



# The Afton Driving Park and Agricultural Association, Inc.



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120th Afton Fair: July 8 - 12, 2009

## The Southerntiersmen Barbershop Chorus and Quartets

By Regina Birdsall

We are happy to welcome The Southerntiersmen Barbershop Chorus and Quartets to the Afton Fair.

The Southerntiersmen are the award winning, Binghamton Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. This society was born in April 1938 and is the largest all male singing fraternity in the world. The Binghamton Chapter was chartered in 1943, being the society's twenty-ninth chapter and the third chapter in New York State.

Over the years the Southerntiersmen have earned the right to represent upstate New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania in international competition six times (in 1962, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1979). They have placed as high as eighth and ninth in these contests that feature the best choruses in the world. They were the 2007 Seneca land District Champions.

The Southerntiersmen have 62 members that include authors, students, teachers, doctors, farmers, factory workers, ministers, engineers, postal employees, attorneys, salesmen, construction workers, policemen, chemists, dentists and more.

You can find more information about The Southerntiersmen Barbershop Chorus and Quartets on our website at:  
[www.theaftonfair.com/southerntiersmen.shtml](http://www.theaftonfair.com/southerntiersmen.shtml).

Don't forget to stop by the 88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage at 4:00 PM on Saturday, July 11 to enjoy the Southerntiersmen!



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## Forms and Rules and Regulations for Afton Fair Events

By Regina Birdsall

Anyone who has entered a competition at the Afton Fair in the past is probably aware of the Afton Fair Premium Book.

Due to a desire to save natural resources and time, we opted not to produce the Premium Book this year. In the past we have thrown away hundreds of unused books. This is a horrible waste.

I have been working on putting all Premium Book information on our web site. This is an enormous task so there is the possibility that some forms and documents have been missed.

Please check for the forms you are looking for on our web site either on the section for the event you are interested in, or at the forms page of the web site:

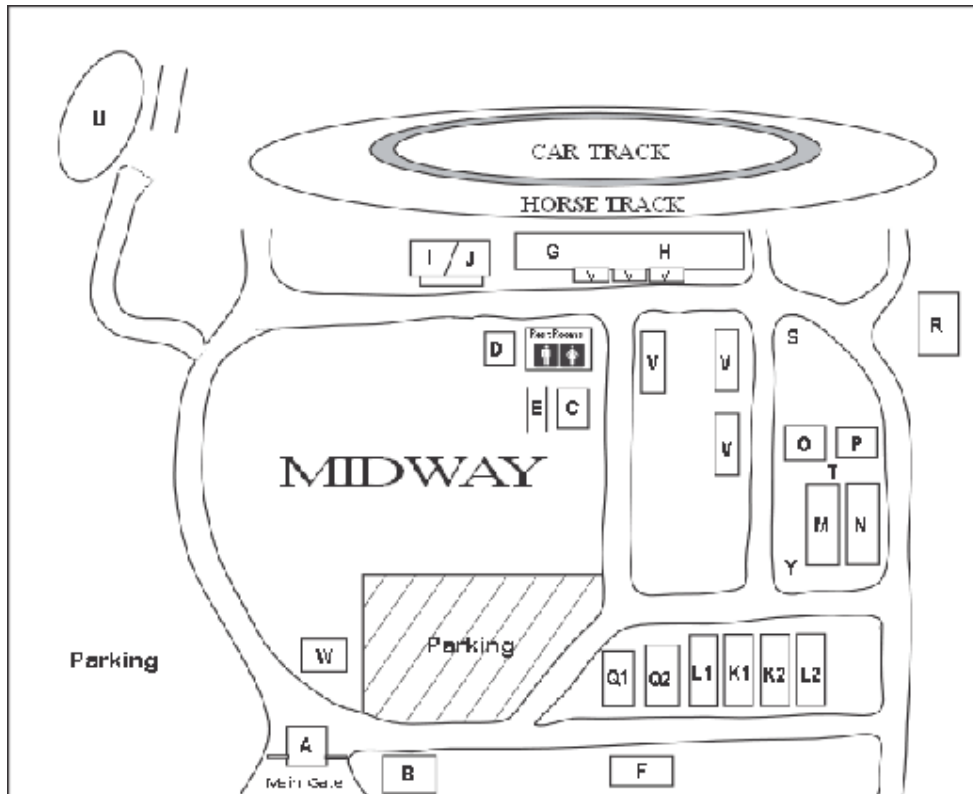
[www.theaftonfair.com/pdf-list.shtml](http://www.theaftonfair.com/pdf-list.shtml).

If the information you need is not available, please contact me by email at [fairinfo@theaftonfair.com](mailto:fairinfo@theaftonfair.com), or call the fair office at 607-639-1525. When calling please make sure you leave a message if no one answers.

The fair office is currently open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 AM to Noon. The office hours will be extended during the last week of June.

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**Afton Fairgrounds Map**



- |                                       |                      |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| A= Front Office                       | K1= Cattle Barn      | R= Harness Race Museum & Office |
| B= First Aid / Police                 | K2= Cattle Barn      | S= Chain Saw Center             |
| C= Sertoma Stage                      | L1= Horse Barn       | T= Felling Zou                  |
| D= Sertoma                            | L2= Horse Barn       | U= Horse Show Ring              |
| E= Bleachers                          | M= Sheep             | V= Vendors                      |
| F= Fair Office                        | N= Goat              | W= Judge's Stand                |
| G= Grandstand                         | O= Cattle Show Tent  | Y= Youth Area                   |
| H= Feral Mall (under the grandstands) | P= Show Tent         |                                 |
| I= Race Tower                         | Q1 - 2= Horse Corral |                                 |
| J= Food Concession                    |                      |                                 |
- Map by Scott Higby**

**2009 Afton Fair Sponsors**

*By Regina Birdsall*

On behalf of the Board of the Afton Driving Park and Agricultural Association, Inc. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the generous sponsors of the 2009 fair.

**Premiere Sponsors (\$500 or more):**

- Afton Sertoma Club (*Wednesday night fireworks*)
- Main Events Amusements (*Wednesday night fireworks*)
- NBT Bank (*Saturday night fireworks*)
- Newmark Knight Frank Corporation (To be announced)
- Tioga Downs (*Harness Racing*)

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**AFTON INTERCHURCH COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU TO THE AFTON FAIR**

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

St. Agnes Catholic Church	8:30 A.M.	18 Spring Street
St. Ann's Episcopal Church	9:30 A.M.	125 So. Main Street
Hope Congregational (NACCC)	9:30 A.M.	129 So. Main Street
Mercy Fellowship	10:00 A.M.	967 Rte 41 North
Higher Ground Christian Church	10:00 A.M.	ON THE FAIRGROUNDS
Afton United Methodist Church	10:30 A.M.	34 Spring Street
North Afton United Methodist	10:30 A.M.	121 County Rd 17
Afton Presbyterian Church	11:00 A.M.	11 Academy Street

You are Invited to Worship with us, either at the Fairgrounds or at our local churches.

Light brunch and fellowship at some churches following the service on July 12, 2009.

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## The 120th Afton Fair Daily Schedule

*Schedule is subject to change.*

*Visit our website at [www.theaftonfair.com/schedule.shtml](http://www.theaftonfair.com/schedule.shtml) for the latest updates.*

### Wednesday, July 8, 2009

**Pay-one Price Rides: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM, \$15.00**

Time	Event	Location
9:00 AM	Youth Dairy Show	Cattle Barn Area
1:00 PM	Gillespie Pageants "Miss Afton Fair" (Check in at 12:00 to 12:30)	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
4:00 PM	Midway and Vendors Open	
5:00 PM	Car Show	
6:00 PM	Binghamton High School Steel Drum Band	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
7:00 PM	Firemen's Parade and Games	Grandstand
8:00 PM	Country Band: Panhandle	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
10:00 PM	Fireworks - Sponsored by the Afton Sertoma Club and Main Events Amusements	

### Saturday, July 11, 2009

**Pay-one Price Rides: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, \$15.00**

**Super Saver Special: 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM, \$20.00**

Time	Event	Location
9:00 AM	Open English & Western Horse Show	Horse Show Ring
12:00 PM	Southern Rock Band: Deuces Wild	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
1:00 PM	Pony Pull	Track/Grandstand
1:00 PM	Midway and Vendors Open	
3:00 PM	Kiddie Tractor Pull	TBA
4:00 PM	JD Winslow Equestrian Entertainment	Track/Grandstand
4:00 PM	The Southerntiersmen Barbershop Chorus and Quartets	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
7:00 PM	JD Winslow Equestrian Entertainment	Track/Grandstand
8:00 PM	Country Band: Skyline Featuring Cassidy Lynn	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
10:00 PM	Fireworks - Sponsored by NBT Bank	

### Thursday, July 9, 2009

**Pay-one Price Rides: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM, \$15.00**

Time	Event	Location
9:00 AM	Youth Dairy Show	Cattle Barn Area
11:00 AM	Floral Hall Judging	Under Grandstands
12:00	Afton Fair Junior Idol Contest	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
1:00 PM	Harness Racing	Track/Grandstand
4:00 PM	Midway and Vendors Open	
7:00 PM	Line Dancing with Mindy	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
7:00 PM	JD Winslow Equestrian Entertainment	Track/Grandstand
8:00 PM	Country Band: Route 66	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage

### Sunday, July 12, 2009

**Pay-one Price Rides: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, \$15.00**

Time	Event	Location
9:00 AM	Open Miniature, Driving & Senior Games Horse Show	Horse Show Rings
9:00 AM	Catskill Garden Tractor Pullers	Track/Grandstand
9:00 AM	TOYS Tractor Pulls	Track/Grandstand
10:00 AM	Higher Ground Church Service	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
1:00 PM	Midway and Vendors Open	
3:00 PM	Demolition Derby	Track/Grandstand
3:00 PM	Oldies Band: Old Time Band	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage

### Friday, July 10, 2009

**Pay-one Price Rides: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM, \$15.00**

Time	Event	Location
4:00 PM	Midway and Vendors Open	
4:00 PM	JD Winslow Equestrian Entertainment	Track/Grandstand
5:00 PM	Kiddie Tractor Pull	TBA
5:00 PM	Blue Ribbon Cloggers	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
7:00 PM	Racing by Afton Motor Speedway	Race Track/Grandstand
7:00 PM	Clear Channel Live Remote by WKGB FM	By the 88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
7:30 PM	Rock Band: Familiar Noise	88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage

### Daily Events

Event	Location
Bear Ridge Chainsaw Carving	Look for Letter "S" on map
Children's Activity Center	Look for Letter "Y" on map
Ronald McDonald (Sunday Only) - Sponsored by Sidney McDonalds	Spectator tent by 88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage
Bikes for Kids Giveaway	Either 88 BC/Sertoma Stage or Grandstand
Farm Animal Exhibit	Look for Letters "M", "N" & "T" on the map
Mr Scribbles (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)	Children's Activity Center and Midway

**and more!**

**120th Afton Fair: July 8 - 12, 2009****Harness Racing - Special Children's Activities***By Regina Birdsall, Peg Squire*

This year the Afton Fair is reaching out to youth to visit the fair on Harness Racing Day to participate in special activities.

There will be a coloring contest with pre-printed harness racing coloring sheets with two options to choose from. Children can choose their favorite coloring page, color it and enter their masterpiece into the contest. Coloring sheets will be available at Harpursville Farm and Garden, at the Afton Fair Office, on our web site as well as other locations.

There will be 3 winning entries chosen in 5 age groups. Each winner shares the winner's circle and gets a picture with a horse and driver during the Harness Racing event. The fifteen winners will also be entered into a drawing to win a coupon for one wristband for rides at The Afton Fair redeemable for Thursday (5PM - 9PM), Friday (5PM - 9PM), Saturday (1PM - 5PM) or Sunday (1PM - 5PM). Coupon is not transferable and cannot be used for the Saturday Super Saver Special ride deal. The drawing will be done near the end of the Harness Racing Event on Thursday, July 9. Child must be present to win.

Additionally, the first 200 youth to attend the Afton Fair Racing Day will receive a bookmark that can be redeemed at the Harness Racing Museum Display for an Activity Book produced by the United States Trotting Association. This is an educational book that teaches about the history of Harness Racing and the Standardbred horse.

For complete details about the Afton Fair Harness Racing Special Children's Activities, including important rules and requirements to be eligible to win, age groups and a full list of locations where the coloring sheet can be found, please visit our web site at:

[www.theaftonfair.com/harnessracing-kidsevent.shtml](http://www.theaftonfair.com/harnessracing-kidsevent.shtml). Best of luck to you!

**JD Winslow Equestrian Entertainment***By Regina Birdsall*

The Afton Fair welcomes JD Winslow for four shows where a variety of riding skills will be demonstrated in an entertaining and educational display.

Draft horses such as the American Belgian are used for freestyle vaulting displays where the horse runs free of harness or surcingle. This particular type of riding is best described as trick riding with circus style and grace.

A pair of Brabants, a breed of draft horse that were known as the great war horse of medieval times, are used to demonstrate a unique form of Roman Riding. These magnificent horses are the heaviest and largest of the draft horse breeds.

JD Winslow will perform on Thursday, July 9 at 4:00 PM, Friday, July 10 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, July 11 at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM at the grandstand. The shows are free with paid gate admission. For more information please visit the JD Winslow Equestrian Entertainment website at <http://jdwinslowequestrianentertainment.com/index.htm>.



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