



## **FREE SPEECH ACTIVITIES GUIDELINES**

Any organizations or individuals seeking to engage in First Amendment activities shall ensure their conduct and the use of any signs, banners, or other devices do not result in injuries to patrons or property; persons engaged in First Amendment activities shall comply with the following restrictions on time, place and manner:

(a) No individual or group, sign or banner or individual activity shall block the free movement of patrons, concessionaires, employees, lessees or those providing emergency services or obstruct freedom of passage to and from the fairgrounds;

(b) No individual or group engaged in free expression activity shall represent to anyone that the views they express are necessarily the views of the Florida State Fair or that the Florida State Fair in any way condones or supports said views;

(c) Patrons declining to listen, converse or provide a donation or signature or accept any item offered by those engaged in free speech activities shall not be pursued or touched once that patron has clearly indicated he or she wishes to be left alone;

(d) Individuals or groups utilizing the First Amendment Activities Area may distribute leaflets, pamphlets or other materials to be handed to the public. These leaflets, pamphlets or other materials are to be distributed from the confines of the First Amendment Activities Area and not placed on cars, left unattended at gates or other locations on the property.

(e) Individuals or groups may not use the First Amendment Activities Area for direct sales or solicitation of sales leads.

(f) Individuals or groups may not use, in any manner, fighting words or obscenities. Within the Florida State Fairgrounds, no individual shall participate in loud, rude or unreasonable behavior; disturb the public peace; make threatening comments, actions or gestures towards others; obstruct the use and enjoyment of any facility, area or event; or act in a disorderly manner.

(g) Pursuant to Section 616.185, Florida Statutes, entering and remaining upon any grounds or facilities owned, operated, or controlled by the Florida State Fair Authority and committing any act that disrupts the orderly conduct of any authorized activity of the Florida State Fair constitutes trespass. A law enforcement officer may arrest any person on or off the premises, without a warrant, if the officer has probable cause for believing such person has committed the offense of trespass upon the grounds of the Florida State Fair Authority. Such an arrest does



not render the law enforcement officer criminally or civilly liable for false arrest, false imprisonment, or unlawful detention.



## **REGISTRATION FOR FIRST AMENDMENT ACTIVITIES AREA\***

Name of Event:

Date Requested:

Time of the planned event:

(\*See Exhibit A for location map.)

Please provide descriptive information about your organization or activity (i.e.: website, pamphlet, etc.):

Number of persons involved:

A designated contact person, including a means of communication of said person, such as an address, email, or phone number:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Will your activity include signs, posters, tables or other articles or equipment? If yes, please list:

On behalf of the signatory, or in the case of a representative of a group signing on behalf of a group, signatory acknowledges receipt of the Fair's Free Speech Activities Guidelines. Further, signatory states that he/she has read the policy and that it will be distributed to members of the group or those using the First Amendment Activities Area.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

During the annual Florida State Fair, the First Amendment Activities Area is located at the Highway 301 entrance to the Fairgrounds. If you have questions or need more information, please email [Info@floridastatefair.com](mailto:Info@floridastatefair.com)

