



2024 New Mexico State Fair Volunteer Program

Horse Shows

Mission: The State Fair Horse Show has many roles and positions behind the scenes that we would like to offer to those in the community who want to support the Horse Shows at the State Fair this year. This is a new program that will require many minds and hands to execute a busy presentation of what the New Mexico horse community has to offer and demonstrate the core values the Fair represents in Equine events and access to the public. We have educational clinics, competitions and the Meet the Breeds Barn Aisle.

The spirit behind building this program has been about dedicating time and energy to share horses with everyone through our activities and foundation of one of the largest Fair experiences in the US. The actual production will depend greatly on the outreach of volunteers who also want to see this event be successful, too.

The momentum is building, and we will be hosting an online Zoom meeting to further educate, prepare, and train anyone interested in the volunteer positions available.

When: Volunteer shifts will be scheduled in approximately 6-hour shifts. Mornings from 8am to 2pm, Afternoons from 1pm to 7pm. Dates are Tuesday September 3rd through Monday September 16th. Check all available dates/shifts you can commit to on the application form. Plan the extra time to get in the gate and get to the Horse Arena.

How: Complete BOTH application and liability waiver and email to Show Manager Mariah.wilson88@yahoo.com with subject "Fair Volunteer App". Be sure you have filled out all contact information. We will review all applications and contact everyone as the event gets closer with confirmations on shifts and Zoom meeting for positions needing training.

Volunteer coordinator Shannon Burt will be your point of contact after the confirmation process. Parking and admission passes will be assigned to only the confirmed volunteer for the specific dates committed. You will sign in and out at the Horse Show office when you participate and designate which organization you would like to dedicate volunteer work.

Who: Anyone is welcome to apply to volunteer over the age of 18 as an individual. Individuals with disabilities and youth 18 and under are encouraged to participate with their adult guardian or approved assistant who is with them for the entire volunteer shift. Many positions require no horse or event experience. Some positions do require some informal training and a Zoom meeting will be held for all volunteer applicants to attend. We will further discuss safety, protocol and expectations at that time. All volunteers will be required to return liability waiver prior to participating during the event.

Where: The New Mexico State Fair is at Expo NM. Gate 8 entrance (Louisiana and Lomas) will be utilized for all Horse Show staff and volunteers. This is the gate south of Lomas on the East side of the campus. Only right-hand turns are allowed during the State Fair, so plan to come from Lomas and go south on Louisiana. Passes will be distributed to volunteers before the start of the Fair. There will be a secured room for volunteers to store their purses/keys/water bottles during their shift.



NM State Fair 2024 Volunteer Application

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1. Contact Information: Individual or Organization for Breed Barn

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ DOB: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

1. Liability Form Signed: _____ (Required)

2. Availability:

Tuesday 9/3/24 AM _____ PM _____

Tuesday 9/10/24 AM _____ PM _____

Wednesday 9/4/24 AM _____ PM _____

Wednesday 9/11/24 AM _____ PM _____

Thursday 9/5/24 AM _____ PM _____

Thursday 9/12/24 AM _____ PM _____

Friday 9/6/24 AM _____ PM _____

Friday 9/13/24 AM _____ PM _____

Saturday 9/7/24 AM _____ PM _____

Saturday 9/14/24 AM _____ PM _____

Sunday 9/8/24 AM _____ PM _____

Sunday 9/15/24 AM _____ PM _____

Monday 9/9/24 AM _____ PM _____

Monday 9/15/24 AM _____ PM _____

3. Position: (Individual) Experienced OR Would like to try (need guidance on role)

Gate _____

Ring Steward _____

Announcer _____

Test/Card Runner _____

Scorer _____

Scribe _____

Award Presenter _____

Obstacle Crew _____

Hospitality _____

Other _____

Position: (Organization)

Meet A Breed Barn Host Half Day _____ Full Day _____

Set up your material and present topics/demos/interactive public presence in the Palomino Barn.

Horse in Meet A Breed Barn 9/5-9/15 Breed _____

Shavings and hay provided by Expo. Horse must be safe around public, no biting/disruptive vices.

Email to: Mariah.Wilson88@yahoo.com

Mariah Wilson/Show Manager 505-803-3228

Shannon Burt/Volunteer Coordinator 505-720-5764

NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR - VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

I understand that I am a volunteer for the New Mexico State Fair. As a volunteer, I am not an employee of the New Mexico State Fair. I will not receive any salary or money for the services I provide. I will not receive any employment benefits such as workers' compensation, medical coverage or retirement. I am also aware that all volunteers are subject to reference and background checks as provided by law and shall be subject to all State Fair policies.

Further, I will work as an invitee of the New Mexico State Fair. Nothing herein creates an employment contract between the New Mexico State Fair and me. I understand that my invitation to volunteer may be revoked by the New Mexico State Fair at any time for any reason.

VOLUNTEER INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Volunteers shall exercise control of his/her activities at all times. Volunteers assume full responsibilities and agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the State of New Mexico, the New Mexico State Fair Commission, and all of its officers, agents and employees from all liabilities, loss or damage the New Mexico State Fair may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs, fees and liabilities of any type of description whatsoever arising from the performance by the volunteer under this agreement.

The volunteer shall not be responsible to defend, hold harmless or indemnify the New Mexico State Fair and the State of New Mexico for any liability to the extent such liability is directly caused by wrongful acts, errors or omissions of the New Mexico State Fair, the State of New Mexico or their employees. At all times the liability of the New Mexico State Fair is governed by the provisions of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act.

In the time of Covid-19 and in response the complex health and safety concerns associated with the ongoing pandemic it is imperative that volunteers adhere to all Covid-19 safe practices set forth by the New Mexico Department of Health and the State Fair. Moreover as volunteer, you recognize that your participation, involvement and/or attendance at any Fair event or activity includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist and that you knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19.

Volunteer Name (Please print clearly)

Volunteer Signature
Shall constitute an effective
original signature of a party for all
purposes under this Agreement.

Date