

Kids Korner



Popular with kids of all ages is the NASA simulator, which gave visitors a taste of life in orbit.



Eight-year-old Carl Rudy leads Spoker, a Welsh Mountain Pony, through the crowd at the Farm Show. Carl is the son of Fred and Linda Rudy. His dad is a Dauphin County extension agent.

What's A Kid To Do At Farm Show?

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— What's a kid to do at the State Farm Show?

Plenty.
In fact, there's more to do than one can actually cover in one day. Kids of all ages spend a lot of time in the Family Living and Agricultural Learning Center located in the Northeast Building, upper level of the Farm Show.

Games, toys, and even a tunnel slide are there for kids to enjoy. The Shaver's Creek Environmental Center teach sessions throughout the day on such things as live birds of prey. Master gardeners demonstrate how to make critters from pods, seeds, cones, and other natural products and 4-H'ers teach sessions on puppy care and other things they learn in 4-H.

If you're lucky, you might be in the upper level when cake, cookies, and pies are sliced and distributed to those who'd like to

sample the food contest entries.

It depends on what day you attend the show, but in the large arena, daily events such as a rodeo, or horse pulling or draft horses attract large audiences. Sometimes it's difficult to find a seat, but there are thousands of seats and if you hang around, you're sure to find one.

Make sure to take a look at the rabbits. Many unusual rabbits are on display. Watch the cows and sheep getting hair cuts, the horses and steers getting primped for a show, and the crazy antics of the pigs.

Of course, there's plenty of good things to eat. For kids, the favorites continue to be old standbys such as French fries, cotton candy, milk shakes, and hamburgers. But for parents and the more adventurous, portabella mushrooms and baked trout sound more appealing.

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Marissa Dull, 7, wins a cow eraser from the game show at the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services.



A tunnel slide provides entertainment for kids in the Family Living area.



The Farm Show crowd cheers for rodeo riders during the Saturday afternoon show in the large arena.



Hands on learning is available at the Farm Show.