

# The Kid's FUN ZONE

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**T**he Williamson County Fair is sure to be all-around fun, but there will be one zone for extreme fun: the Kid's Fun Zone. The Kid's Fun Zone will feature special rides provided by Balloon Media of Nashville.

"We are very excited about being involved with the fair," says Butch Stamps, President of Balloon Media. "We think the fair is a great thing for families and we are bringing some of our most popular exhibits for everyone who comes to the fair to enjoy."

As if two moonwalks weren't enough to get kids excited, Balloon Media is also bringing their large, 24 foot Patriotic Slide. The giant slide is "two and a half stories of inflatable fun" according to Balloon Media and is for all ages from five and up.

For a more challenging fun-adventure, fair goers can try out the Rock Climbing Wall also provided by Balloon Media. Three climbers at a time can scale to heights of over twenty-five feet using the system of interchangeable hand-holds that can increase or decrease the challenge. (An individual auto belay system ensures safety, catching

climbers if they slip. The same system also lowers them after the climb.)

For the grand-finale, Balloon Media is bringing their multi-station, super trampoline system called the Bungee Power Jump that is "guaranteed to make a gymnast out of everyone." Players can jump over two stories (20-26 feet) into the air while performing gravity defying stunts such as flips and somersaults.

"We are experts at having fun," says Stamps. "We invite everyone to stop by the Kid's Fun Zone while visiting the Williamson County Fair presented by Tractor Supply Company!" ★

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## 4-H for Little Ones

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**L**ittle brothers and sisters who cannot wait to get involved with 4-H like their older siblings won't have to feel left out at the Williamson County Fair! 4-H of Williamson County has many great activities planned just for the little ones.

Children under ten can participate in a special section of competitions sponsored by 4-H. All of those projects with Grandma and special souvenirs from summer camp and Vacation Bible School have an extra chance for attention this summer! Winners can receive premiums from \$2 to \$6. Children can submit Crayon artwork, paintings, collages, ceramics, woodcrafts, birdhouses, or Paper Mache crafts.

Those just learning to sew can enter their knitting projects, sewn garments, decorated t-shirts, embroidery, or quilted items.

"It is never too early to get started with 4-H," says Brenda P. Clarkson co-chair of the 4-H division of the fair. "We want to appreciate the talents of children every step of the way."

All entries can be submitted prior to the fair on Tuesday, August 2.

Kids won't want to miss the chance to meet Tennessee Tess, the highlight of the Little Ones Farming Exhibit Sponsored by 4-H. Tess is a mechanical dairy cow that visitors to the Little Ones exhibit can actually milk. Children will then wind through the exhibit and collect pretend eggs from a pretend chicken coop and work on a farm.

Vegetables, soybeans, and corn will be "planted" for the children to harvest. At the end of the exhibit, children can

"sell" their goods at the General Store and earn special coins to purchase ice cream or other treats.

"The idea is for children to grasp just a little of the concept of food and fiber," says Clarkson. "They can learn what it is like to be a farmer who sells produce for a living."

A special coloring book featuring agricultural facts will be presented to each child who visits the Little Ones farm. There will also be sharing demonstrations throughout the day so that children can learn about barnyard animals and other farming facts. The Little Ones Farming Exhibit will be open every day during the entire time of the fair until 9:00 or 10:00 at night. Many volunteers will be there to help kids at any time. ★

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