FFA & 4-H Giant Hay Bale Competition

Theme: "Down on the Farm"

State Fair of Virginia

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This competition is open to 4-H and FFA groups that want to meet the challenge of making a giant hay bale look like an animal or farm equipment. The bales will be provided by the State Fair of Virginia and are to be decorated at the front gate of the fair grounds. Bales can be decorated on **Wednesday & Thursday, September 27 & 28 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m**.

ENTRY PROCEDURE: All entries must be made by September 19. Bales are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Entries will be closed when all bales are assigned. ONLY 10 (ten) bales are available for 2017. To enter, call Glenn Martin, 804-994-2858 or email at gmartin@statefairva.org.

Prizes:

1st Place--$100 **2nd Place--$50** **3rd Place--$25**

Ribbons will also be awarded to the winning bales.

Guidelines include:

1. The state fair will provide one large round bale of hay. All other items used will be provided by the group. Bales will be assigned by number upon your arrival.
2. Design and installation of these bales shall reflect the work of the students as assisted by the instructor and sponsors as appropriate, through the classroom or 4-H program.
3. **Each group is responsible for providing a laminated sign** for their bale that includes group name, sponsors/donors, explanation of design, participating youth names, and a title for the bale. ***Signs are to be given to the Superintendent to be displayed after judging to ensure a "blind" judging process.***
4. No creation can be taller than 8 feet when completed.
5. All items attached to the bale to complete the work of art have to be securely attached to the bale and be weather resistant. Your work needs to remain attractive throughout the 10 days of the fair. All bales will be on display at the front gate area of the fair.
6. The size of the finished structure can be no larger than 12' long x 12' wide x 8' high.
7. All items used in the design should be picked up on Monday, October 3. Any items left after this date will be considered abandoned by the fair staff.

Judging of the bales will be done on Friday, September 29 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Judges will be asked to consider the artistic quality of the work as well as the likeness to an actual animal or farm equipment that is being depicted.

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