



To: 2025 Charolais Junior National Exhibitors & Conference Participants
From: Kaitlyn Chism, Director of Youth Activities and Foundation
RE: Information for Exhibitors & Participants

Confirmation Report

Confirmation e-mails were sent automatically upon entry submission. Please review the information and contact Kaitlyn at the AICA office with any questions or if you did not receive the correspondence. Call (816) 873-5265 or email kchism@charolaisusa.com.

Location Information

All 2025 Junior National events will take place at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, located at 3001 N Grant Ave, Springfield, MO 65803. Please be aware that construction crews are actively working throughout Springfield, with significant slowdowns expected along I-44. Of particular concern is the ongoing roadwork on Grant Avenue, which will be the most impactful disruption to daily traffic flow. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to avoid Grant Avenue and instead follow the designated arrival routes.

For trailer access, exhibitors should turn onto Norton Road from Highway 13 or take Exit 77 off of I-44. From there, travel east on Norton Road toward the Dickerson Park Zoo entrance. At the zoo sign, turn left and then stay right onto Zoo Park Road/Smith Street. This route will take you around the northwest lots of the fairgrounds. The Junior National trailer entrance will be located at Gate 10 off of Smith Street/Zoo Park Road. Staging lines will be organized near all barns for unloading. Trailer parking will be available in the lot south of E-Plex East, while vehicle and day parking will be located either in the North Woods lot or the parking lot west of the Wilson Logistics Arena.

Gate 10 will be open all night for unloading and arrivals on Sunday, June 15. After move-in is complete, Gate 2 will become the only entrance open 24 hours a day. In addition to Gate 10, exhibitors can access the fairgrounds via Gates 2 or 4 from Norton Road on the south side of the grounds.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Springfield North, Oasis Hotel & Convention Center and SpringHill Suites by Marriott Springfield North are located less than 5 miles east of the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. Please note - *Hotel cancellation and change policies can be up to 48 hours prior to scheduled arrival. Please update your accommodations if travel plans change as soon as possible.*

Camping is available on-site at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. Site options include 30 or 50 amp locations. Limited water and sewer hook-ups are available. Dump station found on-site. To reserve a site for \$50/night, contact Ozark Empire Fair 417-833-2660 and request 'Camping Department.' Sites are managed by Ozark Empire Fairgrounds and available first come, first serve. Golf carts or utility vehicles are permitted on the grounds. Exhibitors must register these vehicles at the office and provide a certificate of insurance (COI) to the show office.

Animal Health Requirements

All cattle must have official identification and be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) that lists official identification issued within thirty (30) days of event start date. Examples of Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) acceptable official identification are: Purebred registry tattoos or a USDA approved RFID 840 series tag. Electronic CVIs are acceptable. Rules and regulations of the Missouri Department of Agriculture must be adhered to. Contact the MDA Animal Health Division, 573-751-3377, for specific questions related to animal movement requirements.

The Greatest Show Meal Ticket & Adult Conference Registrations

The Greatest Show meal ticket provides additional meals the Planning Committee has coordinated from generous sponsors. This year's ticket offers 5 additional meals – 4 lunches and 1 dinner. This Greatest Show meal ticket must be paired with a Conference Registration, either junior or adult. Greatest Show Meal Tickets may be added to a junior or adult Conference Registration for \$55. Late Conference Registration and Greatest Show Meal Tickets can be purchased by June 10 for \$125.

Adults are encouraged to register for the conference as they receive the same conference materials and activity benefits, as listed on the schedule. The Adult Conference Ticket (\$70) includes an official 2025 Junior National t-shirt, the conference welcome dinner and the Friday evening Annual Awards Banquet. These registration opportunities are extended until June 10 or until sold out. Official t-shirts will be provided as supplies last. Please contact Vanessa Lammers, AICA at (816) 873-5268 to pay by credit card.

Cattle Check-In

Cattle barns open for move-in on Sunday, June 15 at 12 p.m. Noon. Please enter through Gate 10 and watch for signs or a volunteer to guide you to the nearest unloading area for your barn. (*Cattle must be on the grounds by 12 p.m. Noon, Monday, June 16.*) All animal registration certificates, health papers and participant conference registrations must be checked-in before Monday, June 16, 12 p.m. Noon.

Cattle Check-In has two stops. First Stop – *Each animal entered for exhibition will have tattoos checked.* AICA Field Staff will be located in the Noel Boyd Arena Sunday from 4-6 p.m. and Monday 8-12 p.m. to check tattoos, stamp registration papers and confirm health papers. Make sure the tattoo

or firebrand number is legible and corresponds to the registration certificate. Animals with non-legible or missing tattoos/firebrand numbers will be disqualified and ineligible to show.

Second Stop – Bring Field Staff stamped ‘2025-26 Tattoo Check’ registration papers to Cattle Check-In located in the Pinegar Ag Learning Center (locally referred to as Annex). There exhibitors will receive a packet of back numbers and thank you notes to be written to sponsors. **Registration papers must be stamped before you can receive your packet at cattle check-in.**

All bulls born on or before August 31, 2024 must have a permanent nose ring. In addition to having tattoos checked, steers will be weighed and sifted on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Golden Oaks Barn. Scales will be available on Monday, June 16 at announced times.

Leadership Conference Check-in

Leadership Conference Check-in is where you will receive your official Junior National name tag, conference and/or The Greatest Show meal ticket, event booklet and t-shirts as well as conduct contest check-in. This includes confirming speeches and submitting art, posters, and scrapbooks.

On Monday afternoon, we will hold an adult, chaperone and advisor meeting at 1:30 p.m. At least one adult representative from each state must attend. We welcome all adults to join us and highly recommend attendance of first-time participants. Team forms for Quiz Bowl, Team Fitting, and Team Sales will be available at check-in and at this meeting. Please bring completed forms to the Show Office or submit online by 9 a.m., Tuesday, June 17. The AIJCA will do our best to fill any incomplete teams.

Stalling/Bedding

Bulk base bedding for stalls and tie-outs will be provided. Outside bedding is permitted but may not be delivered to the Fairgrounds. Please remember all tie-outs and barn stalling will be assigned by state/affiliate. Please work together as a state/affiliate.

State stalling barn assignments will be posted online soon. Front panel pictures are at the bottom of the map on page 3. Only one side of the aisle will be bedded allowing tack space opposite for exhibitors. Port-a-cools (Rental option and contact on page 5. Order by June 10.) and butt fans are permitted in the stalling barns but need to fit in your assigned stall space. Please bring extension cords for electricity throughout the barns. Generators are encouraged.

Tie-outs will be assigned by state. Tie-out pens are **only** permitted for cow-calf pairs checked-in and will be provided and assigned by AIJCA. No other pens or tents are allowed in tie-outs. Tie-outs are cleaned every afternoon at 1 PM. All items except manure to be disposed of should be clear of the tie-out aisles by that time. Cleaning trailers in the trailer parking area is prohibited.

Feed store service provided by Ozark Empire Fairgrounds will be available on the grounds, west of the Wells Barns and Arena. Products will include shavings, pellets, a variety of feed options and hay. To pre-order, contact 417-833-2660 requesting feed store department. Feed store hours will be announced at the adult, chaperone, advisor meeting.

AIJCA Meetings

Please note all new business for the AIJCA Annual Membership Meeting must be provided in writing Tuesday at the General Caucus for consideration at Friday’s Annual Membership Meeting. All AIJCA members running for an AIJCA Area Director position are to meet with the current AIJCA Board, Monday, June 16 at 8 a.m.

General Reminders

All Junior National participants exhibiting cattle must participate in **at least one contest** at Junior National. Please review each contest’s rules.

The Sullivan Supply Showmanship Contest and Phenotype & Genotype (P&G) Shows are non-fit competitions. Effective the 2024-2025 show season, the AICA Show Classification Paint and Powder Special Rule restricting the use of paint, flock, powder and/or powder-based products has been removed. Official 2025 Junior National t-shirts must be worn during all shows except Showmanship. The Group Photo will be taken Monday, June 16 at 4:30 p.m. prior to the Opening Ceremonies. State/affiliate groups to follow at the photo backdrop in Wilson Logistics Arena. Wear your Sure Champ T-shirts on Tuesday and Frontier Embryo Center t-shirts on Thursday! The banquet held Friday, June 20 in the East E-Plex has a business casual recommended dress code. All entries will be released following the conclusion of the Show on Saturday, June 21. All cattle must be off the grounds by Sunday, June 22, Noon.

Pearl’s Pics is the official photographer of the 2025 AIJCA Junior National. ALL photographs taken, backdrops and candid, are available for FREE download thanks to the 2025 Planning Committee and Junior National Sponsors at www.pearlspics.com. Junior National Shows Wednesday, June 18 - Saturday, June 21 can be viewed live online at www.ringsidelive.co.

The AIJCA Junior National Show & Leadership Conference is a non-alcohol event. The consumption of alcoholic beverages at the AIJCA Junior National will not be tolerated.

2025 Philanthropic Projects

This year the AIJCA is supporting several projects including Huck’s Military Care Packages and the Ronald McDonald House Charities. To donate items to AIJCA Member Huck Plyler’s Military Care Packages, please bring individual or travel size items with you to Junior National. Pop tabs will be collected at donation buckets throughout the grounds at Junior National for the Ronald McDonald House.

Contact Us

Please contact us with any questions prior to and throughout the event at (816) 873-5265 call/(515) 205-9704 text for Kaitlyn Chism, (816) 873-5268 for Vanessa Lammers or (913) 515-1215 for David Hobbs; by e-mail kchism@charolaisusa.com, vllammers@charolaisusa.com or dhobbs@charolaisusa.com.

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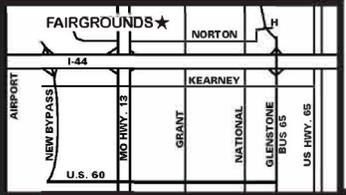
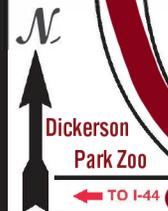
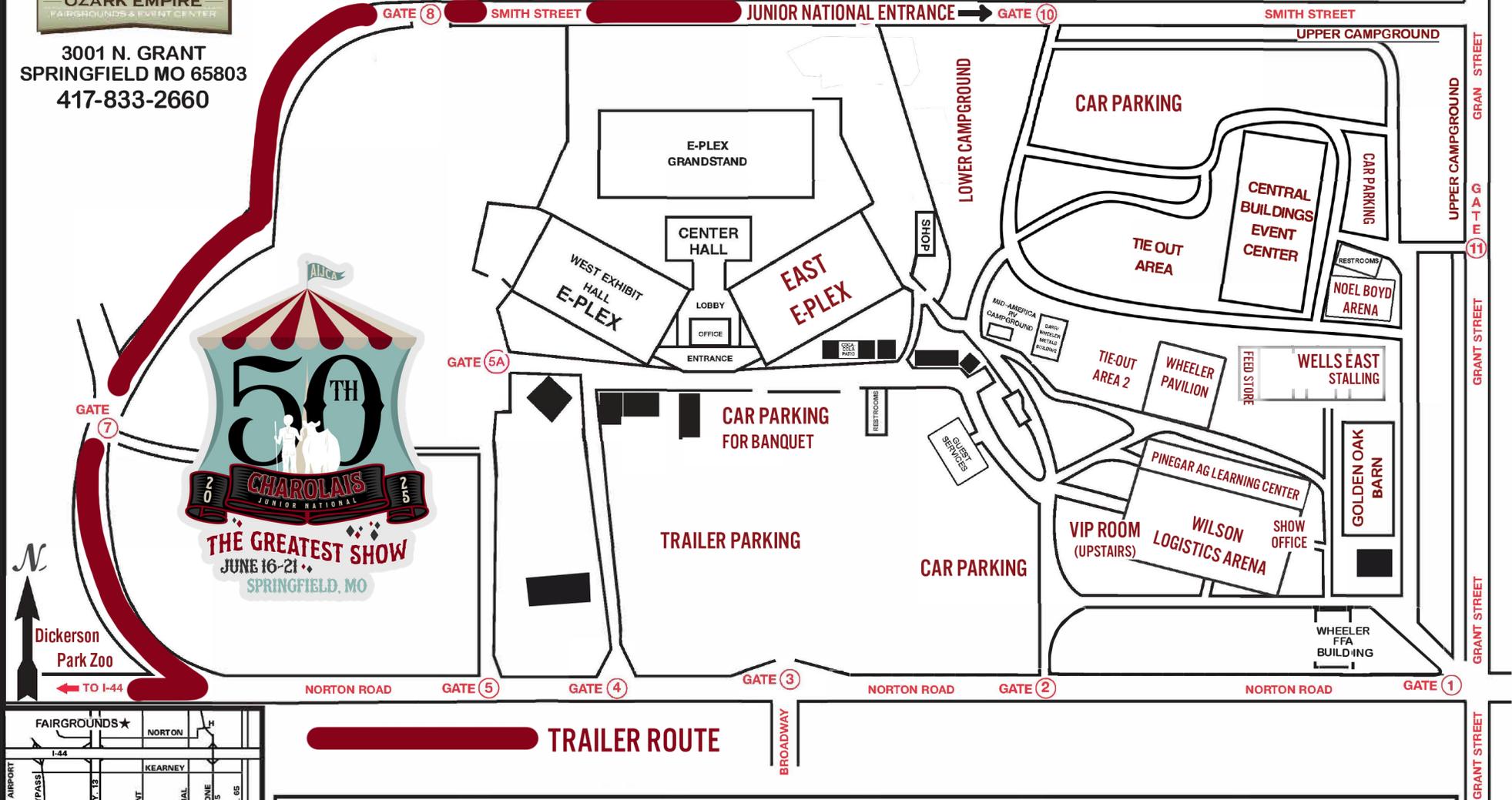


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OZARK EMPIRE FAIRGROUNDS SITE MAP



TRAILER ROUTE

CENTRAL BUILDING & WHEELER PAVILION



GOLDEN OAK BARN



WELLS EAST



TIE-OUT AREA



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

- 12 PM Exhibitor Move in Begins/Cattle Can Enter the Barns
 4-6 PM Cattle Check-In *Tattoo Check: Noel Boyd Arena; Paper Check-In: ALC*

MONDAY, JUNE 16

- 8 AM Board member candidate meeting *Show Office*
 8 AM-12 PM Cattle Check-In *Tattoo Check: Noel Boyd and Paper Check-In: ALC*
 9 AM-12 PM Leadership Conference Check-In *Pinegar Ag Learning Center*
 12 PM All Cattle must be on the grounds
 12:30 PM Peer Mentor/Mentee Introductions *Wilson Logistics Arena*
 1:30 PM Adult, Chaperone and Advisor Meeting *Ag Learning Center*
 2:30 PM Weaver Livestock Clinic with ProStaff Kirk Stierwalt *Noel Boyd*
 4:30 PM Group Picture/State Pictures *Wilson Logistics Arena*
 5:30 PM Opening Ceremonies *Wilson Logistics Arena*
 6:30-7:30 PM Conference Dinner *Pinegar Ag Learning Center (ALC)*
 6:30 PM Carnival Night & Family Fun for All *Around the Barns*

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

SURE CHAMP T-SHIRT DAY

- 7:30-8 AM Weigh Steers *Golden Oaks Barn*
 8 AM Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speech & Interview Contests
Check-in at Wilson Logistics Arena for Competition Room Assignments
 10:30 AM Sullivan Supply Survivor Showdown *Noel Boyd Arena*
 11:30 AM- 1 PM The Greatest Show Lunch *Pinegar Ag Learning Center (ALC)*
 1 PM AIJCA General Caucus Meeting *Wilson Logistics Arena*
followed by Area Meetings
 3 PM Cook-Off Contest *Pinegar Ag Learning Center (ALC)*
 4:30 PM Sure Champ Prep to Win Workshop *Pinegar Ag Learning Center*
 6 PM Kickball Tournament *Noel Boyd Arena*
 Evening on your own

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

- 8 AM Sullivan Supply Showmanship Contest *Wilson Logistics Arena*
Senior & Intermediate Divisions followed by Junior Division and PeeWee Clinic
 11:30-1:30 PM The Greatest Show Lunch *Pinegar Ag Learning Center (ALC)*
 2-4 PM Leadership Conference *Bus Transportation Available*
Convoy of Hope Recommended for Ages 13+
Discovery Center Recommended for Ages 12 and under
 3 PM Adult 9-Hole Golf Scramble
 4 PM Area Meetings *Wilson Logistics Arena*
 5:30 PM Quiz Bowl *Meet at Wilson Logistics Arena;*
Competition Rooms: Pinegar Ag Learning Center (ALC) and VIP Room
 7:30 PM Movie Night: The Greatest Showman *Wilson Logistics Arena*
 Evening on your own



THURSDAY, JUNE 19

FRONTIER EMBRYO CENTER T-SHIRT DAY

- 8 AM Phenotype & Genotype (P&G) Heifer Show *Wilson Logistics Arena*
 11 AM Miss Charolais USA Meet & Greet *Pinegar Ag Learning Center*
 11:30-12:30 PM The Greatest Show Lunch *Pinegar Ag Learning Center (ALC)*
 12:45 PM Team Sales Contest *Noel Boyd Arena*
 1:30 PM Weaver Livestock Team Fitting Contest *Wilson Logistics Arena*
 5:30-7 PM The Greatest Show Dinner *E-Plex East*
 6:30 PM Talent/Skit Contest *E-Plex East*

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

- 8 AM Bred & Owned Heifer Show, Bull, Steer, Percentage Heifer Shows
Wilson Logistics Arena
 11:30-1:30 PM The Greatest Show Lunch *Pinegar Ag Learning Center (ALC)*
 3 PM Conference Awards Program *Wilson Logistics Arena*
 4 PM AIJCA Annual Membership Meeting *Wilson Logistics Arena*
 6:30 PM AIJCA Annual Award Banquet Dinner *E-Plex East*
 7 PM AIJCA Annual Award Ceremony *E-Plex East*

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

- 8 AM Owned Heifer Show *Wilson Logistics Arena*

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

- 12 PM Cattle must be off the grounds

ALC = Pinegar Ag Learning Center

Tentative and Subject to Change



Contact:

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Evaporative Cooling Fans



Air conditioning units

Must Reserve by Tuesday, June 10



Portable Generators