

Birdhouse Build Off at the Washington County Fair!

Rules and Regulations

ELIGIBILITY:

- Open to any youth ages 9-18. Adult mentors (19+) are encouraged to help youth.
- Youth must live in Washington County or attend school in Washington County.
- This is a competition for amateurs. Commercial enterprises or businesses are not eligible to enter.
- All entries must be original construction. Kits are not allowed. No purchased birdhouses will be accepted.

ENTRY:

- All applicants must submit a registration form online by June 10, 2025.
- All birdhouses should be dropped off between Sunday, July 20 from 3:00pm-5:00pm or Monday July 21 from 2:00pm-6:00pm. NO LATE DROP-OFFS will be accepted.
- All registered youth are eligible to purchase an exhibitor season pass admission ticket for \$8.00 to the 2025 Washington County Fair when submitting the registration. The pass will be available for purchase when the item is dropped off.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Birdhouse must be designed for native Wisconsin birds (such as: robins, bluebirds, house wrens, tree swallows, finches, etc.).
- Birdhouse should be limited in size to a maximum of 20"x20"x20".
- Birdhouse must incorporate the appropriate floor size, entry hole, interior depth and entry hole height to floor. No perches or multiple entry holes are allowed. No bird boxes that have an "open" platform, perch, or shelf.
- Any birdhouse must be ready for installation and use outdoors.
- Vent holes and drain holes should be included on sidewalls and floor board.
- Predator guarding should be considered.
- No personal identification (name, initials, or signatures) should be included on birdhouse.
- All expenses are not to exceed \$100 value of material used in constructing birdhouse.
- Always use appropriate safety equipment; such as goggles, ear plugs, masks. All power tools should be used under adult supervision. Follow directions listed in owner's manuals and on equipment.
- Provide a sketch drawing or photo of your birdhouse design.

- 4 (four) photographs of child participating in the birdhouse making process should be included.
- An information sheet must accompany each birdhouse entry with the following information:
 - Name of birdhouse
 - Identification of the native Wisconsin bird for which the birdhouse was made
 - Final dimensions
 - Cost of project
 - One (or more) things the youth learned from building this project
- All exhibits must remain on display throughout the duration of the Washington County Fair and may be picked up during exhibit release on Sunday, July 27, 2025 at 6:30p.m.

JUDGING:

- Judging will take place on Saturday, July 26, 2025 starting at 10:00am.
- Birdhouses will be judged on the following included but not limited to:

• Functionality	• Quality of build
• Construction materials used	• Tools used
• Creativity/originality	• Overall appearance for use outdoors
- All judge's decisions are final.
- Award winners will be announced on Saturday July 26, 2025 at 2:00pm
- One entry will be selected for each placing: One 1st place award, one 2nd place award, one 3rd place award.
- Cash prizes (1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$250) will be awarded in the form of a check payable solely to the youth contest winner, and must be picked up at the Fair Office. Cash prize redemption requires the completion of an IRS W-9 form by the contest winner prior to receiving the check distribution.

Register at www.wcfairpark.com by June 10th

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