

# 4-H & Grange

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## EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-ENTERED ONLINE

**How to Enter: May 22-July 10, 2024**

**[www.venturacountyfair.org](http://www.venturacountyfair.org)**

**We will only be accepting online registration for entries unless otherwise stated.** If you require assistance to complete online entries, please call the fair office at 805-648-3376 and we will assist you with computer entries.

**Online registration only *except* for Table Settings, King Arthur Flour Baking Contest, and/or any specific requirements, please see entry instructions for *each* Contest/Division. Online pre-entry closes at 11:59 PM on July 10, 2024.**

### **EXHIBIT DROP OFF: Youth Building**

**Arts & Crafts, Clothing, Literature, Fine Art, Mechanical Science, Miscellaneous Projects, and Natural Science**

**Friday, July 19 10:00AM to 5:00PM**

**Saturday, July 20 10:00AM to 5:00PM**

**Sunday, July 21 10:00AM to 5:00PM**

### **EXHIBIT DROP OFF: HOME ARTS BUILDING**

**BAKED GOODS & PRESERVED FOODS**

**Sunday, July 28 10:00AM to 5:00PM**

### **EXHIBIT DROP OFF: PHOTOGRAPHY BUILDING**

**Photography**

**Friday, July 19 Noon to 5:00PM**

**Saturday, July 20 Noon to 5:00PM**

**Sunday, July 21 Noon to 5:00PM**

### **TABLESETTING SET UP IN HOME ARTS BUILDING:**

**Saturday, July 27, 2024 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Tables not claimed by 4:00 PM, July 27, 2024, will be released on a first come basis.

### **PICK-UP DAY:**

**Monday, August 12, 2024 - 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Articles not claimed on Monday, August 12, 2024, become the property of the Ventura County Fair and will be discarded. Vouchers will be issued for Premium winnings of less than \$20 and can be redeemed on Monday, August 12, 2024, between 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM

*Ventura County Fair July 31- August 11, 2024*

at the Fair Administration Office Ticket Window. **Vouchers and checks expire on October 25, 2024, and will not be redeemed after this date.**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**We only will be accepting online registration for entries unless otherwise stated. Please read the entire entry guide for specifics on the divisions/contests you wish to enter.**

Items must be collected on the above day. The Ventura County Fair is not liable for exhibits and will not be responsible for items left. Items will not be stored.

Entry: Late entries will not be received. NO EXCEPTIONS

All State and local rules apply. [2024 State Rules for California Fairs](#)

### **4-H YOUTH**

4-H Youth Development Programs are non-traditional, voluntary educational programs operated under the auspices of the University of California Cooperative Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture. The County of Ventura is a third partner in the venture, providing funds for staff support and facilities. In Ventura County, 4-H serves its members via community clubs, after-school 4-H programs and other special programs. 4-H membership is open to all youth eligible for entrance into Kindergarten through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. The projects exhibited at the Ventura County Fair are the results of members' efforts under the supervision of adult volunteers. For additional information on the 4-H Youth Development Program in Ventura County, and to learn how you can join or become a volunteer, please contact the 4-H Office at (805) 525-9293.

### **GRANGE YOUTH**

Grange is the oldest National Family Organization dedicated to Agriculture and Community Involvement. Programs, projects, and activities of each Grange reflect the interest and talents of its members. The Grange Youth program focuses on accomplishments in helping reach individual goals. The mission of the California State Grange is to support the family and community through leadership, youth, and family programs, assist in educating the public on the role of agriculture in today's world, and promote the proper use of natural resources. Youth members may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 19.

### **4-H/GRANGE DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. Exhibitors must be currently enrolled in the organization of choice.
2. Unless specified, there are no quantity limitations.
3. All entries must be prepared by the Exhibitor and completed within 1 year prior to the opening of the Fair.
4. Exhibitor is responsible for any special display cases. Please call (805) 648- 3376 extension 182 or email [youth@venturacountyfair.org](mailto:youth@venturacountyfair.org) before July 10, 2024, to reserve. Space is limited and not guaranteed.
5. Projects made as a school assignment should be entered in Open Youth Divisions.
6. Projects made on your own exhibiting skills learned in a project must be entered in 4-H/Grange as evidence of extended learning.
7. Display of work should represent standard display procedures learned within a project.
8. Only one version of a photograph may be entered for evaluation.
9. Premiums will be awarded in Junior, Intermediate and Advanced areas only.

**DIVISION AGES** (as of January 1, 2024)

- I. Primary/Beginning      Ages 5-8
- II. Junior                      Ages 9-10
- III. Intermediate            Ages 11-13
- IV. Advanced                Ages 14-18

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

1. The Danish System of Judging will be used. This system of judging is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets the standard rather than how it compares to other exhibits. Judges shall use the following guidelines:

Blue – Superior	92% - 100%	White - Average	70% - 83%
Red – Good	84% - 91%	No Award - Poor	69% or less

2. Premiums awarded in Junior, Intermediate and Advanced Divisions will be:

Best of Class    \$10.00  
Best of Division \$20.00

3. All Blue-Ribbon winners will be considered for Best of Class. There must be at least three entries in a Class for Best of Class to be awarded. However, if a Judge advocates for an exemplary exhibit it may be considered for the Best of Class rosette regardless of the number of entries in the Class.
4. Best of Class Winners will be considered for Best of Division.
5. Best of Division will be considered for Best of Show Award. One award can be presented in each age group.
6. Table settings are a non-premium competition. Ribbons will be awarded.
7. Sweepstakes Award will be presented to the outstanding Exhibitor with the highest cumulative points overall. Points will be awarded as follows:

Best of Division = 3 points  
Best of Class = 2 points  
Blue Ribbon = 1 point

8. Fair Theme Award – theme “Fair-Ever Young - 150 Years of Fun” will be awarded in the following Divisions: Art/Crafts, Fine Arts, Photography, Primary and Grange Youth. Ribbons will be awarded.
9. No points will be awarded for Red or White Ribbons. One overall Sweepstakes Award will be presented.

**TABLE SETTINGS**

**Set-up Saturday, July 27, 2024 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – SEE RULE # 1**

**TABLE SETTINGS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE HOME ARTS BUILDING**

**RULES**

1. **Table setting reservations accepted July 15 through July 21, 2024**, no late entries accepted. *Email Peggy Kroener at [youth@venturacountyfair.org](mailto:youth@venturacountyfair.org). Include the Club name and email contact. Confirmation will be by return email. No phone reservations will be accepted. Limit 2 tables per club.*
2. A 40” square tabletop will be provided for your use.
3. Layout should include four place settings and a centerpiece.
4. All work must be done by 4-H/Grange members.
5. Label your table setting with a title. Sample titles include: BBQ, Picnic, Fair Theme, Holiday, Tea Party, etc. Use your imagination!
6. Include menu.
7. Settings will be judged on originality and creativity.

8. Display sensibly. Fair is not responsible for loss or damage.
9. This is intended to be a Club entry, not an Individual entry.
10. All tables will be judged using the Danish System of Judging and Ribbons will be awarded.

## **DIVISION 860 – TABLESETTINGS**

### Class

1. Table setting, Any Theme

## **PRIMARY 4-H**

### **DIVISION 861 – ARTS AND CRAFTS PRIMARY 4-H (5-8 YEARS)**

**ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

#### **RULES**

1. Limit 5 entries per Exhibitor per Class.
2. Refer to individual Divisions for size limits, item descriptions and rules.
3. Items are submitted for critique only. No Ribbons will be awarded. All Exhibitors will receive a Participation Ribbon.

### Class

1. Arts & Crafts
2. Other

## **GRANGE BEGINNING**

### **DIVISION 862 – ARTS AND CRAFTS GRANGE BEGINNING (5-8 YEARS)**

**ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

#### **RULES**

1. Limit 5 entries per Exhibitor per Class.
2. Refer to individual Divisions for size limits, item descriptions and rules.
3. Ribbons will be awarded. No premiums.

### Class

1. Arts & Crafts
2. Other

## **4-H & GRANGE**

### **JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED**

## **ARTS & CRAFTS**

### **DIVISION 863 – ARTS AND CRAFTS JUNIOR DIVISION 864 – ARTS AND CRAFTS INTERMEDIATE DIVISION 865 – ARTS AND CRAFTS ADVANCED**

**ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

Class

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Applied Design         | 6. Embroidery              |
| 2. Ceramics, Hand Built   | 7. Upcycled (Recycled) Art |
| 3. Ceramics, Wheel Thrown | 8. Science Themed Craft    |
| 4. Clay, Other            | 9. Wearable Art            |
| 5. Cross Stitch           | 10. Other                  |

**CLOTHING AND TEXTILES**

**DIVISION 866– CLOTHING AND TEXTILES JUNIOR**  
**DIVISION 867 – CLOTHING AND TEXTILES INTERMEDIATE**  
**DIVISION 868 – CLOTHING AND TEXTILES ADVANCED**  
**ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

Class

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Clothing           | 4. Quilts       |
| 2. Costume            | 5. Quilted Item |
| 3. Knitting & Crochet | 6. Other        |

**FINE ARTS**

**Fine Arts** entries must be mounted on construction paper or light matte board. Pictures without a border will not be accepted. Oils and Acrylics only may be framed and ready to hang with eyehooks and wire. No glass.

**Digital Art** - only submit one version of a piece. Put the name of the program used on the back of the matte. All artwork must be matted with light matte board or construction board. Border not to exceed 1”.

**DIVISION 869 – FINE ARTS JUNIOR**  
**DIVISION 870 – FINE ARTS INTERMEDIATE**  
**DIVISION 871 – FINE ARTS ADVANCED**  
**ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

Class

- |                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. Digital Art        | 3. Other |
| 2. Drawing & Painting |          |

**MECHANICAL SCIENCE**

**DIVISION 872 – MECHANICAL SCIENCE JUNIOR**  
**DIVISION 873 – MECHANICAL SCIENCE INTERMEDIATE**  
**DIVISION 874 – MECHANICAL SCIENCE ADVANCED**  
**ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

Class

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|---------|----------|
| 1. Wood | 2. Other |
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**MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS**

**DIVISION 875 – MISC PROJECTS JUNIOR  
DIVISION 876 – MISC PROJECTS INTERMEDIATE  
DIVISION 877 – MISC PROJECTS ADVANCED**

**ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

**RULES**

- 1. These displays should show evidence of project learning.
- 2. No demonstration title pages.
- 3. Provides for projects not provided for within the YOUTH EXPO (i.e. Livestock, Emerald Star Display, etc.)
- 4. Contact Superintendent for size limitations if display requires a larger space than an 18" X 36" poster.

Class

- 1. Poster
- 2. Other

**NATURAL SCIENCE**

**DIVISION 878 – NATURAL SCIENCE JUNIOR  
DIVISION 879 – NATURAL SCIENCE INTERMEDIATE  
DIVISION 880 – NATURAL SCIENCE ADVANCED**

**ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

Collections must have been collected within one year of the opening day of Fair for first year; within two years for second year; and within three years for third year and above.

Class

- 1. Entomology, Collection
- 2. Entomology, Single Specimen
- 3. Other

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

**PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED, JUDGED AND DISPLAYED IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY BUILDING**

Rules:

- 1. The following MUST be on the back of each print: An arrow at the center top of the mounting board indicating the direction of the photograph. Division, Class, title, where taken, Exhibitor's name, city, and telephone number. The name of the exhibitor must not appear on the front of the print, but in the top middle on the back.
- 2. Photos must be firmly mounted on a black or white foam core (1/4" thick). All photos must be mounted flush to the edges of the foam core. NO BORDERS. Front matte boards, or colored foam core are allowed.
- 3. Do not use picture frames, glass or hanging devices.

4. Place a ¾ inch square of non-commercial weight Velcro on the back top corners of the foam core (hook side up)
5. Photographs taken prior to August 1, 2023, are not eligible.
6. Only one version of a photograph may be submitted for evaluation.
7. Digitally enhanced photographs must include the program used on the back of the photograph.
8. Minimum size 5" x7", Maximum size 11" x 14". Youth 1 and 2 mounted snapshots will be accepted. NO BORDERS.
9. Mounting: Dry mount or use acid free two-sided tape. Do Not use masking tape or transparent adhesive that does not work well in humidity. Make sure that prints are firmly attached to the board.

**DIVISION 881 – PHOTOGRAPHY JUNIOR  
DIVISION 882 – PHOTOGRAPHY INTERMEDIATE  
DIVISION 883 – PHOTOGRAPHY ADVANCED**

Limit 5 entries per Class

**ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

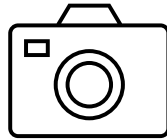
Class – Black & White

1. Action
2. Animals
3. Computer Enhanced
4. Landscape
5. Nature
6. People
7. Structures
8. Other, Black & White

9. Action

Class – Color

10. Animals
11. Computer Enhanced
12. Landscape
13. Nature
14. People
15. Structures
16. Other, Color



**PRESERVED FOODS**

**PRESERVED FOOD ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED, JUDGED AND DISPLAYED IN THE HOME ARTS BUILDING**

**DIVISION 884 – PRESERVED FOODS JUNIOR  
DIVISION 885 – PRESERVED FOODS INTERMEDIATE  
DIVISION 886 – PRESERVED FOODS ADVANCED**

**ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

**RULES**

1. No preserved meat, fish or fowl accepted. Limit 10 entries per Class. Bring **one** jar for jams, jellies, vinegars, juices, and dried foods. Two jars for all others. When two jars are brought, one jar will be opened and judged, and one will be displayed. All open jars must be picked up by Monday, July 29, 2024, by 5:00 PM. Open jars not picked up will be discarded.

- 2. Entry and label must list the type of produce (i.e., peaches, pears, etc.), and the method and process used. Low acid foods must be canned under pressure. No paraffin seals. All canning exhibits must be in sealed jars.
- 3. All jellies, jams, and dried foods must be in 1/4-pint or 1/2-pint jars. No baggies.

Class

- 1. Canning
- 2. Dried

**FOODS**

**FOOD ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED, JUDGED AND DISPLAYED IN THE HOME ARTS BUILDING**

**DIVISION 887– PRIMARY 4-H  
 DIVISION 888 – GRANGE BEGINNING  
 ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

Limit 5 entries per class

Class

- 1. Baked items
- 2. Decorated items
- 3. Other

**DIVISION 889 – JUNIOR  
 DIVISION 890 – INTERMEDIATE  
 DIVISION 891 – ADVANCED  
 ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

**RULES**

- 1. Limit 10 entries per exhibitor per class.
- 2. Entry sheet must list type of food.
- 3. Only exhibits on disposable plates accepted (except decorated cakes).
- 4. Decorated cakes on dummy bases preferred.
- 5. Minimum quantities: 1/4 cake plus one slice; 1/4 pie plus one slice (9" pie); one small loaf of bread or 1/2 loaf plus one slice; 6 cookies; 3 cupcakes or muffins; 4 confections.
- 6. If entry is gluten free or low sugar, label entry as such.
- 7. Trail mix should be displayed in 1/2 pint glass jar or 1 cup in a Ziploc bag for judging.
- 8. Items requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.

Class

- 1. Baked Foods
- 2. Confections
- 3. Decorated Cakes (limit 3), only decorations judged
- 4. Decorated Cupcakes (limit 3), only decorations judged
- 5. Decorated Items (limit 5), only decorations judged
- 6. Pies
- 7. Trail Mix
- 8. Other





**KING ARTHUR FLOUR BAKING CONTEST**  
**Ventura County Fair and King Arthur Flour presents the**  
**2024 Open Youth Decorated Cupcake Baking Contest**  
**NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

King Arthur Flour and the Ventura County Fair are looking for *your best decorated cupcake*.  
 Make it and bring it to the Fair and you could be a winner!

**Entry Deadline: Thursday, August 8, 2024**  
**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
 Youth Expo Building  
**Date of Contest: Thursday, August 8, 2024**  
**Judging – 3:30 PM**  
 Youth Expo Building

**PRIZES**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$40 Gift Certificate to the Baker's Catalogue / kingarthurfLOUR.com
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$25 Gift Certificate to the Baker's Catalogue / kingarthurfLOUR.com
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	King Arthur Flour Logo Tote Bag

*\*Winners will also receive a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon*

**CONTEST RULES**

1. Recipe must contain at least 1 cup of King Arthur flour and be made from scratch. No mixes or prepared frostings.
2. Judging will be based on: Taste (50%); Overall Appearance and Creativity (25%); and Texture (25%)
3. Entrant must bring the open bag of King Arthur Flour or submit the UPC label from the flour bag when the prepared entry is brought to the Fair contest.
4. Directions for preparing the recipe must be clear; measurements should be in level cups, tablespoons, teaspoons, or fractions thereof; must include pan size, cooking temperature, number of servings and any pertinent information.
5. Use ingredients that are readily available in grocery stores.
6. Type or legibly write recipe on 8-1/2" x 11" paper with name, address, daytime and evening home number, email address (if available) and age of Youth Exhibitor in the upper right-hand corner. Entries must be legible and include a phone number or they will be disqualified.
7. Contestants may submit one (1) entry per Person or Team (Youth).
8. This contest is open to all ages of Youth.
9. Upon submission, recipes become the property of the Ventura County Fair and King Arthur Flour, which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use for publicity, promotion, or advertising without compensation.
10. Fair Staff selects judges; judges' decisions are final.
11. King Arthur Flour is widely available in local grocery stores. For product information, recipe ideas, and/or store locations go to: [www.kingarthurfLOUR.com](http://www.kingarthurfLOUR.com).

### DAY OF CONTEST – Thursday, August 8, 2024

1. Entries will be received from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Youth Expo Building.
2. Judging will begin at 3:30 pm.
3. Prizes will be awarded when judging is completed.
4. Your entry is your admission to the Fair. Only the Contestant is admitted free with entry.
5. Bring **6 decorated cupcakes** to the Fair in any type of container (preferably disposable). It will not be the responsibility of the Fair to return any dishes or containers.
6. Entries must be prepared at home and presented at the Fair ready for judging. Insulated containers are encouraged for transportation to keep foods hot or cold.
7. **If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Expo Department at (805) 648-3376 ext. 182.**

### **DIVISION 852 - KING ARTHUR FLOUR CUPCAKE CONTEST**

#### Class

1. Decorated Cupcake, any type

