2015 State Fair Buses

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Greeley at the Extension Center for Youth Development (Supt's Office Number: 651-642-2356).

Minnesota State Fair Map

Busing - Unloading/Loading - Parking

- The daily parade is at 2:00 p.m.
- Buses and vans are NOT permitted to park on Cosgrove Avenue (in front of the 4-H Building).
- Bus parking...Areas are provided at the North Fox Lot (Randall Avenue). See map.

PRE-STATE FAIR

Beginning August 3rd, there will be only three available entrances onto the Fairgrounds. These three entrances are the Hoyt Ave/Dan Elmer Way gate, the South Underwood Gate and the Canfield gate. The Hoyt/Dan Elmer Way gate (marked near gate #0 on the State Fair map) is available by taking either Underwood Street off Larpenteur Ave. OR Hoyt Ave. off Snelling Ave. The south Underwood Gate (marked #7 on the State Fair map) is near the Haunted House just off of Como Ave. The Canfield Street gate (marked #14 on the State Fair map) is west of the Swine Barn off Como Ave. All vehicles entering the grounds from August 3 until August 26 will be security screened. Translated to 4-H activities, if you are coming to the Fairgrounds for one of the following reasons between August 3 and August 26, you will need to use one of these three entrances: Minnesota State Arts-In, General Livestock Judging, Consumer Decisions Contests, the Livestock Show Coordinators meeting, Final Registration for counties, those bringing individual projects to the 4-H Building ahead of or on August 26 and Livestock encampment delegations. Parking in the lot north of the 4-H Building and in front of the 4-H Building on Cosgrove is appropriate ONLY until August 26. DO NOT park in areas that are blocked off or say "No Parking" or you may be ticketed and/or towed.

OVERNIGHT PARKING DURING THE FAIR

Overnight parking will be made available on a first-come-first-serve basis (2 per county per encampment) in the Continuing Education Conference Center lot adjacent to the St. Paul Campus. This lot is east of the Continuing Education Conference Center and will be made available to overnight parking. It will be a non-staffed lot. The closest entrance onto the grounds from the Continuing Education Conference Center lot is the Buford entrance just east of the parking lot. During Livestock Weekend, overnight parking spots are also available in Lot SC175 (off of Cleveland Avenue on St. Paul Campus). You can get a ride onto the fairgrounds from Bailey Hall. NOTE: Those using the Continuing Education Center lot for overnight parking will need an appropriate sticker and Lot SC175 will need a hangtag. These passes will be available in the 4-H Superintendent's Office in the 4-H Building or in the 4-H Livestock Office (during 4-H livestock weekend only) in the cattle barn. For 4-H people, these lots will be good for overnight parking. It is not, however, close to the 4-H Building and is not meant for day-only parking.
4-H LIVESTOCK WEEKEND

Wednesday Arrival
All Counties are REQUIRED to arrive on Wednesday with livestock. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8 PM WEDNESDAY. PLEASE NOTE: NO ANIMALS ALLOWED ON FAIR GROUNDS PRIOR TO 4 AM Wednesday. This includes the barns, in the tie outs or kept in trailers parked on the ground. Violators will not be allowed to exhibit and will be sent home. On Wednesday, you are allowed to drive onto the grounds to get to the barns or the 4-H Building.

Sunday Load Out
Long Distance Livestock Counties
Long distance counties are described as counties whose county seat is more than 200 miles from St. Paul. On Sunday the load-out procedure will be announced Long distance counties (if applicable) will have been pre-determined and have early load-out directions. After loading animals, trucks may exit at Liggett, Stevens or Canfield gates.

Livestock Weekend Sunday Load Out:
From the 4-H Building:
If your county is assigned to the 4-H Building during livestock encampment please designate some 4-Hers to get the counties luggage down to a holding area outside at the north end of the 4-H Building from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The 4-H Building Exhibit staff will have marked off an area for your county or delegation to place your luggage. After the 2 PM parade, buses will be called up when the chaperone or lead 4-Her tells us that all of the luggage and/or 4-Hers are ready to load and board the bus. If a county chooses to have a couple 4-Hers load the entire county delegations luggage onto the bus the bus can then continue down to the Fox Lot and wait for the rest of the county delegation to meet the bus.
If you are a county with 4-Hers arriving for Encampment 1 and picking up 4-Hers that have stayed in the 4-H Building please assign someone to have your luggage ready to go when that bus is brought up or we will have the bus go back to the Fox Lot and call it back up when all the luggage and 4-Hers are ready to board the bus. We do not have the space for a bus to wait for 4-Hers to get on the bus, that waiting will need to take place in the Fox Lot.

4-H SHUTTLE BUS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS
*Note the Livestock Location*
The 4-H Livestock Weekend Shuttle Bus will run continually from Wednesday noon to the release of livestock at 3:00 pm to best service 4-H livestock exhibitors. The drop off/pickup points will be the 4-H Building, the Como Loop Gate (southeast of the Coliseum), Bailey Hall and Continuing Education Conference Center (old Earle Brown) parking lot. The schedule for the shuttle will be posted and available in the 4-H livestock office of each of the seven species areas and in the 4-H Building by the Superintendents’ Office. Note that the 4-H Livestock Shuttle will no longer come onto the fairgrounds by the AgStar Arena but will instead drop and pick up at the Como Loop Gate. Look for the designated spot and the appropriately labeled bus.
*The bus will leave Bailey Hall at 6:30 am each morning and go straight to the Como Loop Gate.
*Last bus from the Como Loop Gate will be at 10:35 pm each night, except Sunday night.
*This shuttle bus will continue to run after 3:00 pm on Sunday, but stops at Bailey Hall and the Como Loop Gate will be eliminated.

*4-HERS STAYING IN TERRITORIAL HALL*
A portion of Livestock Delegations will be housed in Territorial Hall on the Minneapolis Campus. We will be providing extensive bussing services from Territorial Hall directly to the State Fair Como Loop Gate (near the Coliseum). The Como Loop Gate is located just southeast of the barns. Note that the 4-H Territorial Shuttle will no longer come onto the fairgrounds by the AgStar Arena but will instead drop and pick up at the Como Loop Gate. Look for the designated spot and the appropriately labeled bus. The Territorial Bus will provide regular service from 5:00 am to 11:00 pm.
**The Territorial Bus will run from 5:00 am to 8:00 am and from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm every 15 minutes.
**The Territorial Bus will run 8:00 am to 9:00 pm every 30 minutes.
4-Hers departing Territorial Hall MUST remove all possessions from their rooms (a storage room will be provided) by 8 am.
4-HERS STAYING IN BAILEY HALL

Note that 4-H livestock exhibitors staying in Bailey Hall should enter the Fairgrounds through the Buford Avenue Gate beginning at 5 am on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Please note that the Dan Patch Gate that has been previously used will no longer be open to walk through. 4-Hers departing Bailey Hall MUST remove all possessions from their rooms (a storage room will be provided) by 8 am.

4-HERS STAYING IN CATTLE AND SWINE BARNs

On Sunday, 4-Hers departing the Cattle and Swine Barn dormitories must remove all possessions before noon (NO storage is provided). 4-Hers can arrange to meet their county delegations at the Fox Lot or at the Loop Gate.

LAMA ENCAMPMENT

No special arrangements are made for 4-Hers arriving during Lama Encampment.

GENERAL ENCAMPMENTS

(last eight days of the fair)

ALL 4-H GENERAL ENCAMPMENT BUSES MUST USE THIS PROCEDURE AND THE BELOW MENTIONED GATES!

All buses delivering 4-Hers to General Encampments must use the Transit Way entrance off Como west of the livestock barns. We would recommend getting on the Transit Way off of Energy Park (approximately ½ mile east of Highway 280) (it is a stoplight). All vehicles will be security checked at the Transit Way entrance. These vehicles once entering the fairgrounds from the Transit Way, will proceed east down Dan Patch and take a left onto Randall. You must stop and check in with a 4-H Representative on a golf cart that will inform you as to when you can proceed to the 4-H Building. When you proceed on Randall to the 4-H Building watch for 4-H representatives to help you turn onto Cosgrove and then into the alley on the north end of the 4-H Building. You will be stopped and then advised on where to park at that point. After dropping off or picking up your delegation, you will be given a police escort back out of the fairgrounds.

Delegations should be dropped off and enter the north entrance to the 4-H Building. The window for entering the grounds from the Transit Way is 2:30-4 PM. All counties will be expected to arrive at the 4-H Building within the 2:30-4 PM, 1 ½ hour window. 4-H vehicles should NOT plan to depart any earlier than 2:30 PM on the final day of your Encampment. Buses arriving must stay in the Fox Lot until they are directed to the 4-H Building by the 4-H representative on a golf cart.

General Encampment Load Out

Have 4-Hers bring luggage between 12:45 pm and 2:00 pm to the north end of the 4-H Building. A designated spot will be assigned to your county or delegation outside of the north entrance. The lead chaperone will inform Sandy Ducharme, 4-H Exhibits Coordinator, when the delegation is all there and accounted for. Once everyone from that county is ready and in the holding area we will call up the bus from the holding area.

HANDICAP PARKING

Handicapped parking is available in the following three places: 1. north of the Pet Center, 2. north of Heritage Square, and 3. the front of the south Como lot.

Share the Fun, Rube Goldberg and County Arts-In

This year there will be a truck to help haul supplies for Share the Fun, Rube Goldberg and County Arts-In from St. Paul Campus (the circle drive in front of the Continuing Education and Conference Center) to the 4-H Building. The truck will pick up on St. Paul Campus at 7:30 AM and leave the 4-H Building at 9:00 PM daily. These are the only times when the truck is available to help haul supplies. If these times do not work for you, props and supplies must be carried to the 4-H Building from parking lots or brought on the bus with the county delegation.