

Kids Korner



Amanda and Billy Coldsmith are the children of Joe and April of Shippensburg. The Coldsmiths are beef farmers from Shippensburg who try to come every year to Ag Progress to see what's new.



Four-year-old Jacob Ross is prepared for rain. The son of Harry Ross from Selingsgrove wore boots for his first visit.



Kids can color, draw, and play games.



Nine-year-old Joey Kindon of Williamsport participated in the Hide and Seek Game, which acquaints visitors with services of Penn State Cooperative Extension. The son of Robert and Christine Kindon lives on a 180-acre farm and comes every year with his parents.

Kid Stuff Galore At Ag Progress Days

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ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.)— Many children visiting Ag Progress Days are perfectly content to admire the new farm equipment and field demonstrations with their parents. But there's lots of other stuff for kids to do beside climb on tractors and visit display booths.

Did you know there are wildlife and horse demonstrations? Folklore tales are spun by story teller Jan Kinney. There's an insect zoo and plenty of educational fun.

Kids of all ages seem to derive the most pleasure from seeing how much free stuff they can collect from the different booths. Stickers, balloons, and free samples top the list. But even better than that, most agree, is the food. Take a look at these pictures to see what these kids enjoyed doing.



At left, Greg Stottler, 11, listens as Rick Jones talks about Vinnie, the Greyhound. The display was set up to acquaint visitors with the breed, which is mostly used for racing. Unfortunately, Jones said, only one racer is found for every 12 dogs and the remainder are culled. Instead of killing the dogs, Jones and others like him want to place the dogs in homes. They exist to eat, sleep, and get petted, and they don't need a lot of exercise," Jones said.



"This is the donkey that carried Mary and Joseph," said 3-year-old Austin Harnish, son of Donald and Robin Harnish of Alexandria. The donkeys, from Rolling Ridge Farms in Butler, are part of the unusual animal display. According to the owners, donkeys are intelligent if properly trained and are obedient and hard workers. A male donkey that mates with a female horse produces a sterile mule.



Christopher Sutton, 3, is the son of Russell and Claudia Sutton from Crosswick, N.J.