



MINNESOTA FIRE EXPLORING ASSOCIATION

2023 Governor's Fire Prevention Day
at the MN State Fair
Friday August 25, 2023



Information on Explorer Activities

Welcome to the 25th Anniversary of Governor's Fire Prevention Day! All Explorer events will be taking place in Dan Patch Park. The skill sheets and descriptions of events and criteria have been included with this letter. PLEASE look at them carefully as well as the changes in scoring criteria. We want to emphasize firefighter safety in all areas! Due to our increased emphasis on safety, all Explorers will be required to obtain baseline vitals. Each team has been assigned a time to complete baseline vitals. Similarly, following Search & Rescue, all team members are to report to the OEC ambulance for rehab.

All events, except individual gear donning, count towards a team's overall score. All events will include a team of no more than four (4) explorers from each post. The team need not be the same for all events. The events will be competitive, and the Governor's Council on Fire Prevention will be awarding 1st through 5th place trophies. There may be some minor changes due to the environment in which the events are taking place. Use the skill sheets to practice and prepare for the event as they will be the ones the judges will be scoring teams from. You do not have to bring this with you to the fair — judges will have forms for each post when you check in with them.

Each post has 25 minutes assigned for gear donning. This is designed so posts can complete the gear donning relay and individual gear donning due this time. Individual explorers may also complete additional attempts for gear donning on a space available basis until 4:20pm. We will once again have the Governor and other dignitaries speaking on the Dan Patch Park stage at 11:30am. All events will be put on hold during this presentation and your attention/participation is expected. SBM will also be conducting vehicle extrication demonstrations in the Park throughout the afternoon. A schedule for that post has accommodated these demonstrations. All Explorers and Advisors must remain in Dan Patch Park through the award ceremony at 5:00pm.

Report to the Wellington Mgt. Parking lot, 1645 Energy Park Dr., St. Paul no later than 06:00am. The Lot may be accessed off Snelling Avenue (*must be traveling south*) by turning west on Energy Park Dr.; You will need to find Kate, Blake, and/or Brian to receive your tickets and passes for the day. A caravan will begin at 06:20am. USE THE TICKET(S) YOU WERE ISSUED JUST PRIOR TO THE FAIR.

The briefing for the Lead Advisors will take place at 07:30 in Dan Patch. We highly recommend anything you bring into the fair (bunker gear, SCBA, etc.) be put into gear bags or the like and clearly labeled with your Fire Department Name and Post Number on it. Posts are welcome to bring pop up tents, coolers, and snacks into the fair. Please remind Explorers to stay hydrated throughout the day. Before the caravan, we will be loading all equipment onto a vehicle to take into the fair. MAKE SURE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REGISTERED WITH LEARNING FOR LIFE PRIOR TO THE FAIR.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a wonderful day at the State Fair! Thanks again for everyone's help with this event.

Kate McKay, President MN-FEA



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Governor's Fire Prevention Day Explorer Schedule

Friday, August 25, 2023

06:00 - 18:00

- 06:00 Meet at Staging – Lot on Energy Park Drive
- 06:20 Caravan Leaves to Enter Fairgrounds
- 07:00 Event Set up (Dan Patch Park)
- 07:30 Judges/Advisor Briefing (Dan Patch Park)
- 08:00 Events Begin
- 8:00-16:30 Competitive Events (Dan Patch Park)

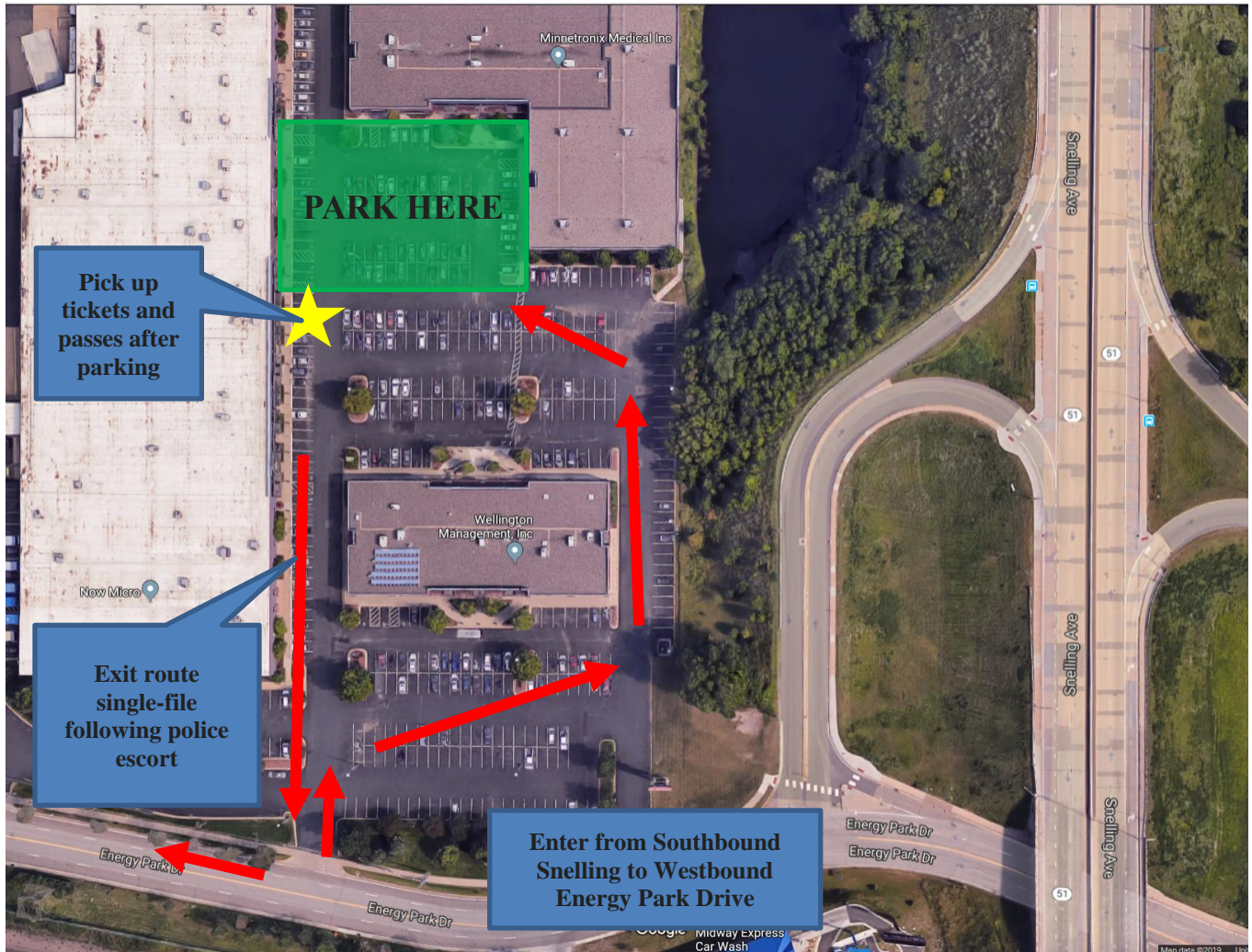
- 10:10 Flag raising ceremony – Posts with breaks in competition encouraged to attend
- 11:30 Fire Prevention Address – Posts group in audience
- 12:00 *Mock Car Crash Demonstration (SBM Explorers)*
- 14:00 Parade (Hudson Explorers as 2022 champions get to march)
- 15:30 *Mock Car Crash Demonstration (SBM Explorers)*
- 16:45 *Individual Gear Donning Finals (approximate time)*
- 17:00 Awards Presentation
- 17:30 Assist with residual cleanup



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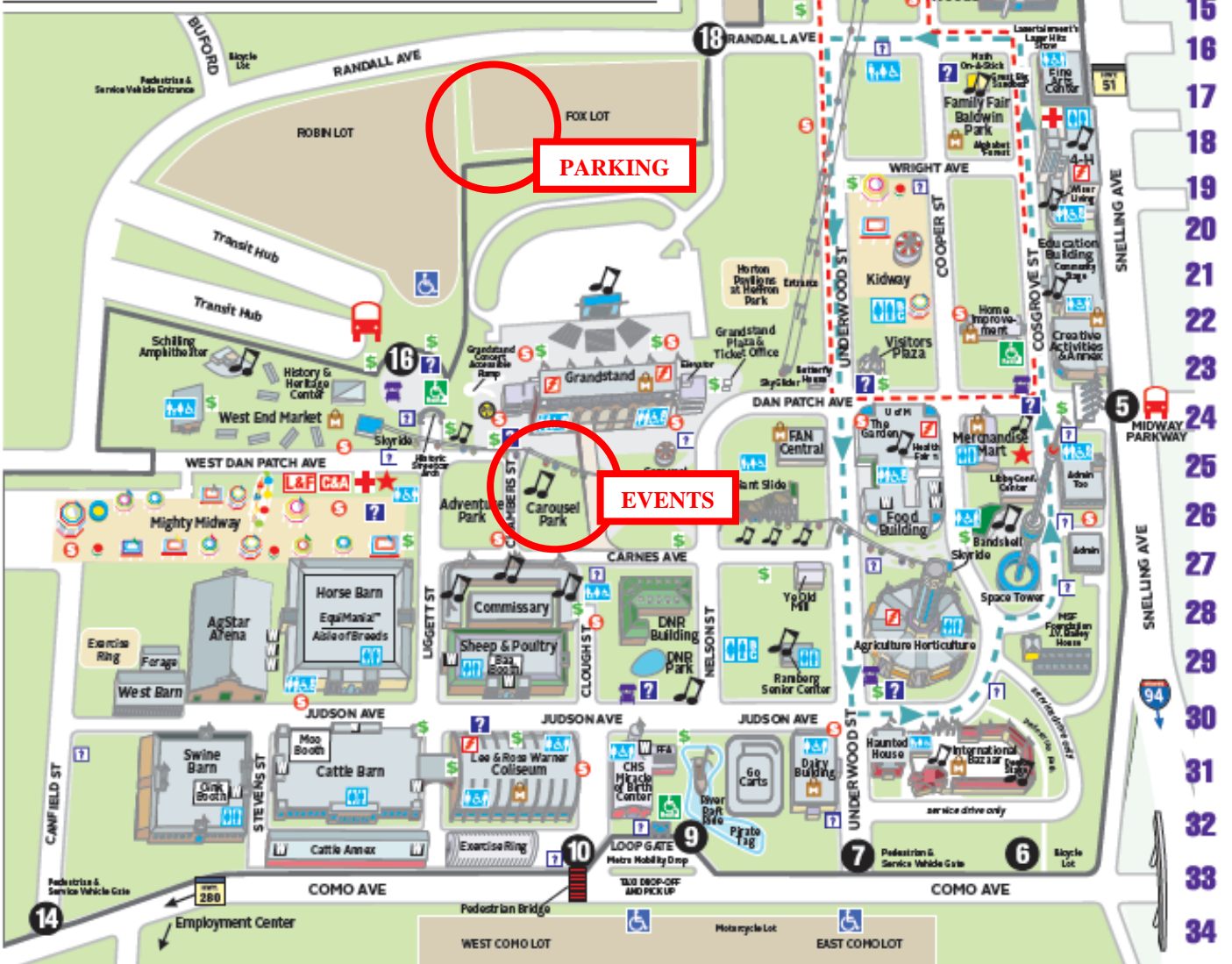
Please use the map below for instructions on parking at our meeting point at Wellington Management, Inc. 1645 Energy Park Drive in St. Paul

There will be other vehicles and groups meeting at this location so please follow the instructions below.



MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

- ATM
- Accessible Parking
- Admission Gate
- Blue Ribbon Bargain Book & State Fair Poster Carts
- Care & Assistance
- Electric Scooter, Wheelchair, Stroller & Wagon Rental
- First Aid
- Hand Wash Station
- Information Booth
- Information Kiosk
- Lost & Found
- Merchandise/Shopping
- Music Stage
- Park & Ride and Metro Transit State Fair Express Bus Drop Off/Pick Up
- Parade Route (2 p.m. daily)
- Police
- Public Parking
- Accessible Restrooms
- Accessible Restrooms with Baby Changing Stations
- Accessible Restrooms with Family & Baby Changing Facilities
- Restrooms
- Restrooms with Baby Changing Stations
- Severe Weather Shelter
- Smoking – Designated Area
- Trolley Route (8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 3-9 p.m.)
- Wi-Fi Hotspot



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