

Muscatine County Bacon Buddies® Youth Mentor



Join us for the Bacon Buddies® Show at the Muscatine County Fair!

WHO: 4-H and FFA Members will be partnered with a person with an intellectual and/or developmental disability to teach them about exhibiting a pig.

WHAT: Bacon Buddies® participants will have the opportunity to experience showing a pig. The judge will assess how the mentors, participant and pig work together as a cohesive unit. All youth mentors will receive a T-shirt and complimentary snacks.

WHEN: Thursday, July 16, 2026

Arrival: 1:15 p.m. Mentors check in at small show ring

Timeline: 1:15-1:25 p.m. Meet and Greet with Buddies

1:25- 1:30 p.m. Group Picture (All Participants and Mentors)

1:30-2:10 p.m. Meet show pig and teach Buddies how to walk/feed/bond with pig

2:10- 2:25 p.m. Snack Break and Games

2:30-3:30 p.m. Bacon Buddies® Swine Show

WHERE: Small Show Ring

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 29, 2026

EXPECTATIONS:

- 4-H/FFA youth mentor must be age 10 or older
- Enrolled in 4-H or FFA swine project
- Arrive on time and dressed in appropriate show attire, including Bacon Buddies® T-shirt
- Exhibitor will exhibit pig during the event and youth mentor will help assist and help when necessary
- Bacon Exhibitor and Mentor pairings will be assigned by Bacon Buddies® committee
- Stay for the entire Bacon Buddies® event and show

QUESTIONS: Please email: Meaghan Peters at meaghap@childserve.org

Please see next pages for required registration form for youth mentors of this year's Bacon Buddies® event.

Muscatine County Fair Bacon Buddies® Youth Mentor Registration Form

Youth Mentor Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

County _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Possible suggestions for your Bacon Exhibitor match:

T-shirt (circle): Child Size: S M L XL Adult Size: S M L XL XXL

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s): _____

Emergency Contact Name and Cell Number: _____

LIVESTOCK EXPERIENCE:

Do you have experience with exhibiting swine? (circle): Yes No

Do you have a swine project to volunteer for this event? (circle): Yes No

VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT:

Please read carefully, then initial next to each.

_____ I will assist and support my participant to make their swine showing experience the best it can be.

_____ I will be respectful, kind, and courteous to all participants, exhibitors and volunteers.

_____ I will be a friend to my participant (Buddy/Exhibitor), and I will strive to help build confidence and self-esteem in my participant.

_____ I will arrive at the swine show ring by 1:00 pm and stay until the conclusion of the Bacon Buddies® event.

_____ I will wear appropriate show ring attire including my Bacon Buddies® T-shirt

_____ I will demonstrate high morals and integrity both in and out of the show ring.

_____ I will be of good spirit, enthusiastic, and have a kind attitude towards all exhibitors, mentors and other volunteers.

_____ I agree to images of me to be utilized in promotional materials.

_____ I agree to the conditions of this agreement, including requirements of my time.

_____ I understand that a mentor/volunteer can be dismissed at any time by the Bacon Buddies® committee.



Youth Mentor Signature

Date

_____ I agree to uphold the same standards for time, kindness, respect and inclusivity as the participants in this event.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

_____ I agree to uphold the same standards for time, kindness, respect and inclusivity as the participants in this event.

4-H Leader/FFA Advisor

Date

Submit registration form and agreement to:

Muscatine County Fair

Address: 101 N Clay St, West Liberty, IA 52776

Or by email to Meaghan Peters at: meaghap@childserve.org

Please send in registration form by June 29, 2026



Muscatine County Bacon Buddies®

Volunteer



Dear Supporter of Muscatine County,

The Muscatine County Fair board is very excited to have the opportunity to bring Bacon Buddies® back to the Muscatine County Fair. Bacon Buddies® is an event that was created in hopes to integrate people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (Buddies) with 4-H/FFA members to give the athletes an opportunity that they otherwise would not receive. During this event, a 4-H or FFA member is paired up with a buddy to exhibit a pig! This program also allows the next generation of pig farmers to give back to their communities while giving an opportunity to the athletes.

The Muscatine County Bacon Buddies® event will be held on July 16, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in the small show ring. An event like this requires many hands to provide a great experience for participants. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer, please complete and submit the information below.

Volunteer Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Age Range (circle): Adult Youth

T-Shirt (circle): Adult Size S M L XL XXL Youth Size S M L XL

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s) if under the age of 18:

Submit registration form to:

Muscatine County Fair

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Registration deadline is June 29, 2026

Muscatine County Bacon Buddies® Participant



Join us for the Bacon Buddies® Show at the Muscatine County Fair!

- WHO:** Persons with an intellectual and/or developmental disability age of 10 years and older. Each participant will be paired with two youth mentors and a pig.
- WHAT:** Bacon Buddies® participants will have the opportunity to experience showing a pig. The judge will assess how the mentors, participant and pig work together as a cohesive unit. All participants will receive a fair ribbon, t-shirt, and 2 admission tickets for entrance into the County Fair.
- WHEN:** Thursday, July 16, 2026
Arrival: 1:00 pm
Timeline: 12:50-1:05 p.m. Check-in at the large show ring
1:05-1:20 p.m. Swine Orientation and Buddy pictures
1:25-1:30 p.m. Meet mentors and take pictures
1:30-2:10 p.m. Meet show pig and work with mentors to walk/feed/bond with pig
2:15-2:25 p.m. Snack break and games with mentors
2:30-3:30 p.m. Bacon Buddies® Swine Show
- WHERE:** Small Show Ring
- SHOW ATTIRE:** Closed toe shoes, long pants, and Bacon Buddies® T-shirt
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** June 29, 2026
- PLEASE NOTE:** There are a variety of activities, lights and sounds at the Muscatine County Fair and in the Swine Barn. Please bring any calming or auditory devices necessary to enhance this opportunity for your participant. Parents and/or guests are encouraged to watch the show from the bleachers but will not be allowed in the show ring during the event.
- QUESTIONS?** Please email Meaghan Peters at meaghap@childserve.org

Please see next pages for required consent and registration form for participants of this year's Bacon Buddies® event. Parent/guardian is also required to complete liability waiver given.

Muscatine County Fair Bacon Buddies® Registration Form

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

T-Shirt (circle): Youth Size S M L XL Adult Size S M L XL XXL

Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year): ____/____/____

School: _____

Grade: _____

What information can you share with the audience?

Hobbies/Interests:

Favorite animal:

Fun Facts:

Special Needs Information:

Nature of Disability: _____

Does participant use a walker, wheelchair, or crutches? YES NO If YES, which one: _____

Seizures: Y/N Diabetes: Y/N Allergies: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s): _____

Address (If different from Show person): _____

Emergency Contact Name and Cell Number: _____

Relationship to participant: _____

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Muscatine County Bacon Buddies® Parent/Guardian Liability Waiver

WAIVER TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I am the parent/legal guardian of _____ . (participant's first and last name) I verify my child meets the participation requirements (10 years of age or older and has an intellectual and/or developmental disability) and has my permission to participate in the Muscatine County Bacon Buddies® show.



I understand the nature of the Bacon Buddies® show and believe my child is qualified, in good health, and is mentally and physically able to participate. I fully accept and assume all risks and responsibilities for losses, costs, and/or damages my child may incur because of his/her participation. If I, or the Bacon Buddies® show management, feel my child's participation is unsafe at any time, I agree my child will discontinue participation immediately.

As a Muscatine County Fair exhibitor, I hereby acknowledge that my child's photograph may be taken by the official Muscatine County Fair photographer for use by the Muscatine County Fair and agree to release and hold harmless the State of Iowa, Muscatine County Fair, their officers, employees and agents and any and all parties to whom this or any photograph may be released. This photograph was taken for artistic reasons or newsworthiness and I agree that it may be released to any medium and may be used in any manner for any purpose whatsoever without compensation.

I fully understand the animal project my child is working with is not my child's animal and he/she is expected to care for the animal with the utmost respect.

It is understood and agreed that neither the State of Iowa nor the Muscatine County Fair shall be liable for damages. _____ (name of participant) does hereby release and hold harmless the State of Iowa, the Muscatine County Fair; the Muscatine County Fair Board; and their agents, officers and employees from any responsibility whatsoever resulting from or coming out of participation at the Muscatine County Fair by:

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

DATE