

## Marion County Fair Website FAQ's

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### Frequently Asked Questions:

**1. *What does it cost to go to the fair, where do I buy tickets?***

A person can buy tickets ahead of time on the fair website (see "Buy Tickets" tab) or purchase them at the gates.

**2. *What are the hours of the fair?***

See dates and times on the fair's home page.

**3. *How do I exhibit my project ( jam, art, photo, etc.) at the fair?***

See the "Contests" page on the fair's web page to view the Public Competitions' Handbook and also for on-line registration through ShoWorks.

**4. *Are there senior discounts on gate entrance tickets? What age is considered a senior?***

A senior is considered to be age 62 and older. Seniors pay a \$5.00 general admission fee to enter.

**5. *Does the fair hire temporary workers to work at the carnival and food booths?***

No; the county fair does not hire temporary workers in these capacities. The carnival contractor independently hires temporary workers, advertising through the media. The food booth owners arrange for workers prior to the fair beginning; they do not seek temporary help via the county fair.

**6. *Are wheelchairs and strollers available for rent at the fair?***

No; the county fair does not provide strollers, wheelchairs, or any other mobility device for personal use at the fair.

**7. *Do handicapped or "special needs" individuals get free entry to the fair?***

A person in a wheelchair pays general admission prices. However, should they require an escort to assist them with their wheelchair, the escort gets in for free.

**8. *Do those in the military get free entry to the fair?***

Yes, on Thursday, Honor Day; military members and their immediate family members, gain free entrance to the fair.

**9. *Are there any carnival discounts?***

There are no carnival discounts provided by the fair. The carnival itself may provide discounts, such as wristbands, on-site.

**10. *How would I find the schedule for a specific event?***

The fair website will post daily schedules as soon as they are available which is usually a few days prior to the fair opening.

**11. *Where is the Lost & Found?***

The Lost & Found is in the fair office which is located in the Log Cabin at the Green gate. Fairgoers can submit information on what they have lost for follow-up later should the item be found. The fair makes every attempt to get items back to their right full owners.

**12. How do I become an entertainer at the fair?**

The fair's Entertainment Coordinator seeks local talent who are willing to perform for free or for a minimal fee. To apply, see the application on the website under the "Attractions & Entertainment" tab.

**13. Where can I get volunteer information?**

Contact FairVolunteers@co.marion.or.us or call Sarah Coutley at 503-589-3276.

**14. Can dogs be brought onto the fairgrounds?**

The only dogs allowed on the fairgrounds are those who are pre-registered to participate in events such as the Flyball Tournament, the 4H Dog Obedience classes, or in other fair scheduled events. Officially sanctioned service dogs are also allowed on the grounds.

**15. Is there a separate fee for national acts' concerts at the fair?**

No, the gate entrance fee gives you free entry to the concerts.

**16. Does the county fair have a rodeo?**

Not at this time. Periodically, the fair will host a particular rodeo event such as bull riding, or barrel racing. See the daily schedules for more information.

**17. Can food be brought into the fair?**

The fair food vendors exist to provide fairgoers' snacks and meals. Only special foods such as for infants, or those with special dietary needs, can be brought onto the grounds. Water bottles can be filled on-site.

**18. Can the public camp at the fairgrounds?**

No; there is no public camping at the fairgrounds. However, there are hosted RV camping parks located in the Salem area.