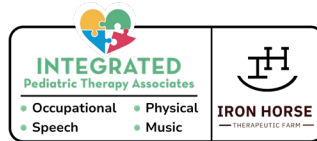


LARIMER COUNTY
FAIR AND PRCA RODEO

2026
SENSORY BOOK

WELCOME LETTER

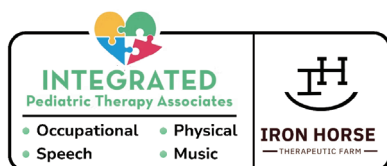


Welcome to the Larimer County Fair and Rodeo! We are so happy that you are here to make some memories in a way that works for you. Along with our partners at the fair, we have been working hard to create an environment that supports ALL people and their ability to access the activities at the fair. Much like the mission of the Larimer County Fair, we want to create a sense of community where people feel safe to attend and have a fun experience. Please utilize the social story and the map to plan your time at the fair. If you need a break, come to the sensory room and find some quiet space to relax and regulate. Most importantly, this is a time where everyone belongs and we all support each other as a community. Have an amazing time and be sure to take some pictures to capture the memories you will make at the fair.

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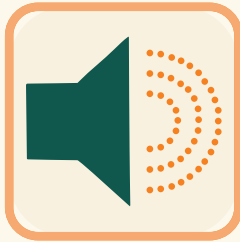
— THERAPEUTIC FARM —

WHAT IS SENSORY DAY?

The Fair is a very busy place! It can be very loud with many people moving around. Sensory Day at the fair was created with the goal of making the fair more inclusive and inviting an audience that may not typically get to be a part of the fair. The hours dedicated to Sensory Day have smaller crowds which allows for a quieter environment. Lights and sounds on the rides are turned off so children can enjoy the rides without being overwhelmed.



ICONS



= NOISE LEVEL 1-5

1 = VERY QUIET | 5 = VERY LOUD



= SHARED SPACES



= HAND WASHING



= INTERACTIVE



= STRONG SMELL

2026 SENSORY FAIR MAP



MAP KEY ★ SHUTTLE PICKUP 💧 WATER REFILL STATION ⬆️ SHADE TENTS

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| 1. Carnival Americana 4 | 12. Watering Hole 3 |
| 2. Escape Room 2 | 13. Food 3 |
| 3. Pedersen Toyota Center South - Open Class Exhibits 3 | 14. Sensory Room 1 |
| 4. Castorena's Equine Center 5 | 15. Nursing Mothers Room 1 |
| 5. Mobile Milking Dairy 3 | 16. Blue Arena 1 |
| 6. The Ranch Blocks 3 | 17. Little Farmer Sensory Zone 3 |
| 7. CAM's Classroom 2 | 18. Information Shed 2 |
| 8. Putt Putt Golf 2 | 19. Cornhole 3 |
| 9. Circus Foundry 3 | 20. Draft Horse Meet & Greet 3 |
| 10. Origin Arena 5 | 21. USA 250 Display 2 |
| 11. Pony Rides & Petting Zoo 3 | 22. Interactive Sandbox 3 |



SENSORY ROOM

The Price Fund Sensory Room provides a dedicated space designed by medical professionals for those who may need a quieter and more secure environment.

This is imperative to ensuring fans have a great guest experience. The sensory room is outfitted with bean bags from Yogibo, the visual light panels by Nanoleaf, activity panels, Sparkle Interactive Light (by NunoErin - a therapeutically fun furniture embedded with soft glowing lights that respond to motion), bubble walls, and a custom tactile artwork created by an autistic artist.

The sensory room is located on the event level of Blue Arena and will be open for the duration of the Larimer County Fair and PRCA Rodeo.

Friday, July 31: 4:30PM - 8PM

Saturday, August 1: 11AM - 8PM

Sunday, August 2: 11AM - 6PM

Doors for the PRCA Rodeo are at 6:00pm. A ticket for the PRCA Rodeo would be needed to access the room after 6:00pm

Monday, August 3: 2PM - 6PM

Doors for the PRCA Rodeo are at 6:00pm. A ticket for the PRCA Rodeo would be needed to access the room after 6:00pm

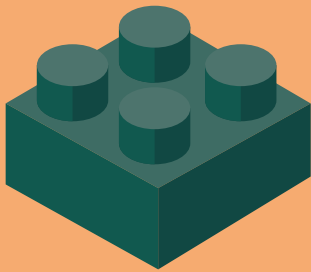
Tuesday, August 4: 4:30PM - 6PM

Doors for the PRCA Rodeo are at 6:00pm. A ticket for the PRCA Rodeo would be needed to access the room after 6:00pm

EXHIBITS

THE RANCH BLOCKS

At this exhibit, I can build with the blocks. I can see how tall I can stack the blocks, or try to make an object. I can choose the colors and shapes of blocks I want to use. I can ask for help if I have trouble getting my blocks where I want them to go. There will be other children to play and share with.



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CAM'S CLASSROOM

I can learn about agriculture and how food is grown in this tent. There are many different types of food I can learn about. Many are grown here in Colorado! I will be able to touch and see the things I am learning about.



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MOBILE ESCAPE ROOMS

At this activity, I will be locked in a room, and have to solve puzzles and clues to find my way out. I will have to use my brain to think about the clues, and pay attention to my surroundings to find more clues. I can work with the other people to help solve the puzzles.



MOBILE MILKING DAIRY



At this station, I will see a real live dairy cow, and see how they get the milk from the cow. The people will explain what they do, and how dairy products are made from the milk.





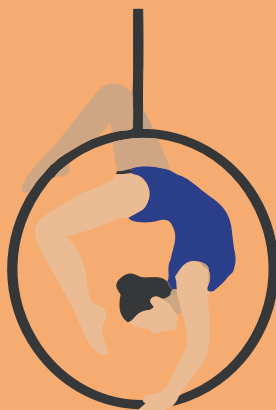
PUTT PUTT GOLF



At this exhibit, I can play golf! I get to pick my own club and ball. An adult can help me find a club that fits me. I will hit the ball with the club, and try to get the ball into the hole. It might take many tries, or I might get it my first time! I will listen to adults and be careful when using the club, so I don't accidentally hit anyone!



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CIRCUS FOUNDRY

Here I get to see a circus! There will be characters wearing costumes. I will see them do tricks like juggling. This will be exciting, and I can cheer when they do their tricks!



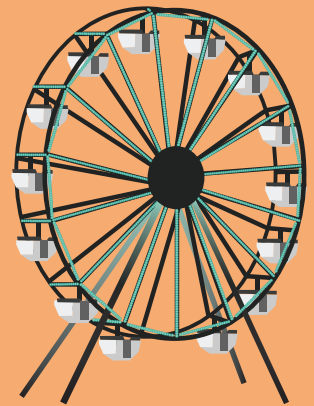
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CARNIVAL

There are many rides and games I can try at the carnival. Some will take me up in the air, and others might make me move or spin! Each is different, and I can ask if I want to know more about something. I should tell an adult if I feel overwhelmed.



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OPEN CLASS

At the Open Class Exhibits, I can see all of the projects that people have made to show at the fair. I can see flowers and vegetables, arts and crafts, yummy foods, and much more! I can look up towards the ceiling to see the quilts. Everything I see has been handmade by people in my community. They bring them to the fair to see who is the winner. I can see who has the best projects because they have blue ribbons on them. I will keep my hands to myself and use my listening ears and looking eyes to enjoy the exhibits!



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LIVESTOCK



In the barns, I can see and learn about the animals. There are many types of animals that come to the fair. The barn will be loud with people talking and animals making sounds. There will be new and different smells in the barns. I will try to keep myself calm if I am overwhelmed. I can ask for help if I need it. The people bathe and brush their animals so they look their best at the show. They will show their animals and win prizes such as ribbons and trophies. I should not touch the animals unless their owner is there and gives me permission. I should wash my hands when I leave the barn.

CATTLE

There are two types of cattle at the fair. The first type is Beef Cattle. These cattle are raised for meat, such as hamburgers and steaks. The second type is Dairy Cattle. These cattle are different breeds than Beef Cattle. The cows are milked to make products such as cheese, butter and ice cream!

GOATS

Just like cattle, some goats are raised for dairy products, and some are raised for meat. The goat's milk can be used to make things other than food, such as soap. I can see that some have horns and some don't!

SHEEP

Sheep are raised for meat, as well as wool. Wool is the sheep's hair on its body. I can see how soft and fluffy they look.

PIGS

Pigs are big animals, and may weigh between 300 and 700 pounds! At the Fair, they might also call the pigs "swine" or "hogs". I will see that pigs come in different colors, not just pink!

RABBITS

The rabbits are the smallest animals I will see at the fair. I can see that many are different colors and much bigger than the wild rabbits I see outside at home. Some of these rabbits will be used in the Dress a Bunny exhibit. Can you recognize any of the show rabbits when they're dressed up?

POULTRY

Poultry are birds like chickens, turkeys, and geese. At the Fair, I will see that they come in many colors and sizes. Some may make clucking, quacking, or gobbling sounds. They might flap their wings or move around a lot.

HORSES

At the Fair, I will see many horses. Some are used in the performances that take place during the Fair, including the Rodeo. Some are ridden by the police officers that are at the Fair to help keep people safe.



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4-H EXHIBITS

I can see the projects that the 4-H kids have worked on throughout the year. They are detailed and have lots of information about what they've learned. I can read the posters or look at the projects. I will keep my hands to myself in this exhibit so I keep everyone's projects safe.

