

State Fair Information

Entry rules and regulations can be found on-line at <http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/index.html>. Once at that page click on the navigation link "Competitive Exhibitors" and then the "Open Class Handbook".

Look in the list for Dept 112, Ag/Hort – Part 1. (Go to page # 15 of 25 on the PDF file or to page 245 of the handbook.) That is the section of a PDF file containing the rules for "GO GOURDS". The actual Entry Form is lower down on that page – look for the same Department info. PLEASE, do NOT use this article as a basis for anything concerning your official entries. **GO TO the State Fair site posted above and read the RULES!!**

Check in time is on Sunday, Aug 5, 1-4 PM and Monday Aug 6, 8 AM through Sunday Aug 7, 8 AM. Judging begins Aug 7 at 9 AM

Classes = Fresh, Dried, and Crafted. There many items in each class so check them thoroughly as the rules are strictly adhered to at the Fair. This means that you MUST read the rules and adhere to them.

One entry fee is \$30 if your entry is postmarked by July 1, 2008 and this single entry allows you entry of up to 250 exhibits. Late entries will be accepted if postmarked July 2 through July 30, however, an additional \$25 is required for ALL late entries.

Exhibit release is Sunday, August 19, 9-11 PM – NO VEHICLE TRAFFIC – only those exhibits that can be carried to the exhibitors cars will be released. Also, Monday, August 20, 9 AM (no ticket required).

We only received about half of the entries show up that were signed for on the entry forms at the 2007 State Fair. We have a large number of people come through the area during the entire show, so this is the place to show your wares, especially for beginners.

And, if you're interested in getting into the Fair with "free parking" all you have to do is sign up to volunteer for a four hour stint at our booth – either demonstrating your talent or helping with Seed Sales, Ways & Means, and talking to the public. This is another good place for beginners to learn a LOT about "gourding"

Jesse Glessner

State Show Update

Hurray! The show books are ready, and some were handed out at the Fall Meeting in Lafayette. The remainder will be in the mail the week of November 12. Some have already taken advantage of the information being on the web. A few workshops have already been booked. So, don't be late in getting your reservations in for the workshop you want. Looks like they will be filling up fast. We hope that you will like what you see, and the changes that we have made. We have tried to listen to you, and we hope that the changes you asked for are there. If you have any questions, please contact me at reneeimeyers@yahoo.com. Or call my cell at 574-229-0895.

Attention all gourders:

The workshop books are out and I am anxious to get people signed up for the classes. We have a lot of talented instructors involved with the show so I am sure you can learn a lot and have a lot of fun. Please contact me as soon as possible so you won't miss out on a class you would really like to take. Please send me your Workshop Registration Form with a check for the amount of the classes plus the \$5.00 entry fee that everyone has to pay. I will send you a confirmation letter and a wrist band for you to get into the show.

Thanks everyone
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REMINDER: The above is the location of the new State Show site. This map is located on the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds Web Site along with a map of the fairgrounds.