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Information Release

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Frying Pan Hosts 68th County 4-H Fair and Carnival

The old-fashioned country fun of the Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival returns to Frying Pan Farm Park, starting on August 4 and running through August 7, 2016. Bring the family out to the farm to enjoy carnival games, rides, fair exhibits and stage entertainment. 4-H exhibitors will be readying farm animals for show, and you can visit exhibit booths, test your hand at cow or goat milking, see farm equipment demonstrations, participate in competitions, watch horse shows, partake in fair food, and enjoy live music and dance.

Big Truck Night, a free, hands-on activity featuring a variety of large, commercial trucks is Friday, August 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; a “no horn hour” runs from 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday will both include wagon rides, free blacksmithing demonstrations, live entertainment, an expanded Market Lane with exciting new vendors, and a delicious Food Court. Special features for Saturday, August 6 include horse shows and the Tractor Pull. Sunday, August 7’s special features are the Livestock Competition and the Parade of Champions.

The farmyard opens at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 4, and carnival rides begin at 10 a.m. Rides end at 3 p.m., but the farmyard stays open with a free evening concert by the Will Overman Band at 7:30 p.m. The farmyard again opens on Friday at 9 a.m., and carnival rides run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. then again from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday are usually less crowded than the weekend days. Weekday rides are perfect for playgroups, day camps, and families. Discount unlimited ride passes are available in advance, see website below.

Bring in your short film, artwork, flowers, photographs, writing, woodworking, vegetables, interior design project, baked goods or other hobby on Thursday or Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. to enter one of the 18 competition departments. See website below for rules.

The fair begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and the Fair Entrance will be on Monroe Street for those days. The carnival rides run from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday. Entry to the park grounds is free, however there is an \$8 parking fee per car, per day on the weekend. Cash or check only.

Carnival information, unlimited one day ride passes and the entertainment schedule are available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/4-h-fair.htm>.

The fair and carnival are sponsored by the Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park and the Fairfax County Park Foundation. Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon. For information, call 703-437-9101.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.