

## Financial and In-Kind Contributions to the Wyoming State Fair

### **Wyoming FFA Association and WVATA**

- State staff and 9 state officers set up and manage the FFA building during State Fair week. This includes set up, tear down, cleaning, and organizing/displaying exhibits.
- 58 FFA Advisors oversee their student's participation at State Fair and also work all the livestock shows and help with the static exhibits in the FFA building.
- 9 State Officers work all FFA showmanship and youth market shows in conjunction with the 4-H leadership team.
- Wyoming FFA has coordinated and oversaw the Agricultural Experience Tent down by the Rotary building. Activities and presentations have been provided for free for the general public and have been put together at no charge to the WSF.
- Wyoming FFA partnered with the Department of Agriculture in 2017 and brought in 4 media interns to help with social media posts and videos throughout the week of fair. They received no compensation other than lodging and meals for the week.
- 2017 was the 2nd year, Wyoming FFA has run a golf cart "taxi service" with 3 large golf carts on the grounds during state fair. All 3 carts were active the entire week of state fair for 12-14 hours each day. Total cost yearly, \$3,525 plus signage.
- Wyoming FFA built/created the "Blue and Gold Museum" in the FFA building on the state fair grounds. It's an added attraction and draw to the WSF grounds.
- Paid for new shelving/displays, tables, and chairs for FFA building during state fair. Total cost, \$5,000 in 2013.

### **UW Extension (UWE), 4-H**

- 25 UWE 4-H Educators supervising ~800 youth, their volunteer chaperones and their 5,000 – 8,000 4-H project exhibits.
- ~15-20 UWE Area Educators support various shows, exhibits, part of UWE and other UW activities during the WSF.
- ~10 UW Animal Science personnel are engaged in some fashion for Extension or UW
- 6-10 UWE Summer interns from county 4-H programs volunteer during WSF.
- Manage ~ 53 volunteers for dorms, youth shows, judging contest and exhibits
- UWE 4-H partners with FFA the past two years on additional educational activities for youth and/or families of the public attending WSF in the agricultural experience tent.
- UWE sponsors or partners to offer at the WSF: Premier Wyoming Hay Show, Mountain States Lamb Cooperative Performance Lamb Contest, the WSF Wool Show, Lamb Evaluation Seminar and Contest, WBCIA Beef Evaluation Seminar and Contest, and a swine ultrasound evaluation contest.

### **Wyoming Woolgrowers Association**

- \$10,000 (including private donations) for improvements to wool barn, made in 2015

### **Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Youth Academy**

- 1,000-1,500 hours (2017) of labor toward general maintenance on the WSF Grounds

## **Converse County**

- In-Kind yearly donations of hauling dirt in and out of the pavilion and mag-chloride applications for dust control

## **Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation, and Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts**

- Pathway to water quality project:
  - Installation of permeable pavers/bucking horse logo in front of Ag & Natural Resource building and in back of building to pathway along the river
  - Permeable paver pathway with a french drain system underlain to pick up run off and divert to a wetland
  - Constructed wetland near Equine Center including the boardwalk, native plants, and rock base
  - Ecogrid installation at the livestock tie outs that reduced runoff
  - Installation of 6 dogipot stations for disposal of dog waste
  - Signage throughout entire project
- Living Legacy Program
  - Funding and Planting of approximately 100 trees
  - Funding & Installation of tree guards throughout grounds - roughly 50

*Pathway to Water Quality Project and Living Legacy Program totaled approximately \$450,000 over 5 years' period.*

## **FAIR Posse (2017)**

- Built fence in multiple locations on grounds, 40 hours
- Built new flower planters and readied for planting, 12 hours
- Planted and maintained flower beds, 350 hours
- Volunteer help during the week of state fair, 360 hours

## **State Fair Advisory Board**

- Participated in two work days outside of the WSF to help with general maintenance and prep work for state fair.
- 550+ hours of volunteer work during the state fair.

## **Wyoming Livestock Round-Up**

- Distributes State Fair Guide to 14,000 at no cost to state fair
- Employees takes photos of livestock winners, which are included in "banner" trade show magazine and help with youth shows and announcing.
- Organize and host Ag Hall of Fame picnic - held off grounds but brings visitors to the grounds.