

Giving Back to the Community in



Listed below are a sampling of the ways The Puyallup Fair & Events Center has been involved with the community over the years. Contributions made in 2008 include . . .

- ◆ Revenue for 2008 was \$23.5 million, and expenses were \$22.5 million. Over \$2.3 million of the expenses accounted for property taxes, city taxes and insurance, as well as reimbursement to the City of Puyallup for police, fire, and public works services. Capital improvements came in at \$1.5 million. The balance of the expenses covered the costs of operating the facility on a year 'round basis. The remaining revenue after expenses each year is put back into improvements on the Puyallup Fairgrounds and for future growth.
- ◆ The Fair is not a state fair, and receives no government subsidies.
- ◆ The Puyallup Fair Scholarship Program has donated \$516,500 to 212 area students for continuing education since 1991.
- ◆ A total of 2,000 elementary students (kindergarten - third grade) participated in 81 Educational Tours, a free tour in September for children focusing on agriculture, animals, history and much more. The children came from 33 schools and home school co-ops in 8 school districts, and 23 private schools.
- ◆ The Puyallup Fair School is held on the Fairgrounds during the spring. Certified teachers present a 1-1/2 hour program including Washington agriculture, raising crops and farm animals. Hands-on activities are included, plus a visit to the Fair Farm. Over 5,400 children from 181 classes attended from March—May 2008.
- ◆ A total of 631,362 complimentary student gate passes and over 104,615 educational employee passes were issued to local schools in 2008.
- ◆ Approximately 7,500 Fair employees are hired each September, including workers at exhibits and with concessionaires. Most employees are from this area.
- ◆ There are nearly 50 year 'round staff members working at the Fair, plus 100 who work part-time throughout the year.

- ◆ Exhibitors and concessionaires paid employees wages in 2008 starting at \$8.07/hour, with some exhibitors offering commission. The Fair partners annually with the Washington State Employment Security Department to offer Fair job placement. Applications were processed for 6,157 jobs, with 206 military veterans applying in August.
- ◆ FFA and 4-H students take part in the Northwest Junior Livestock Show during the Puyallup Spring Fair. Each September the Fair subsidizes three youth shows:
 - ◇ 4-H State Fair
 - ◇ Future Farmers of America's State Exhibition
 - ◇ Washington's Junior Poultry Exposition
- ◆ For over 50 years the Fair has welcomed the Boy Scouts for their training program.
- ◆ Girl Scouts participate in Fair activities every year, demonstrating a variety of skills to Fair guests.
- ◆ Campfire has been at the Fair for over 50 years. Kindergarten through 18-year-old boys and girls submitted over 350 entries in 2008, including cooking, baking, sewing, handcrafts, photography, pottery and writing.
- ◆ Junior and senior high school artists entered 1,081 pieces in the annual September show, with \$2,000 in award monies given to art teachers to purchase school art supplies. Valley Arts United volunteered their time in the evenings at the show, and the Fair donated \$2,800 to them.
- ◆ In 2008, the Fairgrounds hosted 155 interim events, totaling 261 event days. Over 500,000 attended these non-Fair activities.
- ◆ The Fair provides their facilities at a reasonable rate for many not-for-profit, governmental and charitable events, such as school district high school graduations, youth horse shows, the City of Puyallup, and many other events. Facility space has been provided for fire and police department training on grounds, and Homeland Security Emergency Management training.
- ◆ The WWFA full-time staff adopts families in need during the holidays, and supports the local food bank to make area residents' lives a little brighter.

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