



## **2021 Evergreen State Fair FAQ**

**All events subject to change**

### **Dates & Times**

**What are the dates of the 2021 Evergreen State Fair?**

August 26 –31 & September 2-6. We will be closed on Wednesday, September 1st.

**Times:** 10:30 a.m. - 10pm daily; 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sept. 6 (Labor Day)

Ticket booths open at 10 a.m. and gates open at 10:30 a.m.

**Why is the fair only 11 days this year?**

Historically, Wednesday is our least attended day. This break will give our staff time to deep clean the buildings and grounds, 4H youth to care for their animals and get ready for the second half of fair!

**Is this a drive through event?**

No, this is not a drive through event.

### **Health & Safety**

The health and safety of our staff and guests is at the center of all our decisions. We go above and beyond with the safety measures outlined in our Fair Health and Safety Plan. We will continue to work with local and state health leaders to offer as safe as fair as we possibly can. Read all about [how we are having a safe fair](#).

**Will I receive a refund if the Fair or paid Fair events are cancelled?**

Yes

**Will you require proof of vaccine?**

We will follow local and state COVID-19 guidelines regarding vaccination status at the time of Fair. Please reference our [COVID-19 webpage](#) for current updates. At this time, proof of vaccination is not required for fairs in Washington State.

### **Will you require guests to wear masks?**

We will follow current local and state COVID-19 guidelines regarding masks at the time of Fair, including the [Snohomish County Mask Directive for Indoor Public Spaces](#). Please reference our [COVID-19 webpage](#) for current updates.

### **How will you control crowds?**

We are lowering daily capacity for the 2021 Evergreen State Fair. The local and national staffing shortage has affected our ability to hire enough staff to operate the Fair at the usual capacity. This has not only affected government staffing, but our vendors are also experiencing a labor and product supply shortage. We are very grateful to be hosting the community back at the Fair Park and to be planning a fair this year, even with the current strain on resources across many industries. Having lower capacity allows us to operate safely and efficiently with less staff, especially on busy weekends. The fair will be different this year – read our [FAQ's](#) to learn more about what to expect.

We are also scheduling our programming and vendor booths so that we allow for fairgoers to move and spread out throughout the grounds and have multiple opportunities to enjoy the grounds and entertainment.

## **Tickets & Parking**

Advance purchase tickets will be available on our website - [Evergreenfair.org](#). We strongly encourage advance purchase of tickets to reduce your wait time at the gate and contact with our ticket sellers.

### **How to buy tickets?**

You can buy tickets directly from our website, [evergreenfair.org](#) or our official ticket seller [Etix](#). You can also buy tickets in person at our Fair Gates, which are open during the fair. If you have special ticketing requests, our Pass booth (located at the Red Gate) is open from 8:00 am to 7:30 pm daily.

### **Why are you not offering Special Admission Days?**

Special Admission Days are not being offered in 2021. Instead, we offered a free weekday admission ticket with a donation of 3+ non-perishable items at our [Fair Food Drive](#) on July 10. Offering free tickets this way will disperse the usual crowds on Special Admission Days and eliminate the pressure of having to come to the Fair on a certain day to save money on admission. We are also offering advanced admission tickets on our website starting July 23 at a discounted price.

## How can I get discount Tickets?

**Discount Rides:** Purchase your Unlimited Ride Wristbands by August 25 and save! You can purchase the wristbands online at [Etix.com](https://www.etix.com) (fee applies) or at the Fair Pass Booth (no additional fee).

**Discount Admission: Weekday Admission Pack:** New this year is one heck of a deal! Our new Weekday Roundup Ticket Package includes four tickets for only \$32 (with free parking)! We are encouraging fair guests to enjoy all the amazing things we have to offer on our six weekdays to spread out capacity and avoid crowded weekends.

Purchase advance discount admission, group, carnival passes by August 25 and save!

Kids 5 and under are always FREE!

## Does a pre-purchased ticket guarantee entry?

Yes, if you pre-purchase your tickets for any fair event (either online or at the ticket booth) you are guaranteed entry. Your hand will be stamped for re-entry, which also guarantees entry, but please be advised that if you leave and parking is full when you return, you are not guaranteed a parking spot.

## Will I be turned away if I walk up to the ticket booth?

We are lowering capacity due to limited staffing this year. This means that there is a chance that if you do not pre-purchase tickets and instead walk up to the ticket booth and the fair park is at capacity, the gates will be closed until capacity has lowered for adequate service levels to be maintained. We will announce any closures 1 hour before closing the gates via twitter (<https://twitter.com/evergreenfairwa>) and the bottom of our homepage and announce reopening 1 hour before gates re-open. We highly recommend pre-purchasing tickets (which guarantees entry), coming early in the day and coming on a weekday if possible. Due to many factors, the Evergreen State Fair will look different this year with fewer vendors and limited daily capacity. We are very grateful to be hosting a fair and support our vendors and community this year, even with the current strain on resources across many industries. Please come celebrate and support the fair with us this year, knowing things will be different in 2021.

## Events

### Who is performing at the Fair this year?

**Concerts:** Every year, the Evergreen State Fair entertains fair goers with diverse nights of exciting Grandstand Stage concerts. The much-anticipated concert line-up is here with the announcement of the concert series. The 2021 lineup: Rock legend Foghat; Country artist Chris Janson; Christian artist Zach Williams; and award-winning female mariachi band Flor de Toloache.

### **Will fair concerts or Evergreen Speedway events be limited capacity?**

No, the outdoor fair concerts and Evergreen Speedway events will continue at full capacity at this time.

**Will gate admission be included in the price of the concert ticket?** Yes, gate admission cost is included in a concert ticket - a value of \$14.

### **Why is there no rodeo this year?**

Planning these events takes months of staff time, marketing, and promoting to make them successful. The COVID-19 guidance at the time we made this decision restricted capacity for certain events like rodeos which made them cost prohibitive.

### **When is Morning of Dreams?**

Morning of Dreams is Tuesday, August 31 from 9:00 - 10:30 am in Kiddieland.

**Will we have to pre-purchase tickets to Morning of Dreams?** No, there is no pre-registration. Save money and purchase advance discount tickets by August 25.

**What will be open during Morning of Dreams?** Rides in Kiddieland will not have music or lights from 9-10am. Roving entertainers will be on site. Select animals will be available to meet. Hosts will be on site to assist with day of questions.

## **2021 Evergreen State Fair – What will be different?**

**Exhibits:** 4H, FFA and Open Class youth start working on their projects months before the opening day of Fair. Most groups could not meet last year due to COVID-19 which has delayed many exhibit projects. Due to these factors, some exhibits will be adapted or different this year. Thank you for your understanding.

**Open Class Exhibits:** Planning for competitive exhibits in the Display Hall, building 500, takes months of staff and volunteer time to make them successful. Since we have a shortened timeline and decrease in staff & volunteers, there is not enough time to plan and properly prepare our handbook for the Still Life exhibits for 2021. We are also unable to provide enough judges to judge these items, so we will be unable to accept any Quilts, Afghans, Photos, Artwork, Crafts, Baking, Floral, and Food Preservations for the 2021 Fair. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but hope to see your items at the 2022 Evergreen State Fair! There will be educational and static displays – they are just not judged this year.

**Carnival:** The carnival rides, rules and restrictions are listed on the website. Save money and purchase an advance ride wristband.

**Ticketing:** We are encouraging everyone to pre-purchase tickets for Fair. This will limit the amount of contact for staff and guests at the fair gate and streamline your admission

experience so you can spend less time at the gate and more time making memories at the Evergreen State Fair. Tickets are not divided into timeframes – simply pre-purchase your tickets for the day you want and come anytime that day. We will continue to monitor guidelines from state and local health leaders regarding capacity recommendations.

**Events on the grounds:** The International Lumberjack Show and the Aztec Indian Dancers will be performing daily. The Courtyard Stage will have scheduled entertainment throughout each day. The Petting Farm and Rodeo will not be at the Fair this year. We will still have roving acts on the grounds. Find all the info [here](#).

**Special Displays:** Antique Tractors, Shannahan Cabin, Chainsaw Carvers, etc. Find out more [here](#).

**Parking: Parking is Free.**

**We are offering FREE parking this year for the Evergreen State Fair**

Why? The [local and national staffing shortage](#) has affected our ability to hire enough staff to operate the Fair at the usual capacity. We need to consolidate our staff for essential fair operations. We are therefore offering free parking for the 2021 Evergreen State Fair since we will not have parking sellers.

**I've already paid for parking – can I get a refund?**

Yes – Our staff have already started issuing refunds for pre-purchased parking passes. Please contact [evergreeninfo@snoco.org](mailto:evergreeninfo@snoco.org) if you have questions about your refund. We have updated our website and ticket prices to reflect this change.

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## **RV Parking/Camping**

**When will RV Camping for Fair be available to reserve?**

Reservations for the general public will be available August 2. Please check our [website](#).

## **Entering an Exhibit**

**How do I enter something into the Fair?**

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**Will there be a Youth Livestock Sale?**

Yes, the Evergreen Youth Livestock Sale will happen on Saturday, Aug 28 at 5:00 pm in the Judging Arena.

**Will 4H & FFA tickets be the same price?**

Yes, the tickets will be the same price.

## **Vendors and Sponsor Information**

**If I am a vendor and Fair is cancelled again because of COVID, do I get a full refund?** Yes, if we have to cancel the fair due to COVID-19, our vendors will receive a full refund.

**Will the same vendors be at Fair as in the past?**

Some of our vendors will be coming back to the Fair this year. In 2021, we are having limited indoor exhibits/vendors with more spacing between vendors for social distancing. There will be fewer vendors in 2021. We will list our vendors on our website.