show on Thursday, September 10th during the Gold Country Fair. Animals entered arrive and leave the same day.

Market lambs will be divided by 4-H and FFA Divisions. Independent exhibitors will enter their market lambs according to exhibitor age. Classes will be broke into weight classes after weigh in. There will be a 4-H Champion and Reserve Champion, and FFA Champion and Reserve Champion. No Grand and Reserve Grand Champions. In the case an Independent lamb is awarded champion or reserve it will deemed simply as Champion or Reserve.

Gold Country Fair Jr. Livestock Auction will start earlier this year. The sale begins at 10.00, with the Buyers Breakfast at 8:30.

Gold Country Fair Exhibitor Handbooks WILL NOT be mailed this year. Handbooks will be printed and available at the fair office and many locations for exhibitors to pick up. Exhibitor Handbooks will also be available online, with online entries available. Visit our website at www.goldcountryfair.com

***BE SURE TO READ YOUR Exhibitor Handbooks FOR FURTHER RULE OR SCHEDULE CHANGES**