

Ag Expo 2009 Set For January 23-24

POPLAR BLUFF, MO.

Don't forget that one of the largest farm trade shows in the region, Ag Expo 2009, has been scheduled for January 23 and 24 at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The Butler County University of Missouri Extension Council and the Ag Club of Three Rivers Community College have sponsored this annual event for twenty-three years. Admission is FREE.

There will be 118 booths available to visit and learn first-hand about agriculture and its importance to the economy. The expo will also feature outdoor exhibits. Twelve thousand people attended last year's two-day event.

The event will be held Friday, January 23 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, January 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and the two days are packed with activities for the whole

family. Entertainment and events include gospel, jazz, and contemporary music; agriculture seminars; beauty pageants; toy tractor pedal pull contests for youth ages 4 to 9; and a duck calling contest for youth and adults. There will be tractor driving contests for FFA members; petting farm; an old time auction; a milking contest; an ag photography contest; and baking contest. All events are FREE to enter except for the beauty pageant which is \$20 if pre-registered and \$25 if registered at the door.

So don't forget to attend the Ag Expo on January 23 and 24 and plan to bring the whole family. For more information and to register for the beauty pageant, contact the University of Missouri Extension Center, 222 North Broadway, Poplar Bluff (686-8064) or contact us by e-mail at butlerco@missouri.edu or visit our website at <http://extension.missouri.edu/butler>. Δ



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