



110th ANNUAL CONVENTION PA State Association of County Fairs and PA State Showmen's Association

The Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey PA Wednesday - Saturday, Jan. 18 - 21, 2023

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

2023 Convention reservations will now be accepted by the Hershey Lodge. Deadline is December 23, 2022. For lodging:

Call Hershey Lodge Reservation office at 855-729-3108, and ask for the room block for the PA State Association of County Fairs, January 18 - 21, 2023.

Rooms will be available by 4:00pm and check out at 11:00am daily for all.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

ADVANCE REGISTRATION is essential to the smooth operation of the convention. Registration is:

- \$40 (received on or before December 15, 2022)
- \$60 (received after December 15, 2022)

MEALS

Meal(s) that are purchased are not refundable; there will be a bulletin board near the registration area for you to place a "for sale" notice if you wish to resell them. A limited number will be available for purchase at convention.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE Wednesday, January 18, 2023

MEALS ON YOUR OWN-ALL

9:00am-1:00PM "Serv-Safe" (see newsletter article for details – PA Showmen or fairs who are members of PA Showmen [1 person per fair may register; others to be considered after deadline if space available)

11:00am-5:00pm	Registration Desk Open
12:30pm	Judging School Orientation Session
1:20pm - 2:30pm	First Session of Judging School
2:35pm - 3:55pm	Second Session of Judging School
2:00pm-4:00pm	Seminar – "Trucking Regulations Update"
3:00pm-4:00pm	Table Topics
4:00pm-8:00pm	Enter Communication Exhibits
	Trade Show Set-up
4:45pm	PSSA Board Meeting
4:45pm	PSACF Board Meeting/Reorganization to follow
6:30pm-10:00pm	ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE

Thursday, January 19, 2023

MEALS ON YOUR OWN-BREAKFAST & LUNCH						
8:00am-5:00pm	Registration Desk Open					
8:00am-9:00am	Enter Communication Exhibits					
8:00am-10:30am	Trade Show Set-up					
8:30am-9:00am	First-Timers Session					
9:00am-9:30am	Opening Entertainment					
9:30am-10:45am	Opening Ceremony					
	Keynote Speaker – Brittany Hodak					
10:30am-4:00pm	Trade Show Open					
	Communication Exhibits Open					
	(Badge Required)					
10:30am-4:00pm	PA Dept. of Agriculture display, etc.					
1:00pm-2:00pm	Table Topics					
1:00pm-2:30pm	Seminar – Animal Health					
1:00pm-3:15pm	Spouse Program - "Bag & Basket" Bingo					
1:30pm-3:00pm	Meeting – Sire & USTA					
2:15pm-3:15pm	Table Topics					

3:00pm-4:30pm	Seminar –				
3:30pm-4:30pm	Table Topics				
4:00pm	Associates Gathering				
5:30pm	PSACF & PSSA Board				
	Group Photos				
5:45pm	Hospitality Time & Cash Bar				
6:15pm	PSACF ANNUAL BANQUET				
6:45pm	Dinner (reserved seating-ticket required-\$42)				
Friday, January 20, 2023					

MEAL ON YOUR OWN-LUNCH						
7:30am-5:00pm	Registration Desk Open					
7:30am	COMMUNICATIONS BREAKFAST					
	meal (served) 7:30am; awards 8:15am-9:00am					
	(ticket required-\$19)					
9:15am -11:30am	Memorial Service /					
	PSACF Annual Meeting					
11:30am	Fair Advisory Committee Meeting					
11:00am - 12:30	YPI TBA					
10:30am-4:00pm	Trade Show Open					
	Communication Exhibits Open					
	(Badge Required)					
10:30am-4:00pm	PA Dept. of Agriculture display, etc.					
1:00pm-2:00pm	Table Topics					
1:00pm -2:15pm	Seminar-					
2:00pm-3:30pm	Seminar – "Special Baking Contests"					
2:00pm-3:30pm	Spouse Program – Valentine Wreath					
2:15pm-3:15pm	Table Topics					
2:30pm-3:45pm	Seminar –					
3:30pm-4:30pm	Table Topics					
6:15pm	Hospitality Time & Cash Bar					
6:45pm	PA SHOWMEN ANNUAL BANQUET					
	(Reserved seating-ticket required-\$52)					
Saturday, Januar	<u>y 21, 2023</u>					
MEAL ON YOUR	OWN-BREAKFAST					
7:30am-5:00pm	Registration Desk Open					
9:00am -10:30am	Seminar –					
9:00am-10:30am	Seminar – Food Safety Updates					
9:00am-10:00am	Table Topics					
9:00am-Noon	Trade Show Open					
	Communication Exhibits Open					
	(Badge Required)					
9:30am-11:00am	Seminar –					
9:30am-10:45am	Spouse Program – TBA					
10:30am-11:30am	Table Topics					
11:30am-12:30pm	PSSA Annual Meeting					
Noon-12:30pm	Communication Exhibits Released					
12:30pm	Auction Drawings - Winner must be present					
6:00pm	QUEEN CORONATION BANQUET					
	(Reserved seating-ticket required-\$50)					

Saturday Youth Day, January 21, 2023

To Be Announced

Sunday, January 22, 2023

8:00am PSACF Exec. / Conv. Breakfast

TABLE TOPICS

(Each of these topics will be ran twice through Convention) Is this the new normal?

Volunteer management, recruitment and training

Let's just talk How to attract millennials to competitive exhibits Producing a 30 second video using an I phone Let's talk about campers getting bigger, space, and electric Opening ceremonies – taking them to the next level Livestock judging and trends Social media – use it to your advantage Sponsorships vs tough economic times for business's Am I truly getting all the exhibitors and vendors I can get?

Just small fairs – attendance under 15,000, let's share ideas and problems

SEMINARS

Judging School

Session choices for this year are as follows:

- Youth, 4-H, & Vocational Needlecraft
- Baked Goods Art & Photography
- Floral Antique Farm Equipment

Serv-Safe

The Food Safety updates will be presented by Paster Training, Inc. Paster Training Inc.'s trainers are the best and most passionate in the business. We are thrilled about the opportunity to provide your association members with a 4 hour food safety review session and proctoring of the ServSafe examination.

Trucking Regulations Update

A representative from the Pa. Motor Truck Association, located in Camp Hill, Pa. will give the latest updates for the industry.

Fairs 101

Presented by Tracy Barone

Review of requirements under the Fair Act, state premium guideline book, fair reimbursements, and frequently asked question. Additionally, we'll open the floor to attendees to share their best management practices and good ideas.

Fairs Capital Improvement Grants

Presented by Tracy Barone Information regarding planning, applying for and reporting on Capital Improvement Matching Funds Grants.

Special Baking Contests

Presented by Kevin Bieber (Oley Valley Community Fair) and Karen Dobson (Kimberton Community Fair)

This is the annual seminar to update everyone who runs any of the Special Baking Contests at your fairs. This is also the perfect time to come and ask questions regarding any of the contests.

Food Safety Updates

Changes and Updates from the PA Dept. of Agriculture.

Animal Health Rules

This presentation will cover the PA Department of Agriculture Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations, biosecurity considerations, and the Animal Exhibition and Sanitation Law. Information on the new exhibition swine and poultry quarantine orders will also be presented. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion for fair managers challenged with incorporating these requirements into their programs.

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Presented by Kevin Koscill No other title or description given as of yet

What to expect when you come to the trade show

Presented by to be announced

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<u>SCTF – Ag Subcommittee Active Shooter & Reporting Suspicious</u> <u>Activity</u> Presented by the PA State Police

To Be Announced

Presented by our keynote speaker Brittany Hodak

SEMINARS YOUTH DAY

Agenda to be announced.

YPI Event

Agenda to be announced - Maria Zaffuto



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Remove this Instructions sheet to reveal the Registration form.

Complete the top portion as requested. Be sure to select all types of members that apply. For example, if you are a "Fair Associate" and "Trade Show Exhibitor", mark both. Reminder - a phone number is very helpful when questions arise.

An example is listed in the first entry block to demonstrate how to complete this form.

REGISTRATION -

Who must register? <u>Anyone that anticipates taking in the Trade Show, Showcase, Table Topic, Seminar, Workshop, Meeting, Queen Speech or Function, etc. needs to register</u>. Only those that register will receive a convention badge, convention book, PSACF Directory, and are eligible for the spouse programs. Don't forget – the registration rate increases on <u>Dec 16</u>. No cancellations will be taken or reimbursements made after January 1st of the year of the Convention. There will be a \$50 fee for any returned checks.

FIRST TIMERS -

Mark accordingly – gives us an idea of how many to expect at that session.

SPOUSE PROGRAMS -

Spouse Programs are not only for the fair spouses – join us showmen spouses! Friday and Saturday program - no need to select this program on the registration form - just show up! Thursday program is "purchase-at-the-door" card(s).

FAIR QUEEN -

To register your Queen and her entourage use the registration form as supplied by the Queen committee.

TRADE SHOW -

Each trade show booth entitles the exhibitor to two registrations at "no-charge". In "registration" place the letters "N/C".

Any registrations beyond the two per booth must be paid at the regular rate.



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PA State Association of County Fairs & the PA State Showmen's Association January 18th - 21st, 2023



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SEND A COPY OF THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO PSACF, 128 Cumberland Rd, Bedford, PA 15522





Please accept this special invitation to exhibit at the annual convention of the PA State Association of County Fairs and the PA State Showmen's Association that will be held on Wednesday thru Saturday of January 18 – 21, 2023 at the HERSHEY LODGE & CONVENTION CENTER in Hershey, PA.

In the convention area, the TRADE SHOW is the ONLY place where signs and flyers of acts and shows are permitted. All other hand-outs will be removed from the tables and hallways.

Your location in the TRADE SHOW will be the only and the easiest way to reach all delegates attending the convention. The Trade Show will serve your best interests simply because the Lodge has diverse wings in different locations. The Trade Show will be the center of attraction and will serve as the hub to draw all people to you. You will simply be lost if you are NOT in the Trade Show.

Please read the enclosed information bulletin carefully

TRADE SHOW INFORMATION BULLETIN

	INS THURSDAY January 19 0AM – 4:00PM	FRIDAY January 20 10:30AM – 4:00PM	CLOSES SATURDAY January 21 9:00AM – Noon					
SET-UP: Wednesday from 4:00PM – 8:00PM TEAR-DOWN: Saturday at noon Thursday from 8:00AM – 10:30AM Any deviation from the set-up/tear-down must be approved by the Committee; otherwise, you may be subject to one year probation.								
BOOTH: includes:	Your <u>Exhibit Fee</u> of \$ • standard booth (• (1) draped six for • (2) chairs	× • /	 0 for an end cap booth (tax included) Draped side rails and back drop Vendor name sign (2) Badges 					
EXTRAS:	 EXTRAS: <u>Extras</u> as requested: (1) 110V electrical outlet is \$50 (tax included) [plus additional charge for higher voltage]. (1) Extra table is \$50 (tax included). (1) Badge is \$40 (2 "free" per booth). At convention, (1) badge is \$60. [Please include your EXTRAS when completing your contract] 							
SOMETHING SPECIAL: The Trade Show will accommodate a large truck into the area if you desire to set-up a ride or exhibit. Call for pricing before December 15, 2022. In addition, there are two bays for unloading.								
SECURITY:	CURITY: When the show is NOT open, the Trade Show will be closed and locked.							
CAUTION:	The Committee, the Fair's Association, the Showmen's Association, and the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center are NOT responsible for any loss or damage to an exhibit or materials at any time.							
LIMIT: Booth(s) are ONLY available to PSACF ASSOCIATE members who have their 2022 dues paid or with this application. Note that booth processing will occur only after payment is received. An exhibitor may not sublet or substitute another exhibitor in the assigned booth space. No exhibitors can share/split the booth cost. If this is done, a total fee will be assessed each exhibitor. Every item, including any visual and sound effects, MUST be contained within your location and sound lowered. There will be no exceptions and no items can be placed in the aisles. Any live animal(s) displayed must be tethered or caged at all times. In addition, proof of insurance (copy) is required.								
LOCATION:	The Committee reserves	s the right to locate any exhibitor.						

BADGE: A Special Convention Badge MUST is worn at all times. **TWO badges will be provided to each** exhibitor per booth. Badges needed above this limit must be purchased as noted on the contract.

Badges purchased at convention must be done at the FAIR REGISTRATION DESK in the Chocolate Lobby at a cost of \$60 each. Only those wearing or showing a proper convention badge will be able to enter the Trade Show and the various other activities at the convention. This includes seminars, meetings, functions, etc. A meal ticket is required for any meal function.

- DEADLINE: Deadline is December 15, 2022; otherwise, a \$25 late fee, and you may not be listed in the Convention Program and Directory.
- LOCATION: Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey PA.
- RESTRICTION: The Convention Center does NOT provide for any storage space nor do they accept any items for display ahead of time. Call Dick if this creates a problem for you.
- REFUND POLICY: Cancel by December 15, your refund is 66%; cancel by January 1, your refund is 33%; cancel after January 1, no refund. A \$50 charge will be assessed for any returned checks.

QUESTIONS: Call Dick Horstman at (724) 729-3701.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU? ... AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SALES AND BOOKINGS AND THE BEST EXPOSURE POSSIBLE FOR YOUR PRODUCTS OR TALENT!

Most of the people who operate County Fairs will be present. Many others who are allied with the fairs such as carnivals, concessionaires, and other interested members will be present. The show gives YOU the opportunity to demonstrate the benefits of your products and services on a one-on-one basis.

ROOMS: Your room reservation must be made by December 19, 2022.

Call for reservations:

- Phone: 1-855-729-3108
- Explain you want a room at the Hershey Lodge and will be attending the 2023 PA State Association of County Fairs Convention.
- The following information will be needed: Name
 - Address Town, State, Zip Phone Day & Date of Arrival Day & Date of Departure
- Indicate number of persons in room AND number of beds needed.
- When requested for type payment tell then your credit card: Master, AmExp, Visa or Discover. And your credit card number ______ which expires on ______."
- If you need a confirmation, you MUST give either a fax number or E-Mail address; otherwise, you will NOT receive a confirmation.





There will be a **MEMORIAL SERVICE** at the 2023 PSACF/PSSA Convention, similar to that which we have each year. Will you please take a moment and list the name(s) of those who have died and the month they passed away since last convention, who either worked with your fair, who were members of your fair board, group, organization, etc. This applies to PSACF Fairs & Associates and PA Showmen.

MONTH OF DEATH NAME 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7._____ 8. 9. 10. _____ NAME OF FAIR, ETC. TOWN Name of Person Sending This Report

This information sheet MUST be received: NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2023

Send to: PSACF 128 Cumberland Road Bedford, PA 15522



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October, 2022

Dear PSACF Fairs & Associates, PA Showmen and Friends,

The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs and the Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association are hard at work planning for the 110th PSACF/PSSA Convention. The convention will be held in Hershey, PA at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on January 18-21, 2023. 2022 registration was over 1500 for the two groups.

Many of you have supported the convention in the past with sponsorships that assisted in defraying the costs for convention materials, breakfast, speakers and much more. Please consider continuing or joining our list of sponsors for the 2023 PSACF/PSSA Convention.

Convention Book Ads are also available – beneficial to you as well as defraying the cost of the convention book.

Please return the attached application stating your intentions by December 1st. Remember as you make your decision that many fairs & associates, showmen and friends are represented at the PSACF/PSSA Convention.

Again, thank you for your support and hope to see you in Hershey in January!

Sincerely, Harry

Harry Reffner PSACF Executive Secretary/Treasurer

2023 PSACF/PSSA Convention Sponsor and Ad Form

(Sponsor or Advertiser Business Name - list above)

Convention Sponsor:

Please confirm your sponsorship for the convention by entering the AMOUNT OF SPONSORSHIP and SPONSORSHIP SELECTION.

AMOUNT OF SPONSORSHIP \$

Patrons are listed on the "Patrons" page of the Convention Program Book only – all others are listed on the "Sponsors" page and a specific Sponsorship Selection of the Convention Program Book, and the post-convention issue of FairTalk.
Patron.....\$25.00
Gold......\$1,000.00 - \$1,499.00 [includes full page ad in CPB]

 Brass.....\$100.00 - \$249.00
 Platinum...\$1,500.00 - \$1,999.00 [includes full page ad in CPB & dues]

 Bronze....\$250.00 - \$499.00 [includes ¼ page ad in CPB]
 Premier....\$2,000.00 & over [includes full page ad in CPB & dues & 2 fair banquet tickets]

SPONSORSHIP SELECTION (select one):

	Seminar – "Food Safety Updates"		
	Coffee Break – Thursday		Seminar — "Creating the Magic"
	Coffee Break – Friday		Seminar — "Succession Planning"
Sponsored	Workshop – "ServSafe"	Sponsored	Seminar — "Active Shooter"
	Seminar — "Trucking Regulations Update"	Sponsored	Seminar — "Special Baking Contests"
	Keynote Speaker — Brittany Hodak		Seminar – "What to expect when you come to the Trade Show"
	${f Seminar}$ — "Leadership – Finding the Leader in You	Sponsored	Seminar — "Fair Funding"
	YPI Event		
	Youth Day – Saturday		

Convention Book Ad:

Please confirm your ad size by checking the proper heading of your choice.

- 1/4 page.....\$ 40.00 (3 1/4" wide x 1 7/8" high)
- 1/2 page.....\$ 60.00 (3 1/4" wide x 3 3/4" high)
- full-page......\$105.00 (3 1/4" wide x 7 3/4" high)
- Color ad additional \$35.00
- Ad copy is enclosed.
- Or email to: hreffner@centurylink.net
- ____ You make up ad copy.

A check made payable to: "PSACF Convention Account" should be enclosed with your return of this form.

Deadline for SPONSOR and / or AD is December 1, 2022.

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SEMINARS

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YPI event

To provide a community for young professionals to guide the future of the fair industry through leadership development, mentoring, incentives, education and idea sharing.

ATTENTION FOOD HANDLERS!

PSSA is hosting an educational seminar in conjunction with our annual Hershey Convention.

Paster Training will again be taking care of the instructional portion of the class as well as proctoring the exam on Wednesday January 18, 2023. Cost \$169 and includes study materials and test. The course is open to all PSSA and PSACF members. Class size is limited to 35 persons.

Study materials will be mailed directly to you and you will be able to study at your own pace and on your own schedule. A wrap-up session of materials review, current updates and questions and answers will be given at Hershey on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, and testing for your license will take place on site. The time allotted for the session is 4 hours after which you break for lunch on your own at the Lodge.

Registration deadline is November 18, 2022. (Registrations received after the deadline will be held on a waiting list pending any cancellations.)

SERV SAFE EDUCATION/REGISTRATION

Sponsored by PSSA

COURSE DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 (approximately 4 hours)

COURSE TIME: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Check In @ 8:30 am

LOCATION: Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033

COST: \$169.00

PAYABLE TO: PSSA Scholarship Account

Name

Address_____

City, State. Zip_____

Phone_____

Email is required for downloading your own ServSafe certificate upon successful completion/passing of the test. Email

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION RESERVATION AND INCLUDE CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO PSSA TO:

Donna M. Kramer Treasurer 318 Vinemont Road Reinholds, PA 17569