

Frequently Asked Questions

I have paid for my campsite but no longer need it, what are my options?

Contact GCFY as soon as possible at info@gcffy.org. GCFY can refund your full campsite payment fee at full price if you contact by June 15 and likely after that date as well. If your reason to camp is a one-time reason such as the loss of a project animal, the camper can ask to have their name be placed at the top of the campsite waiting list and likely will get a site the following year. If the special campsite parking permits have been **issued**, those passes must be returned before a refund will be offered.

Can I set up my campsite prior to 12:01 a.m. on the Friday before the fair?

No. No matter the reason the answer will be No unless you have \$500 to pay to GCFY. Anyone who still sets up the campsite will be issued a fine of \$500 in order to continue to camp or your campsite privileges will be forfeited and you will be removed from the fairgrounds. Why? The fair needs to allow for time to ensure campsites are mowed and most likely the campsite boundaries will be painted.

Can I move my campsite?

Yes, if a campsite is available. If you are interested in moving, put a description of where you would like to be located on the front of or attached to your campsite reservation form and the fair will do the best it can to accommodate your request prior to inviting campers from the waiting list. Requests can only be filled based on availability.

We have more than two cars at the fair, can we park them at our campsite?

See Rule #12

Can we have an Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) at the fair?

Yes. ORVs must be registered at the fair office. Paperwork can be found in the fair form section of www.gcffy.org. There is a fee to register an ORV. ORVs are not considered an extra vehicle and may be parked at your campsite provided the ORV is properly insured and is displaying a current GCFY permit.



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Camping Rules & FAQ's





2026 Fair Campsite Rules & Terms

Camping Check-In: **No sooner than 12:01 a.m., FRIDAY, July 10, 2026** Check-Out: **SUNDAY, July 19, 2026**

Campsite Fee: \$350.00 unless someone in the immediate family staying in the campsite is a youth fair exhibitor, member or staff of the GCFY Board of Directors, or a primary animal superintendent with animals stalled on the grounds throughout the week of fair then \$200.00.

1. Fair camping is from the Friday the day before the start of the fair (no sooner than 12:01 a.m.) through the Sunday after the last day of fair. Campers who park or set-up prior to the Friday prior to fair will be fined \$500 that day or forfeit their campsite immediately with no refund given.
2. **ALL campsites are marked with three aluminum plates in the ground. The plate with the number is the center of your lot. Blank plates are lot borders.**
3. Camping units must have at least **2 feet** of space between other camping units; **allowances must be made for slide-outs, canopies, picnic tables, etc. keeping a foot of space on the inside of your campsite line, to allow adequate space between campers.** Camping units must be parked perpendicularly to the access road.
4. You must use the electrical box and outlet with number corresponding with your assigned campsite lot number.
5. Extension cords used to connect your camper with the campsite electrical box must be proper strength to be able to handle your camper. Basic household outdoor electrical cords are insufficient.
6. A midnight curfew and quiet time on the Fairgrounds and in the camping area will be enforced. Those camping must be at their unit and quiet by midnight. Any visitors must leave the fair grounds by 11:30 p.m.
7. At least one adult chaperone (25 years or older) must stay in each campsite every night. Parents/ guardians are responsible for their children and the chaperone(s) they chose listed on the reservation form. Random checks can be done by the fair after midnight to ensure a chaperone(s) is present.
8. Campers must follow a **5 mph** speed limit in the camping area of the fair grounds. This applies to all vehicles, including cars and off-road-vehicles.
9. Absolutely no drainage of waste water (gray water) on the ground. Pumping services will be available through an outside vendor. Information can be found at the fair office.
10. All campers will be responsible to take their garbage to the dumpster located on the grounds. Campsites must be left in the condition they were found.
11. No dogs will be allowed on the campgrounds/fair grounds unless the animal is a documented service dog. Dog show animals will only be on grounds at day of show.
12. **No more than 2 vehicles per campsite and each vehicle must have a campsite parking permit prominently displayed on the drivers side at the top of the windshield. Extra vehicles need to park in the fair's General Parking areas displaying proper parking permit. Fire Lane must stay open at all times. Any vehicles restricting the Fire Lane or not displaying proper campsite parking permit will be towed at the owners' expense. Any fraudulent camper passes on vehicles will result in the loss of the campsite.**
13. No water balloon launchers or fireworks/firecrackers on the fair grounds. Anyone found with a launcher or fireworks/firecrackers anywhere on the grounds will lose their campsite.
14. No animal trailers or stock trailers at a campsite. (Horse trailers with living quarters may be used only if it is the primary camping trailer.)
15. Any campsite left empty after 6:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of fair, the fair will fill that site with another camper according to policy. No refunds or compensation will be given.
16. No campfires (wood nor propane) will be permitted in the campgrounds during fair.
17. Only one refrigerator may be used per campsite. This includes built-in refrigerators.
18. Gratiot County Fair for Youth reserves the right to reassign campsites without prior notice up to 30 days prior to the fair.
19. The Gratiot County Fair for Youth and its Board of Directors will not be responsible for any injury, loss or damages whatever the reason incurred while camping on the Fairgrounds.
20. If anyone staying at your campsite is in violation of one or more of these rules, your campsite lot agreement may be voided and you may be forced to leave the camping area and you will forfeit your future camping privileges.

**** IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER****

We will use the Armory for our shelter. If the Board is alerted to severe weather in the area; we will alert the people at the fairgrounds with our PA system and megaphones. We will go through the campground at night if we are notified at that time as well. Please remind your family that they should go directly to the armory and NOT back to the campers to find each other; you will be able to find your complete family members when you are all at the armory and safe. **There is a gate behind the restrooms at the end of the horse arena that can be used to get from the fairgrounds onto the armory property. You will still need to go to the front of the armory building in order to get into the building.**