

LODI AGRICULTURAL FAIR

Little Britches General Rules

The Little Britches is a non-competitive, just-for-fun exhibition class for the 5-8 year-old children who are too young to show in the regular Dairy and Poultry competitive show classes. This is also a great mentoring opportunity for Jr. and Sr. Exhibitors at the Lodi Agricultural Fair. The Dairy and Poultry Shows are held on Saturday morning of the Lodi Agricultural Fair. Each Little Britches Exhibition Class will be held after the regular classes are finished competing in the same locations, thus, Poultry will be in the Poultry tent and Dairy in the outdoor showing, unless directed to a different location.

Little Britches Participant Rules:

1. Registration for the Little Britches youth must be completed on-line through the Lodi Agricultural Fair website at www.LodiAgFair.com and follow the rules for all livestock exhibitors. This includes any testing required prior to the Lodi Fair. The on-line entry is open between May 22nd and June 22nd of the current fair year. No late entries will be accepted. **Livestock Premise ID** and **ear tags/leg bands** for identification purposes will be required as per WI State rules. (The mentor will be able to supply this info for you).
Enter: Dept 601 Class: A Lot 1 Showmanship Little Britches Dairy
Enter: Dept 607 Class: A Lot: 1 Showmanship Little Britches Clucks n Ducks
Please call the fair office if you need assistance 608-592-4499 or stop in by the Fair Office. Fair Office hours: Tues and Thurs eves 6pm-8pm and Saturday morning 10am-Noon during the month of June.
2. The youth must be mentored by one of the following: by a current Lodi Fair exhibitor, a former Lodi Fair exhibitor or an adult familiar with the animal. If the mentor is not a current Lodi Fair exhibitor, the Little Britches Committee will pair up the youth and mentor with an exhibiting club/group, so the animal will be stalled or housed near them for additional support.
3. The youth must be between 5-8 years of age at the time of the show and who are not eligible to exhibit in Jr. Livestock Classes.
4. Parent/guardians must complete and sign a waiver form **AND** attach it to the on-line fair entry. Please bring a copy or have a photo on your phone the day of the show just in case it wasn't received by the fair office; a copy may be requested by the Little Britches show manager before the child enters the showing.
5. The parent/guardian **MUST** be present at both the time of mentoring and show time.
6. The fair emcee will have a microphone and will ask the child questions regarding the animal. Questions that may be asked could be: breed, age, name of the animal, what it eats, how it is taken care of, who owns it, etc.

Jr./Sr. Exhibitor Mentors Rules:

1. The Little Britches Mentor must be one of the following: a current Lodi Fair exhibitor, a former Lodi Fair exhibitor or an adult familiar with the animal in one of these species departments: Dairy or Poultry.
2. The animal must be housed on the fairgrounds during the entire fair with an appointed exhibiting club/group at the Lodi Fair. The Little Britches committee will pair up the youth and mentor for the animal to be stalled or housed near for additional support.
3. At all times, the Mentor is to keep safety in mind and **NEVER** leave the Little Britches participant alone or unsupervised with the animal.
4. Animals must be healthy, clean and ready for exhibition like any other fair project animal and cared for every day of the fair.
5. **ALL** the mentoring will be done under the supervision of the child's parent/guardian.
6. Each mentor will spend at least 15 to 30 minutes teaching his/her "Little Britches" participant about the care of the animal and will be present when the animal is presented to the Fair emcee or fair official. Keeping the animal secure but not interfering with the showing of the animal.
7. Dairy animals will only be of the Spring Calf age, nothing older.
8. The Jr./Sr. Exhibitor mentor will complete and sign a participation mentor form along with their parent/guardian signature.
9. This is a general class, so there will not be a division of the class by breed, animal age or child's age. It will just be a group lined up.
10. For those Jr or Senior exhibitors who mentor through this Little Britches Exhibition, this is an educational extension of the species project and will be credited as a part of your volunteerism qualification for the Lodi Agricultural Fair Livestock Scholarship available for graduating high school seniors.
11. **Please see the following Little Britches' flyers for more info per species and parent and mentor forms.**