

SACRAMENTO COUNTY FAIR

INDOOR CREATIVE
EXHIBITS

COMPETITIVE
HANDBOOK

May 21-25, 2026



Dear Exhibitor:

Welcome to the 2026 Sacramento County Fair!

This year's Fair dates are May 21-25, 2026.



Please take the time to read the rules and your specific rules. As an exhibitor, parent or advisor, it is your responsibility to know the rules. If something is not clear, please ask. We are here to assist you and want everyone to have a great Fair experience.

We continue to simplify the entry process. However, we need you to read and understand the rules as they will be enforced. Please review each section for the deadlines, intake times and pick up times. If you need assistance, please call the office. We are there to assist you and make your Fair experience memorable. If you are uncomfortable entering on-line or it's your first time entering at the SCF, please call the office. We are here to assist you.

We invite you to enter. Whether you are an adult, a child or a school there is a category for you! For questions, please call 916-263-2975. We can't wait to see you at the 91st Annual Sacramento County Fair.

See you in May,

Sacramento County Fair & Staff

Don't Forget Our FREE School Tours

<https://sacfair.com/school-tours-application/>

Entries Close April 16, 2026, on line at www.sacfair.com

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2026 Entry Drop Off by Day/Time

Saturday, May 16,

8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m...... Exhibit Delivery Date for Adult Art and Photography, Adult Clothing and Textiles, Adult Crafts, Adult Quilt, School Exhibits, G.S. Exhibits, Junior Art, Junior Crafts, Junior Mechanical Science, Junior Miscellaneous and Educational, Junior Photography, Physically or Developmentally Challenged, Junior Sewing, Junior Textiles, Primary Creative Exhibits, Junior Place Setting Contest, Junior & Adult Wool.

Sunday, May 17,

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m...... Farm Garden In A Wheelbarrow Delivery
 Exhibit Delivery Date for Adult Art and Photography, Adult Clothing and Textiles, Adult Crafts, Adult Quilt, School Exhibits, G.S. Exhibits, Junior Art, Junior Crafts, Junior Mechanical Science, Junior Miscellaneous and Educational, Junior Photography, Physically or Developmentally Challenged, Junior Sewing, Junior Textiles, Primary Creative Exhibits, Junior Place Setting Contest, Junior & Adult Wool.

New – Second Drop Off Day Option!

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. Exhibit Delivery Date for Adult Baked Food Show, Adult Preservation, Adult Horticulture & Floriculture, G.S & Junior Baked Food, Junior Cake Decorating, Junior Food Preservation, Junior Horticulture & Floriculture, Primary Creative Baking Project Exhibits.

Board of Directors

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Fair Hours

May 21 - 22, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 May 23- 24, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
 May 25, Monday, Memorial Day 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Carnival Hours

May 21 - 22, Thursday and Friday 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
 May 23- 24, Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
 May 25, Monday, Memorial Day 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Attention All Schools & Teachers!

Let your students create a life time memory. Enter your classroom projects at the Fair. Become part of the Sacramento County Fair for FREE! Additional information can be found on page 26. Students will beam with pride as their entries are on display for all of Sacramento County to view during the Fair.

Teachers are also invited to participate in the FREE school tour days on May 22nd and May 23th. Students will enjoy the Fair, view the entries and open their minds through Ag education. For additional information, please call 916-263-2975 or email schoolprograms@sacfair.com

Join our Fair team and become a **DOCENT!**
 Call the Fair Office at (916) 263-2975 for more information or visit www.sacfair.com.

General Rules

2026 Indoor Creative Exhibits

****All Exhibitors MUST be from Sacramento County (unless otherwise noted)****

1. Entries must be made **ON-LINE** by April 16, 2026. **Late entries will not be accepted.** Staff will be available for everyone that needs on-line entry assistance.
2. **Exhibit drop off date: May 16, 8am-12pm and May 17, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. EXCEPT Fresh Flowers & FOODS**
3. **Food & Flowers drop off date: Wednesday, May 20, 8:00 am to 11:00 am.**

Entry Procedure & Fees

Entry Fee Office Fee: \$5.00/entry (Entry fees are non-refundable)

Entry Processing Fee/Exhibitor: \$5.00/ exhibitor (**one time charge no matter how many entries are submitted**)

Deliver Exhibits: Cal Expo, Building C, to Judging of Exhibits (enter through Gate 12)

Pick-up Exhibits: Monday, May 25, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. **Entries not picked up become property of the Fair.**

Information Contact: (916) 263-2975 or www.sacfair.com

Guideline

1. **Full entry fees must accompany all entries.**
2. Entry fees, processing fees and any fees associated with entries are non-refundable. Entry fees for exhibits that are withdrawn or not displayed by the exhibitor will not be refunded. Calculate fees carefully. **Overpayments due to calculation errors will not be refunded.**
3. Fair Management reserves the right to limit exhibits to facilities available and may limit the number of exhibits made by an exhibitor.
4. Fair Management reserves the right to return entries, cancel any division or class, or combine divisions and classes in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.
5. A complete exhibit eligible in more than one division and/or class shall be entered and judged in the division and/or class for which it best qualifies. Fair management reserves the right to make this determination.
 - a. **Exhibits must remain in place for the duration of the Fair and will not be released until after the Fair closes on Monday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.**
6. Exhibits being picked up by other than the exhibitor must have a signed letter of authorization by the exhibitor plus the entry claim check. **No Exceptions!**
7. The Sacramento County reserves the right to not display any art or photography that, in its' opinion is not suitable for family viewing.
8. *Liability:* Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safe handling of exhibits; however, the Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur from any cause.
9. The SCF reserves the right to not display any art or photography that, is not suitable for family viewing.
10. All items must be ready for display at the time of delivery. Stands or other display items are the responsibility of the Exhibitor..
11. Apparel must be delivered on hangers.
12. All Junior indoor shows are for exhibitors 9 years of age and older. For exhibitors under 9 years of age, see Primary Creative Exhibits.
13. All exhibits designed to hang must be appropriately wired or equipped for hanging or will not be displayed during Fair.
14. Articles must be finished, clean and sanitary.
15. Craft items must include the theme of the Fair "Carnival Lights & Country Nights".
16. All Exhibitors must reside in Sacramento County Fair unless otherwise specified.
17. All unclaimed items will become property of the Fair.
18. The judges reserve the right to move any entry into the proper class or division prior to judging.
19. No mail in entries are accepted.

Classes & Eligibility

Primary Members

- Sacramento County Fair supports the 4-H philosophy and rules regarding competition and youth under 9 years of age. “Fairs are open to primary members for exhibit only. The use of Danish and American systems of judging is not acceptable for use with primary members. Primary members should only receive recognition for their participation.”
- “ALL JUNIOR EXHIBITORS SHOULD FALL INTO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHED CATEGORIES”

FFA Members

- FFA members may exhibit at the Fair if they are enrolled in high school vocational agricultural classes. They may continue to exhibit as members for one full year following graduation.

4H Members

- Any 4-H member who is nine years-old or older on December 31st of the past year may exhibit as a 4-H member and participate in competitive 4-H classes, and may continue to do so until the end of the calendar year in which the member has his/ her 19th birthday. 4-H uniforms may be worn in appropriate divisions.

Grange Members

- Any Grange member who is nine years-old or older on January 1st of the current Fair year may exhibit in competition as a Grange member until the end of the calendar year in which the member has his/her 19th birthday.

Independent Junior Exhibitors

- Independent exhibitors must be at least 5 years old, but not older than 18, on January 1st of the current program year, and do not belong to 4-H, FFA or Grange.

Adult Exhibitors

- Independent exhibitor that is older than 18 years of age

Definition of Terms

Show.....A group of divisions that make up a category, i.e. Crafts, Art, Photography, etc...

Class.....A group of items that are judged together, i.e. Dolls & Toys, Paintings, Cakes, etc...

Division.....Grouping of exhibitors

Entry Form.....The form used to register exhibits for competition and display in the Sacramento County Fair.

Entry.....Each instance of an exhibit listed on the entry form.

General Rules

Rules and Information:

1. Exhibits must be original artwork created by the exhibitor within the past two years.
2. Artwork previously exhibited at the Sacramento County Fair is ineligible.
3. Same or identical items cannot be entered and/or exhibited in more than one Division and Class.

Entry Fee.....Monies paid to enter an exhibit. Nonrefundable.

Exhibit.....Item, object or collection of objects entered in a division for competition and display.

Exhibitor..... The owner of the exhibit.

Judging and Awards

Danish System of Judging.

Each exhibit will be judged on its own merit. Exhibits are placed depending on values received based on the scorecard. There may be more than one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. per class.

American System of Judging

Each exhibit is judged against other exhibits in the same class. There is only one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. in each class.

Best of Class

A Best of Class rosette may be awarded to the exhibit selected as the best 1st place exhibit in each class within each division. Danish System of Judging.

Best of Division

A Best of Division rosette may be awarded where there is more than one Division within a show.

Best of Show

Within each show, all Best of Class or Best of Division winners will be considered for Best of Show. Best of Show winners may receive a rosette and premium, unless otherwise noted.

Awards

1. The judges may disqualify or transfer to the correct division (at his/her discretion) any exhibit that is not a true representative of the division or class in which it is entered.
2. Checks become void after 90 days from the date of issue. Requests for checks to be reissued will be subject to a \$25 handling fee.
3. All ribbons will be awarded at time of judging.
4. The judge's decision on awards cannot be protested. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. All protests must be presented to Management of the Fair in writing within 24 hours of the alleged violation and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit (cash, money order, or certified check), or \$200.00 if the protest relates to a violations of State Rules X-XI, which will be returned if the protest is determined valid. Protests and appropriate action are decided by the Fair Management/Fair Board of Directors. If protests cannot be resolved with the Board of Directors, the Division of Fairs and Expositions may intervene.

Interactive Judging

All Junior Shows will **NOT** have the option to be judged interactively.

ONLINE ENTRIES

Before you submit an online entry you must agree to the following:

(You do this by clicking the "I Agree" link online after you have read and agree to all rules.)

- I have read and agree to all rules.
- It is my responsibility to have all the required supporting documents to the office by the deadline.
- I understand that no entry is valid until received in the Sacramento County Fair office and approved by staff. **INCOMPLETE ENTRIES, INCLUDING MISSING FEES OR UNSUBMITTED ENTRIES, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND/OR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!**
- I understand that there are minimum system requirements for online entries and that this service may not be available to me.

HOW TO ENTER ONLINE

The Sacramento County Fair uses ShoWorks, an on-line entry program. ShoWorks is an industry standard used nationally. This user-friendly program can be trusted to accurately enter you into our competitions and allows for efficient communications via e-mail. We are excited to have ShoWorks to better facilitate entering Sacramento County Fair competitions. Then follow the easy steps listed below to enter the competition you have chosen.

1. Before proceeding with an on-line entry, please visit our website at www.sacFair.com to download the appropriate Competition Handbook (Livestock or Indoor) located on the "Competitions/Contest" page. *Note that sessions expire for security reasons after 20 minutes of inactivity, so "save the cart" often and if you plan on leaving the computer for more than 20 minutes. Entries **cannot** be retrieved by the Sacramento County Fair office.*
2. Everyone must register as a new exhibitor when logging in for the first time in 2026.
3. When logging in for the first time, please do the following:
 - a. Click "Login/Logoff"
 - b. Choose type "Exhibitor"
 - c. Type in "First Name"
 - d. Type in "Last Name"
 - e. Click on "I am a new exhibitor" and click continue
 - f. Create a new password when registering for the first time each year. Remember your password as this will allow you access for future sessions.
4. Complete the New Exhibitor Fields and click "Continue". When entering information, fields in **BOLD** are required. **Be sure email address is correct as this is where the receipt will be emailed. Receipts are only sent electronically and cannot be reproduced if your email address is wrong.** If a field/ box does not apply to you, please type "N/A". If pending, please type "PENDING". Please follow the directions as they should help lead you through the process.

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5. Review Exhibitor Information and click Continue.
6. Choose a Department (i.e. Breeding Beef, Market Swine, Adult Art & Photography, etc.)
7. Choose a Division (i.e. English Breeds, FFA Market Duroc Hog, Painting, etc.)
8. Select a Class from the drop-down menu.
9. Complete Exhibit Information.
10. Make sure to include the club associated with the entry, if necessary. If not with a club, select *Independent
11. Click Add Entry To Cart
12. If you only have 1 entry click Continue. If you have another entry in the same department, click Add Similar Entry and follow above steps. If you have another entry in another department click Add Different Entry and follow above steps.
13. Once your entry(ies) are entered, an Additional Items screen will appear. Add quantity for any presale tickets you wish to purchase or any relevant fees that apply to your entry. Click Continue
14. Review Your Cart and choose an option below:
 - a. Add more entries
 - b. Empty Cart
 - c. Save For Later (entries and fees must be paid and submitted by entry deadline)
 - d. Checkout
15. Once you click Checkout it will take you to the Payment Screen. Select Payment method: Visa or MasterCard. Entry fees **MUST** be paid on-line with a Visa or MasterCard. **No checks or ACH accepted online.** Entries fees and any fees associated with entries are non-refundable. Enter credit card information and click Continue.
16. Confirm: your entries are not submitted until you type YES in the box and click submit.
17. Summary: Print the Detailed Receipt Summary by clicking the Detailed Receipt Button. It is recommended this receipt be brought to Fair check-in for reference as needed.
18. We look forward to your participation at the Sacramento County Fair!

Credentials

Policy! Parking passes for exhibitors are now available at a rate of \$7/ day or \$35/ for a season pass valid for all 5 days of Fair. Note: The Fair does not supply free parking passes for exhibitors.

Additional parking pass pricing and availability:

1. **All vehicles parked illegally will be towed away at the owner's expense!**
2. Exhibitor parking passes will be available for purchase at special exhibitor rates at the Livestock Office on May 19th and May 20st.
3. All 4-H Community Leaders, FFA Advisors, Grange Coordinators and 4-H Project Leaders will be required to purchase parking passes.
4. No vehicle will be allowed on grounds before Fair closes at 10:00 p.m. on Thursday through Sunday of Fair. **A paid gate will be in effect at the 2026 Sacramento County Fair. Gates will be monitored beginning at 6:00 a.m., May 21-25.**
5. Exhibitor Credential Pricing: Season admissions pass, valid for all five days at any gate, \$30. Credentials will be available for purchase at the Livestock office on May 19th and May 20st.

Liability

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to Cal Expo either for exhibit or for other purposes assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.
2. The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

Fairground Rules

1. The Sacramento County Fair is a smoke-free facility. Smoking is not permitted on the Fairgrounds.
2. The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs by any minor is prohibited on Cal Expo property and will result in immediate expulsion from the Fair and forfeiture of awards, premiums and monies received at auction. **This includes the camping facility on the Fairgrounds.**

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Anyone caught violating rules will be disqualified and forfeit all JLA or premium monies.

3. Absolutely **NO PETS ALLOWED** in the barn area or on the Fairgrounds. **Only animals entered in competitions are allowed on the Fairgrounds in designated show areas only!** Exceptions will be made for Service Animals on a leash.
4. All material and decorations used in an exhibit **must be made from a nonflammable material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition.**
5. Exhibit Buildings will close and be secured at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and 7:00 p.m. on Monday of Fair.
6. **No skateboards, motor scooters, motorbikes, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles, or golf carts, or similar personal wheeled devices will be allowed on the Cal Expo grounds other than those operated by Fair personnel.**
7. Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify and/or remove any exhibit that is not in the best interest of the Fair.
8. Exhibitors, Leaders, Advisors and Parents who violate these rules, or who are found to be involved in unethical or hostile practices with the Fair, shall incur penalties that may include (but are not limited to) disqualification, removal from the Fair, forfeiture of awards and ineligibility in future Fair competitions.

During the Fair

1. Please check the individual schedule for each show you are entering. Shows may have different arrival times, judging times, etc.
2. 4-H Project leaders, FFA Advisors and parents may provide instruction **only**. Other adults and non-exhibiting juniors are prohibited from assisting any junior exhibitor without permission from the Fair CEO/Fair Manager.

End of the Fair

All exhibits & displays must remain in place until release time, 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 25th, unless otherwise stated. Rules are subject to change at any time based on the Fair Board of Directors and Fair Management.

A copy of the State Rules may be obtained through our web site: www.sacFair.com

For more Information Visit www.sacFair.com

Thanks For Entering

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ADULT DEPARTMENTS

Adult Art and Photography Show

Category Rules

1. American System of Judging.
2. Two-dimensional artwork may not exceed 4' by 4', including frame.
3. Three-dimensional artwork may not exceed 16 square feet of total floor space and a height of 10'.
4. Please list the dimensions of the artwork on the entry form.
5. All artwork (except photos) designed to hang must be appropriately wired or equipped for hanging. Artwork not meeting these criteria will not be displayed during the Fair.
6. Photographs must be properly matted (no frames) and not more than 16" x 20" including matte. May be surface mounted or between mattes. Photography must come with Velcro for hanging, it is not necessary to attach it to the photo. Any mattes turned in with writing on them will be disqualified.
7. Digital photographs will be accepted in all photography categories.

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette
 Best of DivisionRosette
 1st - 3rd..... Ribbons

Art Show

- Division 1000 Painting**
- Division 1001 Drawings and Pastels**
- Division 1002 Any Mixed Media**
- Division 1003 3-Dimensional Art**

Classes

1. People
2. Landscape
3. Animals
4. Other

Division 1004 Recycled Art

Classes

1. Art using discarded materials

Photography Show

Division 1005 Black & White Photography

Division 1006 Color Photography

Classes

1. People
2. Landscape
3. Animals
4. Other

Division 1007 Fair Photos *(Photos taken at any prior The Sacramento County Fair)*

Classes

1. Any past Sacramento County Fair Black & White Photo
2. Any past Sacramento County Fair Color Photo

Adult Pallet Art

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette
 1st - 3rd Ribbons

Division 1060 Pallet Art

Classes

1. Art
2. Furniture
3. Wine Racks
4. Other

Adult Literary Art

Category Rules

1. American System of Judging.
2. No narrative essays or memoirs
3. Stories must be entered in one of the following classes – General Fiction; Science Fiction/Fantasy; Mystery/Thriller; Western (up to modern day) and/or Historical; and Humorous. Choose the class that best fits the story, but judges may switch classes at his/her discretion
4. May be written in first person, but must read as fiction with plot and character development or it will be disqualified.
5. No flash fiction accepted in this division.

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette
 Best of DivisionRosette
 1st - 3rd Ribbons

Division 1008 Literary Art

Classes

5. General Fiction
6. Science Fiction/Fantasy
7. Mystery/Thriller
8. Western (up to modern day) and/or Historical
9. Humorous

Adult Clothing and Textiles

Category Rules

- 1 American System of Judging

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette
 1st - 3rd Place Ribbons

Division 1010 Clothing and Textiles

Classes

1. Knitting
2. Needlepoint
3. Counted Cross Stitch
4. Crochet
5. Plastic Canvas
6. Hand Weaving
7. Apparel (Sewn)
8. Decorated Clothing (Purchased garments acceptable)
9. Toys & Dolls (Sewn)
10. Other

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Adult Crafts

Category Rules

1. American System of Judging
2. Jewelry should be mounted for display.
3. Scrapbook, memory pages and greeting cards should be presented in a plastic sleeve.

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette
 1st - 3rd Place Ribbons

Division 1015 Adult Crafts

Classes

1. Wearable Art
2. Beadwork
3. Dolls
4. Jewelry
5. Metalworking
6. Electrical
7. Baskets
8. Any Item Made From Duct Tape
9. Gourd Art
10. Other

Adult Food Shows – Baked Foods

Category Rules

1. **Food entry delivery: May 20th 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Building C, Cal Expo enter through Gate 12.**
2. Danish System of Judging.
3. No prepared mixes except in designated categories.
4. For each exhibit the following quantities apply:
 - A. One full size item - (i.e. cake, pie, loaf of bread) that is at least 6” in diameter, or able to be divided into six or more generous servings.
 - B. Six individual size items - (i.e. cookies, pastries, yeast rolls, muffins)
5. Foods that require refrigeration will not be accepted.
6. Decorated cakes may be real cakes or Styrofoam forms or similar non-perishable material (*please indicate on entry form*).
7. Cake exhibits should be on covered cardboard (*no more than 1” larger than cake*). Pie exhibits should be in a disposable pan. Individual size food exhibits (i.e. cookies, pastries, etc.) must be on a white disposable plate. All food exhibits should be covered with transparent wrap.
8. Food entries will not be returned at the end of the Fair (*with the exception of decorated cakes using non-edible forms*). Awards can be picked up from display Monday, May 25th between 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette
 1st - 3rd Place Ribbons

Pies & Pastries

Division 1020

Classes

1. Two- Crust Pie
2. One-crust Pie
3. Tart
4. Any pastry not listed

Cookies

Division 1021

Classes

1. Drop
2. Bar
3. Shaped or Rolled

4. Any Decorated Cookie
5. Jazz It Up Cookies! (*Cookies baked from a prepared cookie mix, but with added or enhanced ingredients. Please attach recipe to exhibit for judging purposes.*)
6. Any Other Cookie

Cakes

Division 1022

Classes

1. Single Layer Cake
2. Multi-layer Cake (*2 or more layers*)
3. Jazz it Up Cake! (*Cake baked from a prepared cake mix, but with added or enhanced ingredients. Please attach recipe to exhibit for judging purposes.*)
4. Any Other Cake

Decorated Cakes

Division 1023

Classes

1. Decorated Cake

Breads

Division 1024

Classes

1. Quick Bread
2. Yeast Bread
3. Bread Machine Bread (*Please include recipe with exhibit for judging purposes*)

Brownies

Division 1025

Classes

1. Any Brownie (*baked from scratch*)
2. Jazz it Up Brownies! (*Brownies baked from a prepared mix, but with added or enhanced ingredients. Please attach recipe to exhibit for judging purposes.*)

Candy & Confections

Division 1026

Classes

1. Any Candy & Confections

Adult Food Preservation

Category Rules:

1. **Food entry delivery: May 20th 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Building C, Cal Expo enter through Gate 12.**

Home canned entries must have been prepared/made/processed by the exhibitor in whose name they are entered. Inverting of canning jars (turning upside down) after canning is not recommended. Inverting may cause separation of products and reduce the effectiveness of the seal.

The following items **are not** eligible for entry due to safety concerns:

- Vegetables
- Mustards
- Any pumpkin product (i.e. pumpkin butter, jam, etc.)
- Any entry containing meat or other protein foods such as eggs (exception: curds)
- Chocolate sauces
- Freezer jams (No facilities available to store entries)
- Solar canned foods

Rules and Information:

1. Judging Guidelines: The Sacramento County Fair judging of Preserved Foods will be based on guidelines established by the USDA (USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning). This information is available online at www.uga.edu/nchfp/index.html or inquire at your local Cooperative Extension Office for guidelines or contact the Master Food Preservers through your local Cooperative Extension Office.
2. Home Canned Entries:
 - Home Canned entries must consist of two (2) jars of product, one display, one for judging

- These two jars must be identical (i.e. both jars must be the same size, same type and same brand -- Ball, Kerr, etc. -- of jar).
 - Both jars will be presented to the judge. The judge will choose the jar to be opened.
3. Home Canned Labels:
- All Home canned entries must be labeled.
 - PLEASE NOTE: The label must be placed securely on the lid of all jars.
 - Labels must not overlap onto the side or the screw ring band of the jars (This includes the tape used to attach the label).
4. Canning Methods: All Home Canned Food entries must be processed by using one of the following two canning methods:
- A. Water Bath Method: Acid foods, which include most fruits (excluding figs), may be processed using the water bath method. This includes soft spreads, jams and jellies. Tomatoes, figs and some fruits are considered borderline low-acid foods. These foods should be made more acidified by adding lemon juice, citric acid or vinegar as appropriate for the type of food.
- B. Pressure Canner Method: Low-acid foods must be processed using the pressure canner method. Tomatoes, figs and low-acid fruits may also be processed by the pressure canner method.
- Entries processed using the open kettle process; solar canning method, oven canning method and the microwave canning process **are not** eligible for competition at the Sacramento County Fair.
5. Listing Method/ Time:
- List water bath entries as follows: A/processing time. (Example: If processed for 10 minutes, list as A/10 min.)
 - List pressure canner entries as follows: B/processing time. (Example: If processed for 10 minutes, list as B/10 min.)
6. Labels, decals, decorations:
- No decorations or decals are allowed on the tops or sides of jars.
 - This does not apply to the design printed (embossed) by the manufacturer on the top of jar lids or the sculpture design embossed in the glass made by the manufacturer.
 - Jars with decals or other types of decorations on the tops or sides of the jars will be disqualified.
7. Home Canned Food Jars: A clear (non-colored), regular or wide-mouth Mason-type (Ball, Kerr, etc.) threaded, home canning jar sealed with a metal lid and ring band must be used to preserve foods for competition.
- Mayonnaise or other types of jars will be disqualified
8. Jar Sizes:
- For fruits, tomatoes and pickles --no larger than one quart (32 ounces)
 - For jellies, jams, soft spreads, sauces, chutneys, salsa, relishes, etc. use jars from 4 ounces to no larger than one pint (16 ounces).
9. Home Canned Food Seals:
- All jars must be sealed with new two-piece vacuum seals specifically made for canning jars
 - Seals must consist of two-pieces (metal screw ring band and metal lid).
 - Entries will be disqualified if both the band and lid are not on the jars.
 - Ring band should unscrew easily.
 - Entry will be disqualified if the jar lid cannot be easily unscrewed by hand
 - All jars must be sealed by using either the water bath or pressure canner method of processing
 - Paraffin wax seal will be disqualified
10. Head Space:
- The following headspace must be utilized for each product:
- ¼ inch head space: Jams, jellies, preserves, conserves, butters, marmalades and curds
 - ½ inch head space: Fruits, tomatoes, sauerkraut, pickles, relishes, chutneys, sauces and salsa
11. Dried food: Dried food products must be submitted in two identical containers; sealed in a jar as stated above or in a Ziploc type bag. Required quantity of dried product to be one half dozen.
12. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

Awards

Best of Show..... Rosette
 1st -3rd Place.....Ribbons

Division 1027 Preserved Food

Classes

1. Fruit
2. Pickle
3. Soft Spread/ Jams, Jellies and Curds
4. Dried Foods
5. Other Preserved Foods

Adult Horticulture/Floriculture

Food/ Horticulture/Floriculture entry delivery: May 20th 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Building C, Cal Expo enter through Gate 12

Category Rules:

1. American System of Judging
2. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor *(with the exception of fresh floral arrangements)*.
3. All exhibits must have been designed or arranged by the exhibitor. *(where applicable)*
4. Each exhibit must be properly labeled with the botanical name including variety. *(where applicable)*
5. Exhibits must be free of injurious insects and disease.
6. Minimum container size is 4" for houseplants and one gallon for outdoor plants.
7. Exhibits must have drip dish for watering and instructions for care.
8. No props, stands or accessories will be provided, tables only. Exhibitors may provide their own props and stands.
9. Cut flower exhibits must include at least three stems; where appropriate stem must include foliage. Deliver cut flower exhibits in a clean, transparent glass container.
10. Fresh floral arrangements may not exceed 24" wide or 42" in height - theme for arrangement is the Fair theme, "*Carnival Lights and Country Nights*" *(dried floral arrangements may be entered in the craft show)*.
11. Produce quantity should be such to cover the bottom of a 6" disposable plate.

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette
 1st - 3rd Place Ribbons

Division 1030

Classes

1. Creative Horticulture (dish garden, terrarium, container or herb garden, etc.)
2. Horticulture (single plant specimen)
3. Creative Floriculture (i.e. fresh floral arrangement)
4. Floriculture (cut flowers or floral specimen)
5. Produce (any fruit or vegetable grown by exhibitor)

Adult Quilt Show

Category Rules:

1. American System of Judging.
2. Quilt size (width and length measurements) must be included on the entry form.
3. All quilts must have a 4" sleeve casing attached across the top back to accommodate a cross pole for hanging.
4. All group-made quilt projects must be entered in Class 6.
5. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette
 1st - 3rd Place Ribbons

Division 1035

Classes

1. Quilt pieced or appliquéd and hand quilted by the exhibitor. (any size)
2. Quilt pieced or appliquéd and machine quilted by the exhibitor. (under 60" each side)
3. Quilt pieced or appliquéd and machine quilted by the exhibitor. (over 60" each side)
4. Quilt pieced or appliquéd and commercial machine quilted (under 60" each side)
5. Quilt pieced or appliquéd and commercial machine quilted (over 60" each side)
6. Quilt, group; made by two or more people, any size or technique
7. Quilt, anyother; examples include but are not limited to: Art, Yo-yo, & Whole Cloth Quilt

Adult Open Wool and Fiber Show

Open Wool and Fiber Show

Open to exhibitors residing in Amador, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sutter, and Yolo Counties.

Category Rules:

1. If more than one fleece is entered, each fleece must be listed separately on the Entry Form.
2. Only fleeces in the grease are eligible for competition. Dealers and manufacturers are excluded.
3. Fleeces must not be more than 12-month's growth, as commonly accepted by the wool industry. If a fleece is actually slightly more than 12-month's growth due to unavoidable delays in shearing (i.e. weather or shearer availability), it will be termed a "12-month" fleece.
4. All fleeces must have belly wool and tags removed. Fleeces not in compliance will be disqualified.
5. Wether fleeces may be entered in Wether fleece class only.
6. Black faced ewes will show in Market class only.
7. All fleeces entered must have been sheared from sheep owned by the exhibitor. Fleeces must have been shorn after September 1, 2025, unless otherwise noted.
8. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

Preparation & Delivery:

1. A fleece for show must be properly rolled and placed in a clear plastic bag to be presented for show. Fine wool fleeces may be rolled with paper liners to prevent sticking. Mohair or other goat fleeces do not have to be rolled.
2. Please tag each fleece entered with the following information: **Exhibitor's name, Division, Class, specie, breed & sex of animal.** Either securely tape the information to the outside of the bag or place inside the bag. The Fair will not be responsible for incorrectly labeled fleeces.
3. No fleeces with mothballs will be allowed. Please air your fleeces prior to sending or they will be disqualified.

Alpaca Rules

1. Only raw prime blanket fleece may be entered.
2. Fleeces may not exceed 14 months growth since last shearing.

Llama Rules

1. Fleeces shall be sheared, not brushed and consist of the prime fiber from either the barrel or the full blanket.
2. Fleece shall be shorn within 2 years of the date of the Fair and the lock structure shall be intact.
3. Fleeces may not be washed after shearing or have crème rinse or chemicals applied prior to or after shearing.
4. Guard hairs may not be removed.
5. Desired length of fiber up through 24 months: Minimum of 3-inch undercoat. Desired length of fiber 25 months: and older: Minimum of 3-inch undercoat Maximum staple length of 8 inches, including guard hairs.

Judging

1. American System of Judging.
2. The Fair and/or judges reserve the right to move fleeces into the proper class or division prior to judging or to combine classes where entries (three or fewer exhibitors or entries) are insufficient to secure adequate competition.
3. The Sacramento County Wool Show is a hand spinner's show. Hand spinning characteristics of the fleece are the primary judging criteria. Judges may carefully unroll a fleece to examine it completely.
4. Fleeces will be judged based on the following characteristics:
 - a. Quality of fineness.
 - b. Evenness of quality or fineness among the various parts of the fleece.
 - c. Length and strength of staple.
 - d. Estimated clean weight.
 - e. Condition.
 - f. Character, including crimp and color.
5. Any fleece with the following characteristics may be disqualified:
 - a. Showing any paint or tar brands (soluble branding fluids are acceptable).
 - b. Showing a weak staple or break in the fiber.
 - c. Containing any excess burrs or other vegetable matter.

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette
1st - 3rd Place Ribbons

Division 3000 Sheep Wool

Classes

1. White Wool
2. Market Ewe (from Blackface, Grade or Commercial Sheep)

3. Natural Colored Wool
4. Variegated (showing lots of variation in color)
5. Weather Fleece

Awards:

Champion Sheep Rosette
 Reserve Champion Sheep Rosette

Goat Fiber

Please Note:

1. Enter all Goat Fleeces in a clear plastic bag. Fleeces do not have to be rolled.
2. Only unwashed fleeces may be entered.
3. Colored fleeces must show distinct color.

Goat Fiber (From purebred goats only)**Division 3001 Goat Fiber****Classes**

1. Mohair
2. Cashmere
3. Pygora

Awards:

Champion Goat..... Rosette
 Reserve Goat Rosette

All Other Fiber Divisions**Division 3002 All Other Fiber****Classes**

1. Alpaca
2. Llama
3. Rabbit Fiber
4. Miscellaneous Fiber (Cat, dog, cattle, horse, yak)

Awards:

Champion All Other FiberRosette
 Reserve All Other Fiber..... Rosette

Adult Handspun & Handcrafted Yarn Show

Category Rules:

1. American System of Judging.
2. Yarn must be entered as a skein. Each skein must be a minimum of 50 yards or 1 ounce and be tied in 4 places.
3. Each skein must be accompanied by a sample of unspun fleece, fiber or roving/sliver.
4. In addition to the un-spun sample, a 3" x 5" card with the following information **MUST** accompany each skein:
 - Name of Exhibitor
 - Class & Division in which skein is being entered
 - Number of ply
 - Fiber content, including breed and grade (if known). Also, if more than one fiber is used please give approximate percentage of each.
 - If entry was spun in the grease (unwashed) please note that on the card.
 - Type (brand) of dye and process used for dyed fiber. If using a natural dye, the mordant used must be specified.
 - Intended use for the yarn.
 - Any other information about the yarn in regard to content or techniques used in the preparation.
 - OPTIONAL: If the fiber has been used, you may include a 3"x3" swatch of the used spun fiber.
5. Dyed fibers must have been dyed by exhibitor (except class 10). If entering dyed fiber, natural or chemical dyes may be used. If using a natural dye, the mordant used must be specified.

Spun Fiber Rules & Guidelines:

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette
 1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Yarn Spun from Mammal Fibers

Division 3003 Spun Yarn

Classes

1. Mammal Fiber, singles
2. Mammal Fiber, plied
3. Yarn Spun from Non-Mammal Fibers
4. Spindle Spun Yarn

Handcrafted Rules and Guidelines:

Only items made of Handspun yarn may be used in this show. Handspun yarns must meet the criteria of the Spun Yarn Section.

1. Please include a small sample of the yarn used and of the unspun fiber. Attach both to the 3" x 5" card described below. Your item will not be judged if the sample is not included.
2. Please include the following information on the 3" x 5" card:
 - Name of Exhibitor
 - Division and Class
 - Type of Fiber
 - Breed or Grade (fine, medium, course) of...sheep, if known
 - Source, if dyed
 - Intended Use
 - Source of fleece
3. It is helpful to the judge if you would describe the method of preparation of the fiber. The more information you can give the judge helps the judge evaluate your entry. You may use both sides of the card for your description/information.
4. Hand-woven entries, other than handspun wool yarns may be used in non-visible warp only. Visible warp/weft must be 100% handspun.
5. For rugs, commercial warp threads may be used as long as they are only visible as fringe or bound warp finish.
6. Handcraft items may be knitted, crocheted, or woven
7. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

Handcraft Items

Division 3004 Handcrafts

Classes

1. Accessories (Hats, Scarves, Socks, Gloves, Etc.)
2. Article of Clothing (Sweater, Vest, Etc.)
3. Shawls, Ruana, Poncho
4. Afghan, Throws, Lap Rugs
5. Woven Yardage Not Yet Made Into a Piece
6. Tapestry or Rugs
7. Needlework Piece
8. Hook/ Locker Piece
9. Felted Item from Un-Spun Fiber
10. Felted Item from Spun Fiber
11. Toy
12. Christmas Decoration

JUNIOR DEPARTMENTS

Junior Art

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Framed two-dimensional and three-dimensional exhibits must be securely wired or equipped for hanging or will not be displayed.
3. All unframed exhibits (matted or un-matted), must be equipped with Velcro for hanging.
4. Recycled art is to consist of 50% or more recycled materials.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2000 4-H Art

Division 2001 FFA Art

Division 2002 Open Youth Art

Classes

Painting Classes

1. People
2. Animals
3. Other

Drawing Classes (including pastels or chalk)

4. People
5. Animals
6. Other

Other Art Classes

7. 3-D Art (sculpture, collage, wood carving, fiber, clay, etc).
8. Mixed Media (combination of media, such as ink w/paint)
9. Recycled Art (Art using recycled materials)

Junior Literary Poetry

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Maximum length 40 lines. Any style form or subject accepted. Do not choose a form which exceeds 40 lines. Please choose a subject somewhat appropriate for “all ages” reading.
3. Poems may not be submitted to an editor or another contest during the period of this competition.
4. Exhibitors may enter a poem in the “free form” (meaning it follows no established poem format) or the “structured” (meaning it follows an established poem format) class. Some examples of “structured” form poems include the sonnet, villanelle, sestina, haiku, tanka, limerick, rondel rondeau, pantoum, etcetera.
5. Exhibitors may not enter the same poem in more than one category or class.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2003 6-12 yrs old Literary Art

Division 2004 13-17 yrs old Literary Art

Poetry Classes

1. Free Form Poem
2. Structured Poem

Junior Pallet Art

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2007 4-H Pallet Art

Division 2008 FFA Pallet Art

Division 2009 Open Youth Pallet Art

Classes

1. Art
2. Furniture
3. Wine Racks
4. Other

Junior Baked Foods

Food/Horticulture/Floriculture entry delivery: May 20th 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Building C, Cal Expo enter through Gate 12

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. No prepared mixes except in *Jazz it Up* designated divisions.
3. For each exhibit the following quantities apply:
 - A. One full size item - (i.e. cake, pie, loaf of bread) that is at least 6” in diameter, or able to be divided into six or more generous servings.
 - B. Six individual size items - (i.e. cookies, pastries, yeast rolls, muffins)
4. Foods that require refrigeration will not be accepted.
5. Decorated cakes may be real cakes or Styrofoam forms or similar non-perishable material (*please indicate on entry form*).
6. Cake exhibits should be on covered cardboard (*no more than 1” larger than cake*). Pie exhibits should be in a disposable pan. Individual size food exhibits (i.e. cookies, pastries, etc.) must be on a disposable plate. All food exhibits should be covered with transparent wrap or kept in a closed box.
7. Food entries will not be returned at the end of the Fair (*with the exception of decorated cakes using non- edible forms*).

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2010 4-H Baked Foods and Confections

Division 2011 FFA Baked Foods and Confections

Division 2013 Open Youth Baked Foods and Confections

Classes

1. Cakes (frosted and unfrosted)
2. Pies and Pastries
3. Cookies
4. Snack Foods
5. Yeast Breads and Rolls
6. Quick Breads and Muffins
7. Other Baked Items
8. Candy
9. Brownies

Jazz it Up! Classes

Exhibits in this division must be made using a prepared mix, but with added or enhanced ingredients. Please include your recipe with your exhibit for judging purposes.

10. Jazz it Up Cake!

11. Jazz it Up Cookies!
12. Jazz it Up Brownies!

Junior Cake Decorating

Food/Horticulture/Floriculture entry delivery: May 20th 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Building C, Cal Expo enter through Gate 12

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. No prepared mixes except in designated divisions.
3. For each exhibit the following quantities apply:
 - A. One full size item - (i.e. cake, pie, loaf of bread) that is at least 6" in diameter, or able to be divided into six or more generous servings.
 - B. Six individual size items - (i.e. cookies, pastries, yeast rolls, muffins)
4. Foods that require refrigeration will not be accepted.
5. Decorated cakes may be real cakes or Styrofoam forms or similar non-perishable material (*please indicate on entry form*).
6. Cake exhibits should be on covered cardboard (*no more than 1" larger than cake*). Pie exhibits should be in a disposable pan. Individual size food exhibits (i.e. cookies, pastries, etc.) must be on a disposable plate. All food exhibits should be covered with transparent wrap or kept in a closed box.
7. Food entries will not be returned at the end of the Fair (*with the exception of decorated cakes using non-edible forms*).
8. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2015 4-H Cake Decorating

Division 2016 FFA Cake Decorating

Division 2017 Open Youth Cake Decorating

Classes

1. Decorated Cakes
2. Other Decorated Items

Junior Crafts

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Floral arrangements must be made with either artificial or dried materials. For arrangements of fresh flowers, see the Horticulture/Floriculture Show.
3. Scrapbook pages and greeting cards should be presented in a plastic sleeve.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2025 4-H Crafts

Division 2026 FFA Crafts

Division 2027 Open Youth Crafts

Classes

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jewelry 2. Dolls and Toys 3. Miniatures 4. Ceramics 5. Leather Craft 6. Memory/ Scrapbook (2 pages) 7. Holiday Crafts 8. Misc. Wood Crafts | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Misc. Paper Crafts 10. Misc. Cultural Crafts 11. Any Other Misc. Craft 12. Masks 13. Any Item Made From Duct Tape 14. Handmade Greeting Cards 15. Gourd Art |
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Junior Food Preservation

Food/Horticulture/Floriculture entry delivery: May 20th 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Building C, Cal Expo enter through Gate 12

Home canned entries must have been prepared/made/processed by the exhibitor in whose name they are entered.

Inverting of canning jars (turning upside down) after canning is not recommended. Inverting may cause separation of products and reduce the effectiveness of the seal.

The following items are not eligible for entry due to safety concerns:

- Vegetables
- Mustards
- Any pumpkin product (i.e. pumpkin butter, jam, etc.)
- Any entry containing meat or other protein foods such as eggs (exception: curds)
- Chocolate sauces
- Freezer jams (No facilities available to store entries)
- Solar canned foods

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Judging Guidelines: The Sacramento County Fair judging of Preserved Foods will be based on guidelines established by the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning. This information is available online at www.uga.edu/nchfp/index.html or inquire at your local Cooperative Extension Office for guidelines.
3. Home Canned Entries:
 - Home Canned entries must consist of two (2) jars of product.
 - One jar is for display and one is for judging.
 - These two jars must be identical (i.e. both jars must be the same size, same type and same brand -- Ball, Kerr, etc. -- of jar).
 - Both jars will be presented to the judge. The judge will choose the jar to be opened.
4. Home Canned Labels:
 - All Home canned entries must be labeled.
 - PLEASE NOTE: The label must be placed securely on the lid of all jars.
 - Labels must not overlap onto the side or the screw ring band of the jars (This includes the ~~tape~~ used to attach the label).
5. Canning Methods: All Home Canned Food entries must be processed by using one of the following two canning methods:
 - A. Water Bath Method: Acid foods, which includes most fruits (**excluding figs**), may be processed using the water bath method. This includes soft spreads, jams and jellies. Tomatoes, figs and some fruits are considered borderline low-acid foods. These foods should be made more acidified by adding lemon juice, citric acid or vinegar as appropriate for the type of food.
 - B. Pressure Canner Method: Low-acid foods, must be processed using the pressure canner method. Tomatoes, and low-acid fruits may also be processed by the pressure canner method.
 - Entries processed using the open kettle process; solar canning method, oven canning method and the microwave canning process are **not** eligible for competition at the Sacramento County Fair.
6. Listing Method/ Time:
 - List water bath entries as follows: A/processing time. (example: If processed for 10 minutes, list as A/10 min.)
 - List pressure canner entries as follows: B/processing time. (example: If processed for 10 minutes, list as B/10 min.)
7. Labels, decals, decorations:
 - No decorations or decals are allowed on the tops or sides of jars. **Labels only.**
 - This does not apply to the design printed (embossed) by the manufacturer on the top of jar lids or the sculpture design embossed in the glass made by the manufacturer.
 - Jars with decals or other types of decorations on the tops or sides of the jars will be disqualified.
8. Home Canned Food Jars: A clear (non-colored), regular or wide-mouth Mason-type (Ball, Kerr, etc.) threaded, home canning jar sealed with a metal lid and ring band must be used to preserve foods for competition.
 - Mayonnaise or other types of jars will be disqualified
9. Jar Sizes:

- For fruits, tomatoes and pickles --no larger than one quart (32 ounces)
 - For jellies, jams, soft spreads, sauces, chutneys, salsa, relishes, etc. use jars from 4 ounces to no larger than one pint (16 ounces).
10. Home Canned Food Seals:
- All jars must be sealed with new two-piece vacuum seals specifically made for canning jars
 - Seals must consist of two-pieces (metal screw ring band and metal lid).
 - Entries will be disqualified if both the band and lid are not on the jars.
 - Ring band should unscrew easily.
 - Entry will be disqualified if the jar lid cannot be easily unscrewed by hand
 - All jars must be sealed by using either the water bath or pressure canner method of processing
 - Paraffin wax seal will be disqualified
11. Head Space: The following headspace must be utilized for each product:
- ¼ inch head space: Jams, jellies, preserves, conserves, butters, marmalades and curds
 - ¼ inch head space: Fruits, tomatoes, sauerkraut, pickles, relishes, chutneys, sauces and salsa
12. Dried food: Dried food products must be submitted in two identical containers; sealed in a jar as stated above or in a Ziploc type bag.
- Required quantity of dried product to be one half dozen.
13. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

Awards:1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

1. **Division 2035 4-H Food Preservation**
2. **Division 2036 FFA Food Preservation**
3. **Division 2037 Open Youth Food Preservation**

Classes

1. Fruit
2. Pickle
3. Soft Spread, Jams, Jellies and Curds
4. Dried Foods
5. Other Preserved Foods

Junior Horticulture & Floriculture

Food/ Horticulture/Floriculture entry delivery: May 20th 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Building C, Cal Expo enter through Gate 12

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Exhibit must have been grown and prepared by the **exhibitor (with the exception of fresh floral arrangements)**
3. Exhibit must be properly labeled with the botanical name, including variety (where applicable).
4. Exhibit must be free of injurious insects and disease.
5. Minimum container size: 4” for houseplants, and one (1) gallon for outdoor plants.
6. Container Gardens must not exceed 24” x 24” at the base.
7. Exhibits must have drip dish for watering and instructions for care.
8. Single blooms exhibits must include at least three stems; where appropriate stem must include foliage. Deliver cut flower in a clear transparent, clean glass container.
9. Fresh flower arrangements may not exceed 24” wide or 42” in height - theme for arrangement is the exhibitor’s choice (**dried floral arrangements may be entered in the craft show**).
10. Produce quantity should be such to cover the bottom of a 6” disposable plate.

Awards:1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

1. **Division 2045 4-H**
2. **Division 2046 FFA**
3. **Division 2047 Open Youth**

Classes

1. Creative Horticulture (dish garden, terrarium, container or herb garden, etc.)
2. Horticulture (single plant specimen)
3. Creative Floriculture (i.e. fresh floral arrangement)
4. Floriculture (cut flowers or floral specimen)
5. Produce (any fruit or vegetable grown by exhibitor)

Junior Mechanical Science

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Exhibits using electricity must be complete and in operating condition where applicable.
3. When necessary exhibits are to be mounted on a base for structural support and proper presentation.
4. Rocketry projects are to be entered in the "Any Other" class.
5. Metalworking and Woodworking projects must include a description card stating cost of material, labor to construct, etc.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2050 4-H Mechanical Science

Division 2051 FFA Mechanical Science

Division 2052 Open Youth Mechanical Science

Classes

1. Electricity and Electronics
2. Woodworking (basic materials costing under \$200)
3. Woodworking (basic materials costing \$200 or more)
4. Metalworking (basic materials costing under \$200)
5. Metalworking (basic materials costing \$200 or more)
6. Any Other Mechanical Science Exhibit
7. Group Projects (group works together to create single item)

Ag Mechanics Silent Auction

**** Students must be enrolled in a vocational class or project within Sacramento County****

Exhibitors, entered in Division 2050 or 2051 and who would like to sell their agricultural mechanics project at the Sacramento County Fair, can do so by participating in the Ag Mechanics Silent Auction. The auction takes place; runs concurrently and adjacent to the Junior Livestock Auction on Sunday, May 24th.

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Group projects are accepted; however, each participant is required to enter an individual project that is not eligible to sell in the silent auction.
3. Projects to be auctioned must have been entered in this year's Junior Mechanical Science Division 2050 or Division 2051 (**see Divisions noted in Junior Mechanical Science.**)
4. On the entry form please list the sale price next to the entry description in parentheses. If entry is not for sale indicate 'NFS' as sale price.
5. **Only projects that receive a blue ribbon will be able to sell.** Limit 1 item per exhibitor.
6. All projects sold will be assessed an auction cost fee of 6% which will be used to defray auction costs. Checks will be mailed to the exhibitor within 30 days of the close of the Fair. We accept checks, credit cards or cash.
7. Exhibitors selling projects are obligated to help with the auction activities during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on selling days. Exhibitors are required to be in full uniform while in the Silent Auction Area.
8. Only projects made in school under the supervision of a vocational instructor or sanctioned 4-H project may be entered. **There will be no independent entries.**
9. Projects exhibited must have been started and completed during the current school/project year.
10. Projects made from assembly kits are not eligible. Component parts should be made by the exhibitor whenever possible.
11. Failure to comply with the Silent Auction Rules will result in a student's ineligibility to participate in the auction.
12. Items that have declared for sale will be moved into the area adjacent to the Junior Livestock Auction arena on sale day. Exhibitors will assist with helping to move items to designated area by 8:00 a.m. Sunday, May 24th.
13. **Signage:** signs will be allowed, however exhibitors may display a poster, no bigger than 8 ½" x 11", with a description of their project. Failure to follow this rule will result in the item not being included in the silent auction.
14. The Sacramento County Fair Junior Livestock Auction Committee provides buyers with a photo of the seller/exhibitor. Photos are to be of the exhibitor only.

Please contact Karen Hein to scheduled pictures.

- A. **All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, and Grange) planning to sell their Ag mechanics project** are required to have an official photograph by Karen Hein. Photos are to be taken in complete uniform (as described in the **Uniforms** section located in the preceding pages) from the waist up. If you have questions as to your organization's uniform, please contact your organization headquarters.
- B. **A mandatory picture by Karen Hein is required. Please contact her at (916) 261-4250 to schedule a time prior to April 30th. This is a free service and pictures will be printed digitally. All digital pictures must be taken before April 30th to be free. Any pictures taken after that time will be done for a \$30.00 donation to the non-profit associated with the Sacramento County Fair and available for a limited time in May. No picture, no sale.**

Silent Auction Bids

1. All bidders need to have a registered buyer number issued through the Junior Livestock Office. Bidder numbers can be requested prior to Auction Day and picked up on auction day or obtained at the buyer's registration table on auction day.
2. Bids for the auction will be accepted on Auction Day, Sunday, May 24th from 8:00 a.m. and closing at 4:00 p.m.
3. The Winners of the Silent Auction Item will be posted at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24th at the payment area of the Junior Livestock Auction area.
4. All silent auction items **must be paid** in full by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 25th. Failure to do so will result in item going to the next highest bidder.

Junior Miscellaneous and Educational

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Short Films and Videos must be submitted to a YouTube page. The page link must accompany entry.
3. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2055 4-H

Division 2056 FFA

Division 2057 Open Youth

Classes

1. Collections (indicate size of display on entry form)
2. Exhibits Emphasizing Skills (*example: models*)
3. Educational Posters (designed to educate the viewer)
4. Educational Exhibit (*other than poster*)
5. School Group Projects (group works together to create single item)

Junior Photography

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Prints may be up to 11" x 14" maximum.
3. All prints must be securely mounted on a mat. Horizontal or vertical, single or double mat is acceptable. Note: Very thick mat such as foam core may make it impossible to display your entry. Photography must be equipped with Velcro for hanging.
4. **No frames, no snapshots, no glass, no acrylic mounts.**
5. Exhibits may be hung utilizing small nails or staples in the corners of the mat.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2065 4-H Photography

Division 2066 FFA Photography

Division 2067 Open Youth Photography

Classes

1. People- Black & White
2. People- Color
3. Animals- Black & White

4. Animals- Color
5. Landscape- Black & White
6. Landscape- Color
7. Other- Black & White
8. Other- Color

Junior Sewing

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Each garment must be delivered on a wire hanger and well labeled.
3. An exhibit consists of a single item or a two or more piece coordinated outfit, etc.
4. Recycled garment must be 50% altered (include photo of original garment).

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2075 4-H Sewing

Division 2076 FFA Sewing

Division 2077 Open Youth Sewing

Classes

1. Single Clothing Item (dress, pants, etc.)
2. Two or More Piece Clothing Item (coordinated outfit)
3. Any Other Sewing Item
4. Recycled Garment (non-cloth material)

Junior Textiles

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. All entries designed to hang must be appropriately wired or equipped for hanging or will not be displayed during Fair.
3. All quilts must have a 4” sleeve casing attached across the top back to accommodate a cross pole for hanging.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2080 4-H Textiles

Division 2081 FFA Textiles

Division 2082 Open Youth Textiles

Classes

1. Quilts
2. Art to Wear
3. Fiber work (weaving, felting, macramé, etc.)
4. Knitting, Crochet
5. Cross Stitch, Needlepoint, Latch Hook or Plastic Canvas

Junior Place Setting Contest

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Centerpiece will be judged only as a part of the place setting. It cannot be entered as a separate exhibit.
3. Fresh Flowers, Fruit or Foods must **not be used** as any part of place setting.
4. Place Setting to be single setting of that appropriate for table of four displayed in space approximately 24” x 24”. Exhibit to consist of: table covering, index card with theme and menu, place setting and centerpiece, and index card with description. Expensive china, glassware, silver or valuables are discouraged.
5. *Emphasis will be on originality, use of theme and correct table setting technique.*
6. 4-H, FFA, and Youth Exhibitors must set up place setting without adult assistance. Assistance may result in

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disqualification.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 2144 4-H Place Settings

Division 2145 FFA Place Settings

Division 2146 Open Youth Place Settings

Classes

1. Western Theme (place setting with menu)
2. Holiday Theme (place setting with menu)
3. Other Place Setting (with appropriate menu)

Junior Wool & Fiber Show

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. If more than one fleece is entered, each fleece must be listed separately on the Entry Form.
3. Only fleeces in the grease are eligible for competition.
4. Fleeces must not be more than 12-month's growth, as commonly accepted by the wool industry. If a fleece is actually slightly more than 12-month's growth due to unavoidable delays in shearing (i.e. weather or shearer availability), it will be termed a "12-month" fleece.
5. All fleeces must have belly wool and tags removed. Fleeces not in compliance will be disqualified.
6. Wether fleeces may be entered in Wether fleece divisions only.
7. Black faced ewes will show in Market Division only.
8. All fleeces entered must have been from animals owned by the exhibitor. Fleeces must have been shorn after September 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted.
9. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

Judging:

1. The Fair and/or judges reserve the right to move fleeces into the proper class or division prior to judging or to combine classes where entries (two or fewer exhibitors or entries) are insufficient to secure adequate competition.
2. The Sacramento County Fair Wool Show is a hand spinner's show. Hand spinning characteristics of the fleece are the primary judging criteria. Judges may carefully unroll a fleece to examine it completely.
3. Fleeces will be judged based on the following characteristics:
 - a. Quality of fineness.
 - b. Evenness of quality or fineness among the various parts of the fleece.
 - c. Length and strength of staple.
 - d. Estimated clean weight.
 - e. Condition.
 - f. Character, including crimp and color.
4. Any fleece with the following characteristics may be disqualified:
 - a. Showing any paint or tar brands (soluble branding fluids are acceptable).
 - b. Showing a weak staple or break in the fiber.
 - c. Containing any excess burrs or other vegetable matter.

Preparation and Delivery

1. All fleece for show must be properly rolled and placed in a clear plastic bag. Fine wool fleeces may be rolled with paper liners to prevent sticking. Mohair or other goat fleeces do not have to be rolled.
2. Please tag each fleece entered with the following information: **Exhibitor's name, Division, Class, specie, breed & sex of animal.** Either securely tape the information to the outside of the bag or place inside the bag. The Fair will not be responsible for incorrectly labeled fleeces.
3. No fleeces with mothballs will be allowed. Please air your fleeces prior to Fair or they will be disqualified.

Awards:

Best of Show..... Rosette

Best of Show will be awarded in: Wool, Goat Fiber, and All Other Fiber

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Sheep Wool

Division 2085 4-H Sheep Wool

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Division 2086 FFA Sheep Wool**Division 2087 Independent Sheep Wool****Classes**

1. White Wool
2. Market Ewe (from Blackface, Grade or Commercial Sheep)
3. Natural Colored Wool
4. Variegated (showing lots of variation in color)
5. Wether Fleece

Goat Fiber**Division 2088 4-H Goat Fiber****Division 2089 FFA Goat Fiber****Division 2090 Independent Goat Fiber****Classes**

1. Mohair
2. Cashmere
3. Pygora

All Other Fiber**Division 2091 4-H All Other Fiber****Division 2092 FFA All Other Fiber****Division 2093 Independent All Other Fiber****Classes**

1. Alpaca
2. Llama
3. Rabbit Fiber
4. Miscellaneous Mammal Fiber

GIRL SCOUT DEPARTMENTS

Food/ Horticulture/Floriculture entry delivery: May 20th 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Building C, Cal Expo enter through Gate 12

Girl Scouts Legacy Art Contest

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. In order to participate in this contest, exhibitors must be in grade K-12 and a registered Girl Scout.
3. Girls may enter one piece of art for each category they are eligible for.
4. Art should not exceed 3'x 3' and should be submitted ready for display (framed or mounted if necessary). Art meant for hanging must be equipped with screw eyes on the back, (tightly wired, and ready to hang) or Velcro.
5. No wet paintings will be accepted.
6. Exhibitors may submit art that fits the 91st Annual Sacramento County Fair's theme of "*Carnival Lights & Country Nights*"
7. The Fair reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed unsuitable.
8. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place..... Ribbons

Division 4050 Girl Scout Legacy Art Contest**Classes**

1. **Girl Scout Daisies: Courageous and Strong Women-** girls should draw or paint a picture of a woman that they feel is courageous and strong. At the base of the picture they should write a few sentences about why they feel this woman is courageous and strong. The picture does not need to be someone famous.
2. **Girl Scout Brownies: Painting-** girls should submit an original painting using one of the inspirations described in the *Painting* badge for Girl Scout Brownies.

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3. **Girl Scout Juniors: Drawing-** girls should submit an original drawing using one of the techniques described in the *Drawing Badge* for Girl Scout Juniors.
4. **Girl Scout Cadettes: Comic Art-** girls should submit an original piece of comic art using one or more of the techniques outlined in the *Comic Artist* badge for Girl Scout Cadettes. The art piece can be one panel, multiple panels or in a book format.
5. **Girl Scout Seniors: Collage-** girls should submit an original piece of comic art using one or more of the techniques outlined in the *Collage Artist* badge for Girl Scout Seniors. The art piece can be two or three dimensional as long as it fits the size requirements.
6. **Girl Scout Ambassadors: Photography-** girls should submit an original series of five photographs using one of the inspirations listed in the Photographer badge for Girl Scout Ambassadors. The photographs can be mounted or framed together or put together in a scrapbook.
7. **All Girl Scouts: Outdoor Photography-** girls should submit an original photograph representing the natural world. It can be a landscape, plant, animal, rock, etc. Photographs should be mounted or framed.
8. **All Girl Scouts: Recycled Art-** girls should submit an original art piece that includes recycled materials. The art piece can be two or three dimensional as long as it fits the size requirements outlined in the overall rules.

Girl Scouts Sewing

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Each garment must be well labeled.
3. All items must be finished, clean and sanitary.
4. Recycled garments must be 50% altered (include photo of original garment)

Awards:

Ribbons only

Division 4051 Girl Scout Sewing

Classes

1. Sewn Item of Clothing
2. Sewn Item not Clothing (blankets, quilts, etc.)
3. Sewn Accessory Item (hat, belt, scarf, etc.)

Girl Scouts Baked Foods

Food/Horticulture/Floriculture entry delivery: May 20th 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Building C, Cal Expo enter through Gate 12

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. No prepared mixes.
3. For each exhibit the following quantities apply:
 - A. One full size item - (i.e. cake, pie, loaf of bread) that is at least 6" in diameter, or able to be divided into six or more generous servings.
 - B. Six individual size items - (i.e. cookies, pastries, yeast rolls, muffins)
4. Foods that require refrigeration will not be accepted.
5. Individual size food exhibits (i.e. cookies, pastries, etc.) must be on a disposable plate. All food exhibits should be covered with transparent wrap or kept in a closed box.

Awards:

Ribbons only

Division 4052 Girl Scout Baked Foods

Classes

1. Cookies
2. Brownies
3. Other Baked Items

Girl Scouts Craft Items

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Scrapbook pages and greeting cards should be presented in a plastic sleeve.

Awards:

Ribbons only

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Division 4053 Girl Scout Crafts**Classes**

1. Drawing
2. Scrapbook Page
3. Handmade Greeting Card
4. Holiday Ornament

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS DEPARTMENTS

Physically or Developmentally Challenged

Category Rules:

1. Danish System of Judging.
2. Exhibitor may or may not be enrolled in special education programs. **(Exhibit display tags will not state these distinctions)**

Awards:

Ribbons will be awarded to all participants.

Division 4070 Challenged Youth 9 to 18 years of age

Division 4071 Challenged Youth Under 9 years of age

Division 4072 Challenged Adult Over 18 years of age

Classes

1. Painting/Drawings
2. 3-D Art
3. Crafts
4. Sewing/Needlework
5. Other

Primary Creative Exhibit

Category Rules:

1. Entries will not be judged. All entries will receive a participation ribbon only.
2. Framed two-dimensional and three-dimensional exhibits must be securely wired for hanging or will not be displayed.
3. All unframed exhibits (matted or un-matted) may be hung utilizing small nails or staples in the corners of the mat or exhibit.

Division 4150 Primary Creative Exhibits**Classes**

1. Paintings
2. Drawings
3. Natural Science
4. Craft Projects
5. Group Projects
6. Miscellaneous Projects

School Projects – For Classrooms Only

Category Rules:

1. No entry fee will be charged. Only students enrolled in a Sacramento County School (private and or public), in grades Preschool-12th grade, can participate in Divisions 4000-4005.
2. Teachers entering a school project through their school can only enter their projects in Division 4000-4005.
3. When entering Division 4000-4005, teacher **must use** school name as exhibitor first name and class name as exhibitor last name (*ie: First Name - John Morris Elementary School. Last Name – Ms. Smith's 4th grade*).
4. Enter the Division that corresponds with the grade of the exhibitor at the time the entry was produced.

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5. Enter the class project description (*ie: California Missions*).
6. Enter how many individual projects will be brought (*ie: '24' if bringing 24 individual student Missions*) in quantity field.
7. Drawings MUST be mounted on construction paper with a minimum of 2" border.
8. If you would like the students name displayed on the project, be sure individual projects are labeled with students name when dropping off exhibit on Saturday, May 16, 2026.
9. **NO individual entries will be accepted under Divisions 4000-4005.**

Awards:

Entries will not be judged. All entries will receive a participation ribbon only.

Division 4000 Preschool & Kindergarten

Division 4001 First & Second Grade

Division 4002 Third & Fourth Grade

Division 4003 Fifth & Sixth Grade

Division 4004 Seventh & Eighth Grade

Division 4005 Ninth thru Twelfth Grade

Classes

1. Drawings & Paintings
2. 3 Dimensional Wall Hangings (Macaroni Art, Bean Maps, etc.)
3. California Missions (4th Grade Only)
4. Make your own musical instrument-Be Creative!
5. Diorama
6. Jewelry
7. Models (Airplanes, Cars, etc.)
8. Holiday Crafts
9. Scrapbook
10. Miscellaneous Projects