



# Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association

## Common Ground Country Fair

### Common Ground Camping Policy & Rules

When available, we offer the option to camp in the designated camping areas to eligible volunteers, Planning Team members (Area Coordinators, MOFGA Board), MOFGA staff and exhibitors on a first come, first serve basis.

#### Who is eligible to camp:

- Volunteers
  - One night of camping for each 4-hour shift
- Planning Team members
  - Coordinators who are actively volunteering may begin to camp on the first day of Fair Set-up through the last day of Fair Clean-up.
- Contracted, Current Vendors/Exhibitors in good standing
  - Available for Sept. 23 -Sept. 27, 2021
- Contracted, Current Livestock Exhibitors
  - Available for Sept. 22 -Sept. 27, 2021
- MOFGA Staff Members

#### Camping locations & types:

- South Volunteer & Exhibitor Camping – tent, car, <20' units, 3 RV
  - *For volunteers, Planning Team members, MOFGA Staff, exhibitors*
- Exhibitor's Booth – tent, sleeping bag
  - *Exhibitors only*
- North Coordinator Camping – tent only
  - *Planning Team members & MOFGA Staff*
- West Coordinator Extended Stay Camping – tent only
  - *Planning Team members\*, shift volunteers\*, MOFGA Staff\**
- Access Road Coordinator Camping – units 20' or less
  - *Planning Team members\*, shift volunteers\*, MOFGA Staff\**
- Small Livestock Camping – tent, limited space for units 20' or less
  - *Maine Fiber Farms exhibitors with livestock\**
  - *Livestock Exhibitors with sheep, goats, rabbits, or chickens\**
- Livestock Camping – Contact Coordinator with specific needs.
  - *Livestock Exhibitors with large livestock – equines, cattle\**

\*Pre-approval of Coordinator required.

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All campers must abide by the following Camping Rules:

- All sites are primitive with no running water or electricity.
- Campers must camp in the designated camping areas. There is no camping allowed in the parking lots.
- Campers may not engage in illegal activity on the Fairgrounds or MOFGA grounds. • Pets are absolutely forbidden on Fairgrounds and in the camping areas. • No unauthorized campfires.
- Cooking is only allowed in the designated areas with 1lb propane or butane cylinders. No solid fuel may be used without permission of the Fair Office. Any participant using cooking equipment must have an appropriate fire extinguisher with them.
- Campers must stay on marked paths in the North & West Coordinator Camping areas, to minimize impact.
- Use port-a-potties or Common Thrones in the camping areas. Do not go to the bathroom in the woods.
- Quiet time is from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m.
- Volunteers not actively volunteering between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. must stay off the Fairgrounds.
- Common Ground Country Fair assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items. • Members of the CGCF Safety Team are authorized to ask volunteers for identification in the form of their volunteer shift registration. Safety Team members represent the CGCF and MOFGA in determining whether certain persons and/or their conduct is permitted to be on the Fairgrounds. Any person not abiding by established Fair guidelines may be asked to leave the fairgrounds by the Safety Coordinator in charge, the Fair Director or a Waldo County Deputy.
- Campers must take gray water to the Compost & Recycling area.
- Generators may not be used unless specifically permitted in a camping area's rules & guidelines.
- Please carry out what you carry in.

Please note: The Common Ground Country Fair has limited land resources and assigns camping spots on a first come, first serve basis. In the event that the campgrounds are full, campers will be directed to nearby camping areas. These areas are listed on the Camping and Accommodations webpage on MOFGA.org.

Camping Areas Specific Rules & Guidelines:

- **South Volunteer & Exhibitor Camping Area**
  - Primarily tent camping
  - Limited camping in your vehicle
  - Limited availability – 20' or less unit parking/camping
    - The 20' must include any extensions, any longer and the unit is deemed a RV size.
  - 3 lottery RV spaces – 24-26' unit parking/camping\*

- \*You must be a current exhibitor or pre-registered volunteer who is scheduled to work 3 shifts to enter the lottery.
- The lottery is September 1-15<sup>th</sup>. To enter, follow the link on the Camping & Accommodations webpage on mofga.org.

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- We cannot park your RV, the owner must be able to park their own unit to be eligible.
- If you are a volunteer, your volunteer shift registration confirmation is required as proof of your eligibility to camp.
- All eligible campers must register with the South Camping Coordinators and camp and/or park in the space they designate..
- No camping or camping equipment in the woods, including hammocks. Hammocks are allowed in field area only with self-supporting stands.
- If you elect to sleep in your vehicle, you must check-in with the South Volunteer & Exhibitor Camping Coordinators and park where directed.
- Cars may not be parked next to tents. Similarly, no tents may be set-up next to the camping units or RVs.
- Space in the camping areas is limited. There is no room for awnings, tables, or furniture sets. Please leave these in your vehicle or at home.
- Please help us make the Fair a Clean-Air event. We strongly discourage generators in the South Volunteer & Exhibitor Camping Area. If approved by the Camping Coordinators, generators may be run between 8:00AM-4:00PM.
- **North Coordinator Camping Area**
  - Small Tents 10x10' or less
  - Fill out the Campsite Reservation Form and return to the Fair Office by August 1st. • Or consult the Camping area registry during the Fair and sign-up for an open campsite.
  - Approved campers may set up between 8:00 a.m. and dusk only.
- **Exhibitor's Camping in their Booth**
  - Primarily sleeping bags
  - Small Tents that fit into the contracted space
  - Contracted exhibitors who want to camp in their booths must check-in at the Fair Office to review and sign the Camp-In-Your-Booth permit and rules. This signed copy must be posted in your booth while you are camping.
  - All camping gear must be put away by 8:45AM each day.
- **West Coordinator Extended Stay Camping Area**
  - Primarily tent camping
  - All campers must be pre-approved by the West Coordinator Extended Stay Camping Coordinator.
  - Contact Mary Weyer at mweyer@gmail.com to inquire about availability. • Approved campers may set up between 8:00 a.m. and dusk only.

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- **Access Road Coordinator Camping Area**
  - Limited tent camping
  - Limited camping in your vehicle
  - Limited availability – 20' or less unit parking/camping
- All campers must be pre-approved by the Access Road Coordinator. • Contact [volunteers@mofga.org](mailto:volunteers@mofga.org) to inquire about availability.
  
- **Small Livestock Exhibitor Camping Area**
  - Limited tent camping
  - Limited camping in your vehicle
  - Limited availability – 20' or less unit parking/camping
- All campers must be contracted to exhibit small livestock at the Fair. • Contact Michelle DeLucia at [sunshinedaydreamfarm@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinedaydreamfarm@gmail.com) to inquire about availability.
  
- **Large Livestock Exhibitor Camping Area**
  - Declare space needs on Livestock application
- Contracted livestock exhibitors must declare intentions to camp on their application or in writing to the Fair Office, along with the dimensions of their unit. These exhibitors will then be assigned a space near the livestock area based on their needs and land availability.
- Please help us make the Fair a Clean-Air event. We strongly discourage generators in the Large Livestock Camping Area. If approved by the Camping Coordinator(s), generators may be run between 8:00AM-4:00PM.

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