INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE DROP OFF PASSES
ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

The Illinois State Fair has provided a drop off service for 4-H members with large projects to alleviate carrying projects across the fairgrounds. It is important that ALL families follow the rules when using drop off passes. YOU MUST HAVE A DROP OFF PASS PROVIDED BY YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE TO USE THIS SERVICE.

The pass allows one vehicle to enter the fairgrounds and drive close to the Orr Building to drop off large exhibits. THIS IS NOT A PARKING PASS. CARS MAY NOT REMAIN AT THE ORR BUILDING. Once the project is delivered, the car must be moved to a paid parking lot for which you have purchased a spot.

1. If you wish to buy a parking spot offsite, you should enter Gate 8 (on the west side of the fairgrounds). EACH PERSON must provide an entry ticket at the gate (either one you purchased ahead of time through your county or one you purchase at Gate 8). You will be instructed to drive up the hill to the Orr Building. Once you drop off the project, you must leave via Gate 9, get your hand stamped for re-entry, and park wherever you have purchased parking.
   a. If Gate 8 is closed (and it will close early most mornings), you should continue around the fairgrounds to Gate 11 by the Department of Ag building and show them your drop off pass. EACH PERSON must provide an entry ticket at the gate (either one you purchased ahead of time through your county or one you purchase at Gate 11). Drive along 8th street to 4-H Lane. Once you drop off the project, you must leave via Gate 9, get your hand stamped for re-entry, and park wherever you have purchased parking.

2. If you wish to buy parking on the state fairgrounds, enter Gate 7 and buy a parking pass for Lot 21. EACH PERSON must provide an entry ticket at the gate (either one you purchased ahead of time through your county or one you purchase at Gate 7). Drive straight on 8th street past the U of I Extension Building to 4-H Lane to the Orr Building. After you’ve dropped off your project, return to Lot 21. Be aware there will be lots of livestock walking on the roadway. You MAY NOT use your Lot 21 parking pass to park at the Orr Building.
   a. If Lot 21 is full, you should continue around the fairgrounds to Gate 11 by the Department of Ag building and show them your drop off pass. EACH PERSON must provide an entry ticket at the gate (either one you purchased ahead of time through your county or one you purchase at Gate 11). Drive along 8th street to 4-H Lane. Once you drop off the project, you must leave via Gate 9, get your hand stamped for re-entry, and drive to the Public Parking Lot 18 at Gate 6 and purchase parking.

Cars which do not display the correct parking permit will be subject to towing.

Thank you for helping us follow these important State Fair Parking procedures.