

Admission for vehicles, walk-ins to be charged at 2014 Scott County Fair

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Visitors to the 2014 Scott County Fair will help offset utilities and other expenses at the fairgrounds by paying \$2 per vehicle or \$1 per walk-in.

Persons can also contact the fair office during the week of July 7 to 11 or visit the office on Sunday, July 13, the fair's first evening, and obtain a week pass for \$5.

Passes will be distributed to 4-H'ers, FFA members and vendors free of charge.

The decision to charge the fees was made by the Scott County Fair Association board of directors at the board's meeting on Tuesday evening, June 10.

"Our expenses keep going up. When we checked with several other fairs, we learned that admission has been charged for years in other communities. We aren't supported by a tax rate; the money we make during the fair is what we have to spend, and we've got lots of upkeep," advised board president Allen Richey.

This year, the fair board received a \$7,500 grant from the Scott County Visitors Commission as well as advertising support. All of those funds will be used to pay the expenses of the Scott County Tractor Pull planned for Sunday night, July 13, it was learned. Money earned during the other events, the Miss Scott County Fair Queen Pageant and Little Miss and Little Master of Scott County competition, a mudsling, the annual enduro race, the annual demolition derby and a KOTTPA-sanctioned truck and tractor pull - as well as some of the profit from the county tractor pull - will be used to pay the expenses of those events.

Whatever the fair association has left over in its coffers after paying expenses is used for maintenance and for paying the cost of a caretaker's residence on the grounds as well as utilities throughout the rest of the year.

Richey said the board was reluctant to charge admission, but the need for revenue is great. "We have buildings that need some attention, more than what we can afford," he related.

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Occasionally, the fair board has been successful in renting out the facility to groups needing a large area. The Iron Order, a motorcycle organization, had its international meeting at the fairgrounds over Memorial Day weekend. That income is welcome but quickly spent.

“Entry fees will hopefully help us keep the Scott County Fair and the fairgrounds going,” Richey commented.

Entry fees will be paid at the entrances on U.S. Highway 31 South and on Fairgrounds Road.

In other business handled by the board, the mudsling was moved from Wednesday night, July 16, to Tuesday night, July 15. Board members are still looking for grandstand attractions for Monday, July 14, and Wednesday, July 16.

Members confirmed that pit passes will cost \$25 per individual this yer for such events as the demolition derby and races.

The race on Thursday, July 17, is being organized and operated by staff of the Brownstown Speedway. Those wanting to attend the race and the demolition derby will pay \$10 per adult for admittance to the grandstand. On other nights, admission will be \$8 for adults.

Right now, the grandstand agenda includes:

Sunday, July 13: Scott County Fair Truck and Tractor Pull starting at 7 p.m. (The 2014 Little Miss and Little Master of Scott County and the Miss Scott County Fair Queen Pageant will be held at Scottsburg High School’s McClain Hall that same evening.)

Monday, July 14: No grandstand event yet scheduled.

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Tuesday, July 15: Mudsling.

Wednesday, July 16: No grandstand event yet scheduled.

Thursday, July 17: Enduro race.

Friday, July 18: Demolition Derby.

Saturday, July 19: Kentucky Outlaw KOTTPA Pulling Series truck and tractor pull.

In other business, Terry Davis reported that he has already received applications from several vendors for the fair. Businesses and organizations which have not received applications mailed to them or those planning booths should contact him at 1-812-820-2932 as quickly as possible.

Vendors will find buildings open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, so they can set up their displays.

By next week, most rules and regulations for scheduled events and other information will be posted on the fair's website, scottcountyfairgrounds.com.