



YAKIMA VALLEY FAIR & RODEO

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RE: THE YAKIMA VALLEY FAIR AND RODEO IS NOW ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2008 EVENT!

Summary of Important Dates:

July 18, 2008 (Friday) – Due date for vendor application and deposit to be received by the YVFR.

August 6, 2008, 9 AM (Wednesday) – Start date and time for early vendor set up.

August 7, 2008, 12 PM noon (Thursday) – Date and time for vendor set up to be completed.

August 6th through August 9th, 2008 (Wednesday through Saturday) – Dates for the YVFR event.

August 10, 2008 (Sunday) – Vendor tear down, YVFR event closed all day.

The Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (YVFR) will be held again this year at Country Park in Grandview, WA. This will be our 81th Annual Fair and our 8th Annual Rodeo! The fair will be held Wednesday August 6 through Saturday August 9, 2008, and this year it is going to be better than ever!!! You will want to plan on setting up your exhibit or booth for the entire time of the fair because of all the GREAT events that are going to take place.

In addition to the 4-H livestock shows, exhibits, and other events, there will be a number of fun contests taking place during the fair, and this includes the Friday evening "Diaper Derby". On Thursday there will be a big draw to the fair grounds due to the Band and Cheer Day that will be held again this year in preparation for the Grandview Parade that will take place Thursday evening. The Grandview Parade has grown to over 100 entries and attracts spectators from all over the Yakima Valley.

Our extremely popular rodeo event will be held on Friday (August 8th) and Saturday (August 9th) in the evenings. Our rodeo was part of the Pro West Rodeo Association since 2001, and in 2004 it was moved up to the big leagues and was placed in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) circuit. Our rodeo event for this year will also be under the PRCA. We are also going to have the Grandview Chamber Car Show from 8 AM to 3 PM on Saturday again this year. In each of the last two years, the car show had over 100 vehicles entered, and it was EXTREMELY successful with regard to creating additional spectator interest in our fair event!

The Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo will be held at the Country Park fair grounds, just off Interstate 82, at the Stover Road Exit 73 in the Yakima Valley at 812 Wallace Way in Grandview, Washington, 98930. The grounds include a 20 acre fenced facility with open grass areas, outdoor amphitheater, fenced horse arena, covered animal barns, enclosed 4-H and Horticulture buildings, baseball diamonds, sales arena, a large pavilion for dining, and lots of room for outdoor vendor tents!

Commercial booth and food vendor applications will be processed on a first-come first-served basis, so send in the enclosed Application/Contract and a check for your deposit as soon as possible! The required deposit is equal to the total amount of the fees associated with the vendor ordered space and/or tent rentals as shown in the "Booth Options" section of the Application/Contract. The total amount of any balance due by the vendor to the YVFR with regard to any other fees is payable at the time of vendor arrival at the fair. The commercial booth and food vendor area was very successful last year, and our space this year is going to be limited, so please send in your application early! In order for your application to be considered for acceptance, all applications must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, July 18, 2008.

The commercial exhibit and food vendor booth options and prices are listed in the enclosed Application/Contract. Please sign and return the Application/ Contract with your check or money-order for the deposit in order to have your application reviewed. Deposits will ONLY be returned when an Application/Contract is NOT accepted by the YVFR.

After receiving your completed Application/Contract and deposit payment, your Application/ Contract and attachments will be reviewed and considered for acceptance. The decision to accept or reject applications will be at the sole discretion of the YVFR. All applications will be processed on a "first-come first-served" basis with much weight given to those applications that arrive early and that are correctly completed, that include a payment for the correct deposit amount, that include complete descriptions of the services provided and/or the items to be sold, and that include photos or drawings of the vendor's booth or exhibit.

FOOD VENDORS, PLEASE NOTE: In order to be eligible for approval, applications from food vendors must include a certificate of insurance for one million dollars of liability insurance with the YVFR listed as an additional insured. In addition, food vendors need to note the following with regard to obtaining a temporary food permit:

For information about obtaining a temporary food permit from the Yakima Health District, see the following web site: <http://www.co.yakima.wa.us/health/eh/fstemp.htm>. This temporary food permit is good for up to 21 consecutive days at the same location. If you have any questions about the Temporary Food Service Application, please call the Yakima Health District at 509-575-4040 or 1-800-535-5016. As of January 1st, 2008, all applications must be turned into the Yakima Health District at least two weeks before the event. A \$50.00 late fee will be charged for applications received within one calendar week of the event. Applications received within two (2) business days of the event will be denied.

Please also note that for the rodeo event we are encouraging the food vendors to provide the capability to transport food and beverages from their stationary locations in the food court to the rodeo arena area so that concessions can be sold to the rodeo patrons.

Acceptance confirmation letters will be mailed out to notify those vendors that have sent in applications that are accepted by the YVFR. Deposits will NOT be returned once the YVFR has accepted your Application/Contract. Because we do not want the same items sold from a multiple of vendors, we reserve the right to limit the number of booths and exhibits that are similar in appearance, and to limit the number of similar products that are sold. Please remember that the commercial exhibit and booth set up time at the fair begins at 9 AM on Wednesday (Aug. 6) and must be completed by 12 PM noon on Thursday (Aug. 7). A season pass is required to get into the fairgrounds to set up your commercial exhibit or food booth on Thursday, August 7th.

The YVFR fair event will be open 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM on Wednesday and Thursday, and from 8:00 AM to midnight on Friday and Saturday. It is estimated that about 4,000 people attend the YVFR event during the four days that the fair is in operation.

Thanks for all your support and cooperation. Without you, the fair would not be a success! If there is anything that you need or if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (509) 391-0706, or send an email to info@yvfair-rodeo.org. Please note that the Application/Contract form can be filled out online and printed out for mailing by using the online form in our web site located at <http://www.yvfair-rodeo.org>.

Thank you for your interest in our fair and rodeo event!!

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