



# DEPARTMENT 14-12

## WAYNE COUNTY FAIR GREASE POLE CLIMB

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Amount offered- \$1,100



**Entry & Registration Deadline:** Day of Competition, arrive 30 minutes before start  
@ Secretary's office.

**SEE QUALIFICATION TIMES AND DATES FOR PARTICIPATION.**

### Competition Guidelines:

#### Equipment:

4 – THREE POUND CANS OF CRISCO; ONE 35-FOOT, 10-INCH DIAMETER FRESHLY CUT AND FRESHLY PEELED PINE POLE. THE POLE SHOULD BE SET FIVE FEET INTO THE GROUND. THE TOTAL CLIMBING DISTANCE WILL BE 30 FEET. TABLE AND CHAIR FOR REGISTRATION; FOUR TIMING WATCHES; MINIMUM OF TWO TIMERS; TWO POLE SPOTTERS AT THE BASE OF THE POLE; ONE JUDGE; AN EMCEE; ONE SOUND SYSTEM; AND A REGISTRAR TO REGISTER THE TEAMS.

1. PLAYING FIELD: A CLEARED AREA 20 FEET IN RADIUS WILL BE MARKED OFF IN A CIRCLE AROUND THE POLE. ROPE WILL BE USED AS THE MARKING AGE T. THE JUDGE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO STOP COMPETITION IF SPECTATORS CROWD THE LINE.
2. **TEAMS: THE MINIMUM AGE OF COMPETITION IS 16 YEARS (WITH PARENTAL CONSENT 16-17 YRS). PHOTO ID MUST BE DISPLAYED TO HEAD JUDGE UPON REGISTERING.**
3. TEAMS WILL BE LIMITED TO 5 PERSONS PER TEAM.
4. TEAM CAPTAIN WILL PRE-REGISTER ALL PERSONS ON THEIR TEAM. PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN **30 MINUTES PRIOR TO FIRST CLIMB ON THE FAIRGROUNDS IN FRONT OF FLORAL HALL WEST SIDE OF MAIN GATE.**
5. EACH TEAM CAPTAIN WILL DRAW FOR POSITION.
6. ALL COMPETITORS FROM EACH TEAM WILL BE MARKED BY A LIKE MARKING AND TEAM NUMBER.
7. EACH TEAM MUST START AND FINISH WITH THE SAME FIVE MEMBERS. 0 SUBS WILL BE ALLOWED; ANY TEAM ATTEMPTING TO SUB ANOTHER PERSON FOR A TEAM MEMBER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
8. **TEAM REGISTRATION IS A FLAT FEE of \$50 (\$10 Per Each Member). PAY OUTS GIVEN EVERY NIGHT OF A CLIMB.**
9. ON DECK TEAM WILL REMAIN IN A BULLPEN AREA AT LEAST 2 MINUTES PRIOR TO COMPETITION OR THE TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED
10. ONCE THE COMPETITION STARTS, NO TEAM OR TEAMS THAT ARRIVE LATE WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER AND/OR COMPETE UNLESS ALL THE TEAMS THAT ARE COMPETING AGREE TO ALLOW THE LATE REGISTERING TEAM(S) TO ENTER.
11. WINNERS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE TOTAL TIME OF EACH TEAM FOR BOTH ATTEMPTS AT THE POLE
12. IF TEAM DOES NOT REACH THE TOP OF THE POLE OR STACK, THEY WILL BE GIVEN A TIME OF 3 MINUTES.
13. SO THAT EACH TEAM WILL HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, THE TEAMS WILL REVERSE ON THE 2ND TRY; I.E. 1-25 FIRST HEAT; 25-1 SECOND HEAT; REVERSE ON THE SECOND TRY; A FIVE MINUTE BREAK BETWEEN HEATS.

11. TOTAL SHORTEST TIME WILL DETERMINE THE WINNERS. HOWEVER, IF TEAM DOES NOT REACH TOP, AN AVERAGE OF STACK TIMES WILL DETERMINE PLACEMENT.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

NO SPURS OR POLE BELTS; NO EXTRA BELTS OVER THE SHOULDERS; NO EXTRA LAYERS OF CLOTHES; ONLY COMMON STREET OR WORK-TYPE CLOTHING CAN BE WORN. TWO SHIRTS MAXIMUM. COMPETITOR MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE SHIRT ON. IF WEARING TWO SHIRTS, A T-SHIRT AND SWEATSHIRT COMBINATION WILL BE PERMITTED. HOWEVER, TWO “BULKY OR OVERSIZED” SHIRTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. NO SHOULDER PADS ALLOWED. SUSPENDERS ARE PERMITTED. UNDERGARMENTS ARE MANDATORY.

**Qualification & Run Times:**

MONDAY: AUGUST 10TH 2026- 7PM  
 WEDNESDAY: AUGUST 12TH 2026-7PM  
 FRIDAY: AUGUST 14TH 2026-7PM  
 SUNDAY: AUGUST 16TH 2026-4PM- FINALS

THE WINNERS FROM EACH QUALIFICATION DAY PROCEED TO THE FINAL COMPETITION. 6 TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE IN SUNDAY FINALS.  
 \$100 TEAM QUALIFICATION PRIZE EACH NIGHT.  
 \$500 OVERALL WINNING TEAM PRIZE ON SUNDAY.

**Awards:**

**QUALIFICATION DAYS:**

1ST PLACE ..... ROSETTE FOR EACH TEAM MEMBER (5) & TEAM PASS TO PARTICIPATE IN GREASE POLE FINALS ON SUNDAY.

PARTICIPANTS ..... “ I GOT GREASED AT THE WAYNE COUNTY FAIR” RIBBON.

**FINALS**

1ST PLACE ..... TEAM TROPHY FOR OVERALL WINNING TEAM. (5) INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES FOR TEAM MEMBERS

2ND - 6TH ..... PLACEMENT ROSETTES FOR EACH TEAM (5 PER TEAM, ONE FOR EACH MEMBER)

**NO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION WILL BE PERMITTED OR TOLERATED PRIOR TO AND/OR DURING THE COMPETITION.**

THE JUDGE FOR THE GREASED POLE CLIMB AND/OR A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND/OR THE EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR OF THE WAYNE COUNTY FAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANY TEAM AND/OR TEAM MEMBER AND/OR CANCEL THE EVENT WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

THE DECISION OF THE HEAD JUDGE IS FINAL.

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**WAYNE COUNTY FAIR GREASE POLE Contest Competition Waiver**



Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members Name & Age:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Qualification Day: (Circle One)**

Monday

Thursday

Tuesday

Friday

Wednesday

Saturday-FINALS

**All participants MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.  
AGES 16 - 17 ARE ALLOWED WITH PARENTAL  
CONSENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Each team member must complete the following  
form.**

# GREASED POLE TEAM REGISTRATION AND WAIVER



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team you are on: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of 07/04/2026 \_\_\_\_\_

IF NEEDED- BE PREPARED TO SHOW PHOTO ID  
TO HEAD JUDGE.

Team Captains Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## WAIVER

### GREASE POLE COMPETITION

Participant Waiver, Release of Liability & Hold Harmless Agreement  
Union Agriculture Society at Palmyra | Wayne County Fair

#### RULES & CONDUCT

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read and understand the official rules of the Grease Pole Competition and agree to abide by them in full. I understand that any infraction of the official rules may result in my immediate disqualification from the competition.

#### ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I acknowledge that participation in the Grease Pole Competition involves inherent physical risks, including but not limited to falls, slipping, impact with the pole or ground, and bodily injury. I voluntarily and knowingly assume all risks associated with my participation in this event.

#### RELEASE & HOLD HARMLESS

In consideration of being permitted to participate, I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Union Agriculture Society at Palmyra (Wayne County Fair), its sponsors, Board of Directors, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, and respective members from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses, and demands in respect to death, injury, or damage to any person or property, howsoever caused, arising out of or in connection with this event — including those contributed to or occasioned by the fault or negligence of any of the aforementioned parties or their representatives.

#### MEDIA RELEASE

I hereby grant permission to the Union Agriculture Society at Palmyra (Wayne County Fair) to use any photographs or recordings taken of me during this event for publicity and promotional purposes related to the Wayne County Fair and its activities, without compensation.

#### EVENT CANCELLATION

I understand and acknowledge that the Board of Directors of the Union Agriculture Society at Palmyra reserves the right to cancel this event at any time without prior notice, and I waive any claims arising from such cancellation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Competitors signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:



# GREASED POLE PARENTAL CONSENT FORM AND WAIVER



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child on Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Team child is on: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

### GREASE POLE COMPETITION

Minor Participant Consent, Waiver, Release of Liability & Hold Harmless Agreement  
Union Agriculture Society at Palmyra | Wayne County Fair

This form must be completed by a parent or legal guardian for all participants between the ages of 16 and 17. **Participants under the age of 16 will not be permitted to compete under any circumstances.**

#### RULES & CONDUCT

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian, certify that I have reviewed the official rules of the Grease Pole Competition with my child and that my child understands and agrees to abide by them in full. I understand that any infraction of the official rules may result in my child's immediate disqualification from the competition.

#### AGE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the participant named above is at least 16 years of age as of the date of this event. I understand that participants under the age of 16 are strictly prohibited from competing and that falsification of age is grounds for immediate disqualification. I acknowledge that the Union Agriculture Society at Palmyra reserves the right to require valid government-issued identification confirming the participant's age prior to competition.

#### ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I acknowledge that participation in the Grease Pole Competition involves inherent physical risks, including but not limited to falls, slipping, impact with the pole or ground, and bodily injury. On behalf of myself and my child, I voluntarily and knowingly assume all risks associated with my child's participation in this event.

#### PARENTAL CONSENT & RELEASE

As the parent or legal guardian of the participant named above, I hereby grant full permission for my child to compete in the Grease Pole Competition. In consideration of being permitted to participate, I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Union Agriculture Society at Palmyra (Wayne County Fair), its sponsors, Board of Directors, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, and respective members from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses, and demands in respect to death, injury, or damage to any person or property, howsoever caused, arising out of or in connection with this event — including those contributed to or occasioned by the fault or negligence of any of the aforementioned parties or their representatives.

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Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian printed name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Competitors signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: