

WE'RE BACK!!

Yes sirree! After all those months of lockdown and quarantine, the 102nd Bulkley Valley Exhibition is going FULL STEAM AHEAD! for August 26-29, 2021! And to celebrate, we're having a **SPECIAL ONE-TIME ONLY POST-COVID ADMISSION RATE!!** You can expect all the fun and excitement of the BVX, with some added safety protocols to be sure everyone stays safe and well.

Special post-Covid admission rate!

For this year only, we are dropping our daily admission rates to only \$10 per person AND all kids 12 and under are free! Can't beat that, hey?

New camping rates

To relieve the usual crush in the public camping area, we are having fewer, larger spaces in the campground this year. The new weekend rate will be \$50 per site, and incoming campers will only be accepted until Friday evening. **Pre-booking will be available** this year so if you want to be sure of your spot, book online at bvfair.ca!

The Parade!

We just got approval from the Town of Smithers, so the Parade will go ahead on Wednesday evening before the Fair! The route might change a bit to avoid overcrowding on Main St. Time to start dreaming up ideas for a float!

At the Midway

Shooting Star Amusements will be here with rides, rides and more rides!

Livestock Shows

There's a whole new series of classes in the Livestock Division this year – for Nigerian Dwarf and Pygmy Goats! You'll love seeing these adorable little animals, and maybe their tiny babies in the Petting Zoo too!

In the Halls:

We're going Full Steam Ahead with Scarecrows, Train Board Art, Fairy Gardens and loads of other theme entries!

This year we have new classes for **Laminated Pastry Baking** – because who doesn't love those light, flaky, buttery layers in fresh



home-made puff pastry and croissants! Look for cheese twists, turnovers, croissants and delectable pain au chocolat. We also have a new division for Heritage Cooking - pound cake, jerky, sauerkraut and, for those who get really adventurous, try making **Kombucha!** (It's a sort of fermented tea.)

Enter your photos online!

Now that we're in the 21st century and photography is entirely digital, ALL entries for photography classes must be online and your photos uploaded with your entry. We know it's sometimes been difficult to get photos printed locally, so we hope this will make things easier all round. If this is a huge problem for you, phone the office – we can help. Please DON'T bring in printed copies because we can't get them judged.

In the Kids' Zone:

There's always something going on here – and in the Kids' Zone it's always free!

Brand new for 2021 are the soon-to-be-famous **BVX Pig Races!** Racing pigs – really?? Well, yes - racing pigs are actually young and agile piglets who think there's nothing more fun than galloping around the race track trying to beat their buddies to the grain bin! So pick your favourite Racing Pig and cheer him or her on to the finish line!



For those who'd rather do the racing themselves, there's any number of races happening all through the weekend in the Kids' Zone. Test your balance and agility with Sack Races and Egg & Spoon races, or maybe you'd prefer Wheelbarrow Races, Leapfrog or a 3-legged Race. Don't forget to bring a buddy! And at the end of the race meets we'll split up into teams for the Grand Tug-of-War!

Not the athletic type? Let a zucchini do the racing for you! Get creative and turn a zucchini into a race car – we'll have a Racing Zucchini Workshop on Friday, with the **5th Annual BVX Zucchini Races** as the finale!

A welcome returnee for 2021 is the fabulous gold prospector **Yukon Dan**. Sporting the finest Mountain Man hairstyle we've ever seen, Dan will show you how to use a gold pan to pan for gold, where to look for it and what it looks like when you find it. This could be your first step on a true Canadian wilderness

adventure! Look for Yukon Dan and his gold-panning setup every day in the Kids' Zone.

A timeless Kids' Zone favourite, the **Petting Zoo** is open every day, and this year we have baby donkeys, baby miniature goats (awwww!), baby piglets, lambs, bunnies, chickens ...



Please note the Canine Stars can't be here this year due to Covid restrictions – but they will be back in 2022.

Loggers' Sports will be focussing on local competitors this year – so you and the kids can sign up for choker races, axe throwing, nail drive and more!

On the stage we've not only got a roster of all the home-grown talent you know and love, we are also featuring music you'll certainly remember! On Friday night, chill out to the legendary West Coast vibes of California country rock band The Eagles, as performed by the mesmerizing Eagle Eyes. Saturday night is for the Valley's favourite singer-songwriter, the one and only Mark Perry. As always, BVX concerts are free with your gate admission.

GOT YOUR SHOTS?

Vaccines protect yourself and everyone around you! If you haven't been vaccinated already, you can sign up at <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/> or phone 1-833-838-2323 and get your shots in time for the Fair!

