

2023 SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR HERDSMAN INFORMATION

(Application on reverse side)

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS **Due July 3, 2023**, LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

WHAT IS A HERDSMAN?

Somerset County 4-H members representing ALL 4-H project areas that sleep overnight in Fair tents to make sure ALL projects and equipment are safe and secure overnight. They also help to make everything clean and neat for the next day.

HERDSMAN REQUIREMENTS:

- 4-H'ers who have completed 8th grade and older
- People of good character who pledge to uphold the six pillars of character: **Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.**
- 4-H'ers who have attended at least 70% of their club meetings and done a club, county, or state presentation.

If you think you have what it takes to be a herdsman, ask your club leader and your parents to approve your application. The Herdsman Supervisor and County 4-H Agent make the final decision on which applicants meet all of the above requirements.

THE 4-H HERDSMAN CONTRIBUTE A VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE 4-H FAIR

Herdsman Rules

1. Herdsmen must have completed 8th grade or older.
2. Herdsmen must have approval **signatures from their parent/guardian** (EVEN IF MEMBER IS 18 OR OLDER) and **club leader before submitting the Application and Behavior Agreement.** The herdsman supervisor and the 4-H Agent signatures will be obtained at the herdsman orientation
3. Attendance at one of two pre-Fair Herdsman Orientation meetings is required (**July 24 at 7:00 p.m. or Aug 1 at 7:00 p.m.** at the 4-H Center). Herdsmen receive official ID's at these two meetings **NOTE: YOUR PARENT MUST ATTEND THE ORIENTATION WITH YOU IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN A HERDSMAN FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.**
4. Herdsman will be assigned to oversee specific tents, but not necessarily their own exhibits. Individuals with special needs must speak to the herdsman supervisor at the herdsman's meeting.
5. If you stay Tuesday, Wednesday and /or Thursday you **MUST** also stay Friday night through clean up. If you have committed to spending the night and find during the day you are unable to stay overnight, **YOU and YOUR PARENT MUST** notify the herdsman supervisors before 10:00 pm. *If you fail to do either of these, you will not be permitted to be a herdsman the following year.*
6. Friday night herdsman – all herdsman must stay through clean up Friday night. Once that is completed, the herdsman supervisor may check you out to your parent or guardian. Or you can stay the night.
7. **ALL** herdsmen will attend a herdsman meeting each night they stay at the fairgrounds. This half-hour meeting usually begins at 10:30 p.m. After the meeting, herdsmen will complete assignments and sleep in assigned tents (not outside or in vehicle). If you are unable to complete tasks, you cannot stay. Permission from an adult supervisor is required for anyone to leave a tent for a reason other than to use the restroom. All herdsmen will help raise tent flaps in the morning before the Fair begins.

NOTE – YOU WILL NEED TO SUPPLY ALL YOUR OWN SLEEPING GEAR (EG: SLEEPING BAG, COT, ETC.)

8. All herdsmen will help breakdown the food tent Friday night before other exhibits are dismantled.
9. Herdsmen must remain on the fairgrounds between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Absolutely no visitors are allowed. Breakfast will be served between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m.
10. Herdsmen are not permitted to handle any exhibits, enter any concession in the Food Tent (except for emergencies). Herdsmen are **NOT** permitted to use Fair vehicles.
11. Alcohol or other drugs are **NOT** permitted on the fairgrounds. There is **NO** smoking or vaping on the fairgrounds (regardless of age).
12. Parents will be notified at any hour of health or disciplinary problems. **Any herdsman sent home during the fair for disciplinary problems will not be allowed to be a herdsman for the rest of the fair and the next year's fair.**
13. *If the application is incomplete, you will receive an email stating this. It is your responsibility to contact the 4-H office for further instructions. If you do not submit a completed application by July 3, you will not be a herdsman.*

Somerset County 4-H Fair Youth Herdsman Application – Due July 3
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Please print clear and neatly. **You MUST submit an original headshot photo with application. Email (preferred) to smutko@co.somerset.nj.us**

Name of applicant for badge _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

Pronoun _____ Email _____

Grade completed by 7/1/2023 _____ Age _____ Birth date _____ (MM/DD/YEAR)

Years as a herdsman **(NOT)** including this year _____ Club(s) _____

Please *circle* the day(s) you would like to stay overnight at the Fair and serve as a Herdsman:

Tuesday August 8 Wednesday August 9 Thursday August 10

**Friday –Mandatory
August 11**

• **Applicant agreement:**

If selected as a 4-H Fair Herdsman, I agree to complete my duties and follow the rules mentioned in this letter including attending one of the two Herdsmen Orientation meetings on either **July 24 at 7:00 p.m. or Aug 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Center. IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE ORIENTATION MEETING, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE A HERDSMAN.**

Applicants Signature

• **Parental/Guardian permission** *(as long as you are a member of a 4-H club this must be signed regardless of age):*

I have read the rules mentioned in this letter and hereby give permission for my son/daughter (who is an 8th grader or older this spring) to serve as a Herdsman at the year's 4-H Fair on the nights specified. ***I will attend one herdsman orientation meeting with my son/daughter if they have not been a herdsman for 2 consecutive years.***

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

• **Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information**

In case of a sudden illness or an accident to the above named participant requiring immediate treatment or surgery while he/she is a participant in this activity, I authorize the 4-H chaperone(s) to take such action as seems appropriate to protect the health and physical well-being of the above participant. This authority extends to any physician(s) and/or surgeon(s) selected by the chaperone(s) to perform medical and/or surgical procedures including examinations and tests necessary to preserve the life and well-being of the above named participant. All efforts will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) in case of emergency.

Emergency #'s			
Contact Person			

The following information is provided as an aid to the chaperone(s) in dealing with the well being of the participant. The participant has the following **health conditions**: (including such things as allergies, handicaps, diabetes, asthma and medications needed).

Insurance Information Must Be Filled Out. If No Insurance, Mark N/A

Insurance Carrier

Group Number

Member's ID Number

• **4-H Club Leader Approval:**

The applicant is a member in good standing of _____ club has attended 70% of the clubs meetings, preformed a presentation and can be relied on to accept responsibility and follow instructions.

(Signature)

For office use only: Herdsman Orientation Meeting attended: _____ July 24 _____ Aug 1