

IT'S GOING TO BE A HONKIN' GOOD TIME!

COOMBS FAIR

2026

113^{yrs}

SAT & SUN AUGUST 8 & 9

**A FUN COMMUNITY TRADITION
WITH LIVESTOCK, ARTS & CRAFTS, MUSIC,
4H, ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD TRUCKS
VENDORS, DEMOS & MORE.**

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A heartfelt welcome to everyone, young and old, to the 2026 Coombs Fair at our beloved fairgrounds

It is a true honour and joy to welcome our community to another year of the Coombs Fair. This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate 113 years of fair tradition in Coombs and 100 years on our beautiful fairgrounds, a place that holds so many memories for so many people. While the journey has not always been easy, the spirit of this community and our tradition of coming together to celebrate our talents, hard work, and shared successes have remained strong through it all.

An event like this is only possible because of the extraordinary volunteers whose time, energy, and care continue to sustain it year after year. Their dedication to this community is at the heart of the fair and is one of the greatest reasons it continues to thrive.

To our volunteers, our generous sponsors, and every community member who returns each year with skills, animals, produce, and pride to share, thank you. Your support, spirit, and participation are what make the Coombs Fair such a special and lasting part of our community.

2026 Coombs Fair Committee

DEADLINES

Livestock

July 24, 2026

Late entries until

July 30, 2026 at 5pm

Beef weigh in: August 7@
6pm

Poultry

July 30, 2026

no late entries

Coop in: August 6, 6-8pm

Exhibits

Horticulture, Home
Economics & Floral

August 3, 2026

Late entries until
August 4, 2026 at 5pm

Drop off: August 6, 6-8pm
or August 7, 8-9am

Exhibits

Needlecraft, Fibre Arts,
Arts & Crafts & Photography

August 3, 2026

Late entries until
August 4, 2026 at 5pm

Drop off: August 6, 6-8pm

Be sure to follow our social media accounts for main stage schedule announcements, riding ring and live stock show schedules.



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Welcome to the 113th Coombs Fair!

Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9 from 9:00am – 5:00pm

Indoor exhibits open at 9:30am

We hope you have a Honkin' Good Time at the 113th Coombs Fair!

We would like thank everyone for their continued support of the Coombs Fair. 113 years of the very best little fair in our community is something to be proud of. It is only because of you, our community, that this is possible.

Fair entries, volunteers, and the community that comes to enjoy all that our little fair offers makes this fair possible year after year.

We are pleased to have you join us in celebrating 113 years of the tradition of agriculture in Coombs!

2026-2027 Board of Directors:

Ken Prenger, President
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Lavinia Martin, Director

Board meetings are held at 7pm on the 3rd
Tuesday each month.

Members are welcome to attend.

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Welcome from the President of the Arrowsmith Agricultural Association

The Coombs Fair is a cherished annual tradition. Our close-knit community has long been rooted in agriculture and the arts, and this year we proudly celebrate 113 years of farming, creativity, and community spirit in Coombs. We look forward to gathering with our neighbours to celebrate the harvest and share our knowledge, skills, passions, and achievements.

Thank you to our members and the wider community for your continued support and involvement. Countless volunteer hours make it possible to care for these grounds and host an event as special as the fair. This fair belongs to you, and your enthusiasm and dedication are what keep it thriving.

We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

- Ken Prenger

President

Arrowsmith Agricultural Association

ADMISSION

Entry is by paid daily admission, two-day passes, 4-H BC membership or Arrowsmith Agricultural Association membership card.

ADULTS \$10 per day/ \$15 for the weekend

CHILDREN 6-12 \$5

SENIORS \$5

Children 5 & under Free

Members with a valid 2026 membership card, and 4-H members and leaders with valid 4-H BC membership cards receive free admission. Cards must be present to gain free entry.

All exhibitors, persons accompanying 4-H members and exhibitors must pay daily gate admission to the fair.

PARKING AND ENTRY

Parking on the fairgrounds (Burgoyne Gate) by donation.

Please note that **NO DOGS** (except for certified assistance dogs, demo dogs or 4-H Dog Club registered at the fair office) are permitted on the grounds during the Fair. It is usually hot so please leave your furry friends at home and not in a hot car for any reason!

General Information

Awards:

- Prize money will be paid in accordance with judges' decision.
- The judges decisions are final. In the absence of competition in any class, the judges have the power to award as they deem worthy.
- All ribbons & awards must be displayed during the fair.
- Prize money shall be forfeited by any exhibitor who removes any exhibit(s) in any section or display before 5:00pm on Sunday, the last day of the Fair.
- Prize money will be available to be picked up by exhibitors or guardians when accounting is available.
- 4-H prize money will be issued as cheque to the registered clubs and mailed to club leaders to be distributed to members.
- Cheques can be mailed to winners unable to collect their winnings in person at their request, provided the total is \$50.00 or more. Prize money not requested by the calendar year end, December 31, will be considered a donation to the fair.
- The association will not be responsible for non-payment of prize money offered by others.
- Complaints re: nonpayment or mis payment of prize money must be registered with the fair administration by August 31 of the same year as the fair. There will be an administrative cost of \$25 to process any such complaints.

Entries:

The Arrowsmith Agricultural Association's Animal Premise number is BC44HJXVC.

- The "entry" refers to the written entries pre-registered on the entry forms provided by the Coombs Fair or the entries submitted through our Assist Expo account.
- One Exhibitor number per exhibitor.
- All exhibits must be made or grown by and be the property of the exhibitor or family. In Arts & Crafts and Needlework, exhibits must have been made by the exhibitor within three (3) years of the date of the fair, and not have been previously exhibited for competition at the Coombs Fair. Livestock must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and be in the exhibitor's possession not less than 30 days prior to the Fair. LIVESTOCK WITHOUT AN ID TAG WILL NOT BE REGISTERED AND WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY AS AN EXHIBIT.
- One (1) exhibit per variety within a class per exhibitor unless otherwise stated. Livestock and poultry exhibitors may enter more than one exhibit per class.
- Exhibits may not be removed from any exhibit or display until 5pm on Sunday, the last day of the fair, unless by special permission of the director in charge. Exhibitor number will be required to pick up displays.
- Entry forms for children must state the birth year of the exhibitor.

Entry Submission:

Online Only: Livestock and 4H entries (Registration support will be available in our fair office)

- 4-H leaders are responsible for entering their members through our online portal and ensuring all required information is included in the registration. Emailed or paper copies will no longer be accepted.

Online & Paper: All other classes. Poultry to use specific entry form provided on website.

Entry Deadlines:

Poultry & Livestock: Thursday, July 31, one week prior to the start of the Fair. No late entries for Poultry.

Late: \$1.00 extra per entry, no late entries after 5pm Monday before the Fair. Livestock only.

Horticulture, Floral, Arts & Crafts, Needlework, Domestic Science: Monday 5pm prior to the start of the Fair.

Late: \$1.00 extra per entry, no late entries after 5pm Tuesday before the Fair.

ALL DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

Payment:

Entry forms with entry fees can be submitted from June 1 to the date specified in each section. Mail to: Coombs Fair, PO Box 195, Coombs, BC V0R 1M0; or deliver to the drop box beside Fair office doors; or through our online registration portal, payments can be sent via e-transfer to payments@coombsfair.org.

Be sure to note the exhibitor the payment applies to.

NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED

Exhibits:

- The word "Exhibit" refers to the actual article, item or animal being exhibited for competition.
- Exhibits must be on the grounds as follows:

Arts & Crafts, Needlework, Fibre Arts, and Photography: Items must be delivered on Thursday before the Fair between the hours of 2-7pm. Articles will not be accepted on Friday.

Horticulture, Floral, Domestic Science: Items must be delivered on Thursday before the Fair between the hours of 2-7pm or Friday, 8:30-9am.

Judging of the above sections begins at 10am sharp on Friday.

Livestock: Friday by 6pm.

Poultry: Thursday 6-8pm, judged Friday 8am. All other livestock judged during the Fair.

Liabilities & Obligations:

- The Arrowsmith Agricultural Association will take every precaution to ensure the safety of exhibits entered in the Coombs Fair, but the owners themselves must take the risk of entering them and should any exhibit in whole or part be damaged, injured, or stolen, the Association WILL NOT be liable for the value thereof. Exhibit buildings are under supervision during the hours open to the public and buildings are locked at all other times. A night watch is on the grounds Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.
 - Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion, and other exhibits that could cause injury, accident, or damage to property or to a person coming in contact with the exhibit shall guard their exhibits to protect the public from coming into contact with them.
 - Every exhibitor shall indemnify the Association from and against all claims, demands, costs, damage of property, which may occur from injury, accident, or damage of property to exhibits being improperly guarded, or the public not being properly guarded from.
 - Each exhibitor shall assume the responsibility for any injury occurring to themselves, or their assistants, while exhibiting or performing.
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Parksville/Qualicum 4-H

I PLEDGE:

My HEAD to clearer thinking

My HEART to greater loyalty

My HANDS to larger service

My HEALTH to better living

**For my club, my community, my
country, and the world.**

The Coombs Fair is proud of its long-standing relationship with the Parksville/Qualicum 4-H District. With weekly 4-H meetings on our fairgrounds, monthly events, and participation in our annual fair, many leaders and parents also give their time as volunteers with the Arrowsmith Agricultural Association.

This enduring partnership has been an important part of our community for decades. Both organizations have grown stronger through the dedication of volunteers, and there are many ways to get involved and support 4-H in the Parksville/Qualicum District.

4-H Rules & Regulations

- 4-H Entry closing date: July 27, 2026, no late entries accepted.
- Leaders and exhibitors must provide their 4-H ID to gain free entry on to fairgrounds.
- Entries must be done using the online registration portal, AssistExpo
- Poultry must be on the grounds between 6 & 8pm Thursday of the fair. All other livestock should be on the grounds Friday by 6pm of the fair
- Non-Livestock Projects must be on the grounds no later than Thursday by 6pm of the fair.
- Open to all 4-H clubs currently enrolled in with the 4-H program. No entry fee required.
- Judging will be done on the Danish System with exception of Ed Boards, digital posters and beef . These will be judged straight line or at the judges' discretion. Prize money will be paid in accordance with the judge decision. The decision of the judge is final.
- All 4-H project rules and regulations will apply.
- All 4-H animals must have a 4-H ID number and correct ID for their project animal.
- All 4-H Club leaders must carry a copy of all attending 4-H Club Members Parent/Member Release form.
- 4-H members may enter additional animals or projects in the OPEN show but must complete the open entry forms and pay the entry fee as indicated on the Livestock Entry Forms or General Entry Forms
- 4-H animals will be stalled in the 4-H sections
- Any clipping or grooming of a 4-H animals at the fair MUST be done by the 4-H member. It is the members' responsibility for cleaning up after this is completed.
- 4-H members, leaders and volunteers are compelled to abide by the SADD rules. Any violations of those rules will not be tolerated.
- All 4-H members are responsible for stall duty. Please leave the space in the same condition you found it.

4-H gives urban and rural youth the chance to build practical skills through hands-on projects in agriculture, crafts, mechanics, photography, creative arts, and more. Whether training a dog, raising livestock, repairing a small engine, or creating art, members gain confidence, responsibility, and valuable life skills

Leadership development is part of every stage of the 4-H experience. A large variety of travel opportunities are offered due to organization across Canada by club, district, region, and province.

All 4-H projects that are made and raised throughout the year in our District are on display at the Fair. The 4-H awards system is designed to aid the individual personal development of the member. Awards are given on the basis of a member's personal growth or achievement, where a member is rated against their own experience and capacity as compared to a standard. All badges and certificates are awarded on this basis. 4-H is a highly respected program for which students can receive high school credits.

Youth who have reached their 6th birthday by midnight, December 31 of the previous year and who have not reached their 22nd birthday by midnight December 31 of the previous year are eligible for membership in a 4-H club. The enrollment deadline is March 1 for all clubs

4-H Classes

4-H – FIBRE ARTS

1st: \$5.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

- 4-H 2-2 Unit 1 Introduction to Fibre Arts
- 4-H 2-4 Unit 2 Felting
- 4-H 2-6 Unit 3 Weaving
- 4-H 2-8 Unit 4 Advanced Spinning, Knitting & Crochet
- 4-H 2-10 Unit 5 Advanced Felting
- 4-H 2-12 Unit 6 Advanced Weaving
- 4-H 2-14 Unit 7 Alternative Fibres
- 4-H 2-16 Jr. Showmanship
- 4-H 2-18 Sr. Showmanship

4-H – PHOTOGRAPHY

1st: \$5.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

- 4-H 3-2 Unit 1 Introduction to Photography
- 4-H 3-4 Unit 2 Photographic Skill Development
- 4-H 3-6 Unit 3 Advanced Photography
- 4-H 3-8 Unit 4 Journalistic Photography
- 4-H 3-10 Unit 5 Digital Photo Editing

4-H – SEWING

1st: \$5.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

- 4-H 4-2 Unit 1 Sew On! Steady Stitches
- 4-H 4-4 Unit 2 Sew On Clothing Construction
- 4-H 4-6 Unit 3 Sew On! The Personal Touch

4-H – CLOVERBUDS

1st: \$5.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

- 4-H 1 Scrapbook

SECTION -6: ALL STOCK & POULTRY

This Section is open to 4-H animals as well as OPEN. Animals must have participated in either OPEN or 4-H Shows.

Entry Fee: NO ENTRY FEE

Prize Money: 1st - \$10.00 ; 2nd - \$8.00; 3rd - \$6.00

Classes:

1. Best Dressed Duo (Handler & Animal)
2. Best Dressed Animal

4-H – CAVY

1st: \$10.00; 2nd: \$7.00; 3rd: \$5.00

- 4-H 5-2 Unit 2 Short Coat Sow
- 4-H 5-3 Unit 2 Short Coat Boar
- 4-H 5-4 Unit 3 Long Coat Sow
- 4-H 5-5 Unit 3 Long Coat Boar
- 4-H 5-6 Unit 4 Sow With Litter
- 4-H 5-7 Junior Showmanship
- 4-H 5-8 Senior Showmanship

4-H - SHEEP

1st: \$15.00; 2nd: \$10.00; 3rd: \$7.00

- 4-H 16-2 Unit 1 Market Lamb of calendar year
- 4-H 16-3 Unit 2 Ewe Lamb
- 4-H 16-4 Unit 3 Yearling Ewe
- 4-H 16-5 Unit 4 Ewe with Lamb(s)
- 4-H 16-6 Unit 6 Wool Type Ewe Lamb
- 4-H 16-7 Unit 7 Wool Type Yearling Ewe
- 4-H 16-8 Unit 8 Wool Type Ewe with Lamb(s)
- 4-H 16-9 Junior Showmanship
- 4-H 16-11 Senior Showmanship

4-H - BEEF

1st: \$15.00; 2nd: 10.00; 3rd: \$7.00

- 4-H 14-3 Unit 2 Fed Calf
- 4-H 14-4 Unit 3 Heifer (Yearling) (Senior Management if 3 or more heifers)
- 4-H 14-5 Unit 4 Cow-Calf (Senior Management if 3 or more cows)
- 4-H 14-6 Unit 6 Market Animal
- 4-H 14-7 Unit 7 Feedlot (Senior Management)
- 4-H 14-8 Junior Showmanship
- 4-H 14-10 Senior Showmanship

4-H – POULTRY

1st: \$10.00; 2nd: \$7.00; 3rd: \$5.00

- 4-H 8-2 Unit 2 Chicken (trio)
- 4-H 8-3 Unit 3 Duck (trio)
- 4-H 8-4 Unit 4 Turkey (trio)
- 4-H 8-5 Unit 5 Goose (trio)
- 4-H 8-6 Unit 6 Specialty Bird (trio)
- 4-H 8-7 Junior Showmanship
- 4-H 8-9 Senior Showmanship

4-H – DOGS

1st: \$10.00; 2nd: \$7.00; 3rd: \$5.00

- 4-H 10-3 Unit 1 Obedience – Beginner Novice
- 4-H 10-4 Unit 2 Obedience – Novice
- 4-H 10-5 Unit 3 Obedience – Beginner Open
- 4-H 10-6 Unit 4 Obedience – Open
- 4-H 10-7 Unit 5 Obedience – Beginner Utility
- 4-H 10-8 Unit 6 Obedience – Utility
- 4-H 10-9 Junior Showmanship
- 4-H 10-11 Senior Showmanship

4-H – DAIRY

1st: \$15.00; 2nd: \$10.00; 3rd: \$7.00

- 4-H 6-2 Unit 2 Heifer Calf (Jr)
- 4-H 6-4 Unit 2 Heifer Calf (Sr)
- 4-H 6-5 Unit 3 Yearling Heifer
- 4-H 6-6 Two Year Old Cow
- 4-H 6-7 Junior Showmanship
- 4-H 6-9 Senior Showmanship

4-H – DISPLAY

1st: \$100.00; 2nd: 75.00; 3rd: \$50.00

*straight-line judging

4-H DP - Educational Board

INDIVIDUAL

4-H DP - Digital Poster

*Digital poster to be emailed to fair office 1 week prior to fair for judging. By entering, member consents to poster being used for educational purposes by Coombs Fair

COOMBS FAIR - GENERAL ENTRY FORM

Poultry Entries use **POULTRY ENTRY FORM**

Send entry forms to entries@coombsfair.org, Mail: PO Box 195, Coombs, BC V0R 1M0 or in person to the drop box at the Fairgrounds, located outside of the Activity Hall main entrance.

COOMBS FAIR ENTRY FORM		OFFICE USE ONLY	
One person per entry form. Deadline August 5 @ 5pm		Tags	
For Livestock: Premise ID # Or Farm Address			
First Name:		Last Name:	
(if applicable) Age:		Phone:	
Email Address:			
Mailing Address:			
City:		Postal Code:	
<small>AGREEMENT: I make these entries at my own risk and subject to the rules of the Fair and I agree to be bound thereby. I agree to make no claims against the Arrowsmith Agricultural Association if any damage be occasioned to or loss occur to any exhibit, equipment or animal, or accident or injury to any person. Each exhibitor will be responsible for the action of his or her animal(s). Entry fees must accompany all entry forms (check section for amount). Entry forms must be in the hands of the Fair Secretary no later than 5pm Monday prior to the fair. Livestock entries must be in by July 30 by 5pm. No late entries accepted. The committee reserves the right to limit entries to the cages available.</small>			
Signature (Exhibitor or Parent/Guardian):			Date:
SECTION	CLASS	DESCRIPTION/ARTICLES or STOCK	ENTRY FEE
		Total	

Entry fee for competition does not cover admission to the fair. Two-day passes may be purchased at the fair office.

**Absolutely no dogs anywhere for any reason (Except assistance dogs) 4-H and demonstration dogs in the designated area.
Dogs left in or beside vehicles will be removed by the SPCA**

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COOMBS FAIR ENTRY FORM	Section "B" POULTRY
One person per entry form.	Deadline: July 30, 2026

Premise ID #
Or Farm Address

First Name:	Last Name:
(if applicable) Age:	Phone:
Email Address:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	Postal Code:

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Signature (Exhibitor or Parent/Guardian):	Date:
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DIVISION	CLASS	BREED/VARIETY	OLD		YOUNG		# OF ENTRY	ENTRY FEE
			M	F	M	F		
		Total						

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**A huge thank you to all of our sponsors.
The Coombs Fair is not possible without your support.**

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**The Coombs Fair would not happen without the tireless efforts of our
many committed volunteers.**

**Thank you to all who have shown up each year to ensure the
tradition continues.**

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