To: Wise County Youth Fair Exhibitors

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Good luck to all exhibitors! You have devoted a tremendous amount of time and effort to your projects during this year and we wish you all lots of success. We hope the experience you have gained will serve you well for many years to come.

This year Boyd FFA will have 92 youth fair entries and 64 exhibitors. The week of the show will be a very fast and demanding week. As always, you are attending this show as a Boyd FFA member and BISD student and are expected to follow school rules and requirements. Make sure that you are following rules (including dress code) at all times. We expect the best behavior from you while attending this and all other FFA functions. Meals are not provided so bring concession money or have guardian transportation to go eat. **You WILL NOT be leaving for lunch with other exhibitors**.

**Show Attendance**: If you are scheduled to be at the show during an instruction day you will have an extracurricular excused absence for the day, you must be at the WCYF barn from 8 am – 3:45 pm. ONLY BHS students exhibiting a project at the youth fair will be granted an extracurricular absence. Any other BHS students attending the youth fair during the school day are considered truant (Monday-Friday), it is our responsibility to report these absences to the school.  **IF YOU MAKE THE SALE - YOU AND YOUR ANIMAL WILL NEED TO BE PRESENT THAT SATURDAY the 4th.**

**Transportation:**

It is very difficult for ag teachers to provide transportation for even a small portion of our 64 exhibitors. Our primary responsibility is to the kids and projects at the fairgrounds. If a family absolutely cannot provide transportation please let us know **prior** to the beginning of the fair and a school employee will shuttle them back and forth.

**Sign-in/out**: There will be a sign-in sheet for instructional days at the school show boxes. You will need to sign in/out each time you leave the show grounds. This is the responsibility of each exhibitor- Do Not sign for anyone else. This will help us and the HS office make sure you are not counted absent from school. We have to have this as a record for your attendance.

**Rules:** Rules for the youth fair can be found at [www.wcyouthfair.org](http://www.wcyouthfair.org). Read all rules—both the general rules and department rules for the specie(s) you are showing.

**Schedule**: A detailed schedule with show start times is available at [www.wcyouthfair.org](http://www.wcyouthfair.org). Days and show times have changed considerably from previous years.

* Rabbits and Longhorns Show Tuesday the 28th,, Starting at 1:00pm
* Market Swine Show Thursday the 2nd, Starting at 8:00am
* Market Steers Show Friday the 3rd, Starting at 8:00am
* Heifers Show Friday the 3rd, Starting at 1:00pm
* Market Lambs Show Thursday the 2nd, Starting at 2:00pm
* Market Goats Show Thursday the 2nd, Following the Lambs (and Breeding Goats if there is enough to make a show).
* Ag Mech Show Friday the 3rd, Starting at 10:00am

**Shavings:**

Shavings can be purchased at Boyd Feed Store, Russell’s or NRS.

* Cattle exhibitors - 3 bags bulk - 6 bags pellets
* Pig exhibitors need to bring at least 2 bags of shavings for each pig.
* Lambs - You will need to provide your own, minimum 2 bags.
* Goats - Everyone will pay $5 for shavings at the meeting in the bleachers.

**All Animal Exhibitors:**

Please have your animal washed and dried before it is clipped. No animals can be clipped after arrival. Use mild dish soap (Dawn, Ivory, etc.) or whitening shampoo, to wash it, and clean old towels to dry your animal. - **Most animals will be clipped Feb 24th, 27th and 28th (pigs). AT HOME ANIMALS MUST SCHEDULE WITH THE AG TEACHERS or we will assume you are clipping yourself.**

Label your bag of feed, chain, halter, hay, etc. or it will be assumed community property. Our exhibitors are all welcome to use school property from the school showboxes, but put it back if you use it. Each year we find ourselves purchasing the same items again.

In the final days prior to fair arrival – don’t do any wacky changes to how you're feeding your animal – it’s no fun trying to manage diarrhea up there.

**Showmanship:** You need to practice showing your animal everyday between now and show day.

**Show clothes:** You will need to show and walk through the sale in clean, pressed jeans, leather shoes, and a collared shirt.

**Lamb & Goat Exhibitors-** You will need a show chain, halter, blanket and/or sock. The school has a show box for some loose items - Arrival - We will load goats and tack at 8 am Wednesday at the ag farm. If you are transporting your own – you need to be at Decatur by 10:30am. **Mandatory Exhibitor meeting wed. in the bleachers 11am.** Classifying will begin around 2:00pm. Goats will show on Thursday following the Lamb show (2:00 pm).All goats that are hauled back to the barn after the show on Thursday will be sold at Hamilton sale barn and must be cared for by the exhibitor until they are sold. **Goats not cared for and left in the outside exercise area are subject to a $20 fee paid to Boyd FFA.**

**Cattle Exhibitors** – Stall set up at 5:00 pm on Tuesday 3/1 @ fairgrounds. Wednesday arriving between 8:00am and 3:00pm, Classifying and weighing steers will be following the swine classification (3:00pm). Heifers registration will be checked between 4:00 pm and 6:00pm. Steers will show at 8:00am and Heifers will show at 1:00pm on Friday 3/3. **Cattle must vacate our school barn no later than April 1st** - we will have new cattle coming in that the pens will need to be made ready for.

**Pig exhibitors** **Mandatory Exhibitor meeting at the swine pens Wed 12:00**

**pm**– **You must bring 2 bags of shavings to the pig barn by Monday the 27th**-Label it with a marker so we know who provided it. Have your feed in some kind of plastic covered container that can be set on a shelf (no loose bags). The school has a show box for some loose items – nothing can be left in the pen area that is not in a sealed container such as a bucket with a lid. Don’t forget to bring a pig whip. Swine Classifying will happen at 3pm Wed. The Swine Show starts at 8:00 am Thursday. **Pigs must vacate our barn by April 1st, no exceptions.**

**Ag Mechanics –** Move in at 7:00am Friday the 3rd, Meet at the Ag building 7am if you will need a ride and load with Coach Starnes. If a parent cannot provide transportation - plan on riding with Coach Starnes. Nice show clothes – the show begins at 10am Friday, be prepared to show until after 3pm. Don’t forget your folders – make sure you wear nice show type clothes.

**Rabbits** - Arrive by 8:00 am (check-in 10:00-12:00 pm), Show starts at 1:00pm. Show and release the same day. Rabbits need to be taken home after the show.

Additional Memos:

**Goats –** All **Jr. FFA** Member goats will be clipped Thursday 2/23 after school – please make sure they are clean and available. All high school student goats will be clipped on Friday 2/24. Students need to be present at the barn during their Ag Class and prepared to stay and help. We will load goats and tack 8:00 am Wednesday the 1st at the ag farm.

**Swine** – Wash and condition, practice showmanship, be prepared to be available all day 3/1 and 3/2. It takes a lot of manpower to haul and make the swine show work.

**Rabbits** – Plan ahead and make sure you have a carrier with a bottom to haul your rabbits to the youth fair. Rabbits need to be clean – if you cannot provide transportation for

your rabbits and exhibitor – you must let an ag teacher know immediately. These are the

easiest animals to haul and we need parents to help if possible.

**If you have not yet joined your species, please do so today! Text 81010 with the following codes;**

Remind: **Cattle** (@fb48b8) **Swine** (@e9e43e) **Lamb/Goat** (@e7hgee) **Rabbit** (@hh43k97)

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**I have received and read the 2023 WCYF information packet:**

Parent name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Animals will not be clipped or loaded for fair without parent acknowledgement. If you cannot provide transportation for your exhibitor – you must let an ag teacher know immediately.

The information packet is on our website and was sent out to animal exhibitors on the remind messaging system. ALL PARENTS AND EXHIBITORS – READ THE INFORMATION PACKET!!