

A Sensory-Friendly Morning at the West End Fair

By Ann Gilbert

Gilbert, PA: The West End Fair is excited to announce a groundbreaking initiative, the "Sensory-Friendly Morning," aimed at providing a welcoming and inclusive experience for individuals with sensory processing disorders. On August 22nd, 2023, from 10am to 12pm, the fairgrounds will transform into a sensory-sensitive haven, allowing everyone to participate in the joy of the event.

For individuals with sensory sensitivities, navigating environments filled with noise, lights, and crowds can be extremely challenging. The West End Fair acknowledges these obstacles and strives to create an environment where everyone can fully enjoy the fair experience, regardless of their sensory needs.

During the "Sensory-Friendly Morning," specific measures will be implemented to accommodate individuals with sensory processing disorders such as autism. The fair will modify the rides and games, reducing sound levels and dimming or turning off lights to prevent overstimulation. Select exhibits and food stands will be open, providing ample opportunities for attendees to engage with the fair's offerings. Additionally, visitors are encouraged to explore the livestock area to visit the animals, further enhancing the inclusive and joyful atmosphere.

The West End Fair Association is committed to ensuring that the "Sensory-Friendly Morning" fosters a sense of happiness and belonging for all attendees. By embracing inclusivity, the fair aims to create memories and experiences that will be cherished by individuals of all abilities.

Join us at the West End Fair on August 22nd, 2023, from 10am to 12pm, for a truly unique and sensory-friendly fair experience. Together, let's celebrate inclusivity and make lasting memories that resonate with individuals and families affected by sensory processing disorders!



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