

Youth

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EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-ENTERED ONLINE

HOW TO ENTER – May 22-July 10, 2024

Online at 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 entries close at 11:59PM July 10, 2024. **Exceptions:** Glue a Shoe, King Arthur Flour Baking Contest, Group Projects, & Table Settings – **see individual entry instructions/requirements for these contests.** (*Pre-entry closes at 11:59 pm on July 10, 2024.*)

EXHIBIT DROP OFF DATES:

**Crafts, Fine Arts A, Fine Arts B, Sewn Items, Creative Writing,
Legos/K'nex, and Special Exhibits**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 19-21, 10:00AM to 5:00PM

PLEASE NOTE: Youth Hobbies, Models & Collections are **ONLY** accepted on July 19 – July 21, 2024 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM in the Gem & Mineral Building

PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE DROPPED OFF IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY BUILDING

Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 19-21, 10:00AM to 5:00PM

BAKED GOODS & PRESERVED FOODS WILL BE DROPPED OFF IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY BUILDING

Sunday, July 28 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

TABLESETTING SET UP IN THE 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.

GLUE A SHOE CONTEST DROP OFF:

July 31st – August 10th, 12 PM – 10 PM

PICK-UP DAY:

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

We will only be accepting online registration for entries unless otherwise stated. Please see the rules of each Division you plan to enter. 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.

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

Entry: Late entries will not be received. NO EXCEPTIONS

Pick-Up of Entries: Any exhibit not picked up by August 12, 2024, at 7PM will be disposed of by the Fair. All checks will be distributed at the time of exhibits pick up. Checks not picked up will **NOT BE MAILED**. Checks that are not claimed by the exhibitor will be deemed a donation. Checks expire on October 25th, 2024 and will not be available after.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All Exhibitors in this Department must be residents of Ventura, Los Angeles, or Santa Barbara Counties.
2. All entries must be prepared by the Exhibitor and completed within one year prior to the opening day of Fair.
3. Youth will be defined as follows:
 - A. Division within the Youth Expo will be classified by their past grade:

Youth 1	Grades: Pre-K, K, 1, 2
Youth 2	Grades: 3, 4, 5
Youth 3	Grades: 6, 7, 8
High School	Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
 - B. Exhibitors will be determined to be Pre-K if they are eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - C. Exhibitors must be 18 years of age or younger to enter in this Department. Exhibitors 19 years and older must enter Adult Competitions.
4. Entries must be made online at www.venturacountyfair.org.
5. By submitting an entry online parents/guardians agree to all terms and conditions of this department.
6. State and Local Rules apply.
7. Exhibitors enrolled in a 4-H/Grange project for which Classes are offered are not eligible to compete in this Department. School assigned projects are an exception and should be entered in the Open Youth Department.
8. Danish System of Judging is used in this Department.
9. All exhibits **WILL** stay in place throughout the entire Fair (July 31- August 11, 2024). No exceptions will be made.
10. **Unless stated there are no quantity limitations for exhibits.**

JUDGING DEFINITIONS

Danish – The judging process to compare exhibit on its own merit against a recognized standard and award as many first placing, etc. as merited. 92% - 100% = blue, 85% - 91% = red, 70% - 84% = white, 69% or less = no ribbon.

AWARDS

Ribbons		
1st	2nd	3rd
Blue	Red	White

1. **SWEEPSTAKES** will be awarded to the outstanding Exhibitor with the highest cumulative point total in Youth 1, 2, 3 and High School as per the point system below:

Best of Division - 3 points
Best of Class - 2 points
First Place - 1 point

Sweepstakes will be awarded only when at least three (3) separate Exhibitors have achieved a combined point total of at least 25 points. To receive a Sweepstakes Award, an Exhibitor must have a minimum of 10 points.

2. **BEST OF CLASS** will be awarded within each Division to the most outstanding in each Class. Only blue Ribbons will be considered. There must be at least 3 items in the Class for a Best of Class to be selected. 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.
3. **BEST OF DIVISION** will be awarded in each Department to the most outstanding in each of the following Divisions: Crafts, Fine Arts A, Fine Arts B, Clothing/Sewn Items, Photography, Creative Writing, Wood Projects, Digital Arts, Dioramas, Missions, and Science Projects and Legos & K'nex. Only Best of Class winners will be considered.
4. **BEST OF SHOW** will be selected from among the Best of Division winners in each Department.
5. **JUDGES' CHOICE** may be awarded by the judges as merited.
6. **DEPARTMENT AWARD** will be chosen by the Department Chairperson. They will select one winner from their Department. These do not have to be Blue Ribbon Winners.
7. **Fair Theme Award** – theme "Fair Ever Young" will be awarded in the following Divisions: Crafts, Fine Arts A, Fine Arts B, Photography, Creative Writing, and Legos.

GROUP PROJECTS

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED-READ THOROUGHLY

1. Will be accepted for display only, unless otherwise noted.
2. Space is limited.
3. Email Peggy Kroener for reservations youth@venturacountyfair.org.
4. Reservations for "display only" items are mandatory, and space is limited. **Reservations will be accepted from Monday, July 15th through Wednesday, July 24, 2024.** Arrangements will be made at the time of reservation for drop-off.

GLUE A SHOE CONTEST

Decorate a shoe, boot, flip-flop, slipper, or other footwear with fun items.

Bring your decorated shoe to the Youth Expo Building on

Wednesday, July 31st-August 10th

Between 12:00 PM and 10:00 PM to enter the contest.

NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

All entries will be judged at 3:30PM on Saturday August 3rd & 10th. Each participant will receive a ribbon.

Winners will be announced after judging.

Contest open to youth, ages 3-18.

Note: Shoes will be available for pick up on Monday, August 12 from 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

TABLESETTINGS

Set-up Saturday, July 27, 2024 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Home Arts Building

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED-SEE BELOW

Reservations accepted July 15-21, 2024. Email Peggy Kroener at youth@venturacountyfair.org.

Indicate your child's name and grade in school last year. Confirmation will be by return email.

No telephone reservations will be accepted. Space is limited.

RULES

1. 18" X 22" tabletop is provided.
2. Table coverings required.
3. All work must be done by Exhibitor.
4. Exhibitor only will be allowed in Table Setting Area.
5. Your layout should include at least one place setting and a centerpiece.
6. Display should be functional. Display can be no taller than 2 ft.

7. Label your Table Setting with a title. Sample titles include: BBQ, Picnic, Fair Theme, Holiday, Tea Party, etc. Use your imagination! Menu not necessary.
8. Fair is not responsible for loss or damage. Display sensibly.
9. Tables not claimed by July 27, 2024, by 4 PM, will be released on a first come basis.

DIVISION 801 – TABLESETTING YOUTH 1
DIVISION 812 – TABLESETTING YOUTH 2
DIVISION 825 – TABLESETTING YOUTH 3
DIVISION 839 – TABLESETTING HIGH SCHOOL

Class

1. Table Setting, any theme

Judging Criteria for Table settings

Overall Appearance (30%); Balance & Design (20%); Functional (20%); Originality (20%); Neatness (10%);
 Total 100%

CLASSROOM, YEARBOOK & NEWSPAPERS

DIVISION 813 – CLASSROOM & YEARBOOK ELEMENTARY
 Elementary School

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

1. Class Book
2. Yearbook

DIVISION 826 – CLASSROOM & YEARBOOK JR HIGH
 Junior High/Middle School

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

1. School wide collection of work
2. Yearbook

DIVISION 840 – NEWSPAPER & YEARBOOK
 High School

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

1. Newspaper
2. School wide collection of work
3. Yearbook

CREATE YOUR OWN BOOK

RULES

1. Picture books are to be designed as an illustrated book.
2. Must be original work.
3. Must have a rigid cover (i.e., stapled, sewn or in binder).
4. Text may be typed or printed.
5. Not intended for school subject reports (i.e. State Reports).

6. One entry per Exhibitor.
7. Minimum 6 pages, maximum 32 pages for picture books.

DIVISION 802 – CYO BOOK YOUTH 1
DIVISION 814 – CYO BOOK YOUTH 2
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

1. Picture Book

DIVISION 827 – CYO BOOK YOUTH 3
DIVISION 841 – CYO BOOK HIGH SCHOOL
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

1. Picture Book
2. Non-Picture Book
3. Portfolio of original work (no page limit)

FINE ARTS A

RULES

(Such as, but not limited to Painting and Drawing)

1. Youth 1 & 2: Framed pictures accepted only in Acrylics and Oils. (Maximum size framed = 24" x 36") **No glass.**
2. Youth 3 & High School: Framed pictures accepted in Acrylic, Oil, and Pastels. (Maximum size framed = 24" X 36") **No glass.**
3. All framed pictures must be ready for hanging (including canvas paintings) using eyehooks and wire. No alligator hangers.
4. All other pictures must have construction paper or light matte board border. Pictures without some type of border will not be accepted. Glue stick or tape should not be used. Glue or rubber cement is recommended. Oil and Acrylic on standard size canvas will be excepted. Border should not exceed 1".
5. Youth 1, 2, & 3 size limit is 12" x 18" except where noted. High School limit is 24" X 36". Size does not include the border.
6. Definitions:
 - a. Painting includes Acrylic, Oil, and Tempera
 - b. Drawing includes Pen and Ink, Pencil, Charcoal, Scratch Art, Crayon, etc.
7. All work, including Digital Art must be created by the Exhibitor.
8. Youth 3 & High School Group Projects – not more than 8 in a group.

DIVISION 803 – FINE ART A YOUTH 1
DIVISION 815 – FINE ART A YOUTH 2
DIVISION 828 – FINE ART A YOUTH 3
DIVISION 842 – FINE ART A HIGH SCHOOL
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

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| 1. Collage | 9. Pastels (Oil or Chalk) |
| 2. Drawing, Black & White | 10. Scratch Art |
| 3. Drawing, Charcoal | 11. Tempra Painting |
| 4. Drawing, Color, Colored Pencil | 12. Watercolor Painting |
| 5. Drawing, Color, Crayon | 13. Other, Mixed Media, 2-dimensional |
| 6. Drawing, Color, Felt Pen | 14. Other, Mixed Media, 3-dimensional |
| 7. Group Project (Youth 3 or High School only) | 15. Other |
| 8. Oil or Acrylic Painting | |

FINE ARTS B

RULES

(Such as, but not limited to Ceramics, Sculpture and Stained Glass)

1. Maximum size is 2' X 3' X 4' unless prior arrangements have been made with the Department Superintendent.
2. Youth 3 & High School Group Projects – no more than 8 in a group.

DIVISION 804 – FINE ART YOUTH 1
DIVISION 816 – FINE ART YOUTH 2
DIVISION 829 – FINE ART YOUTH 3
DIVISION 843 – FINE ART HIGH SCHOOL
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

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|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Ceramics, Hand Built | 4. Sculpture |
| 2. Ceramics, Wheel Thrown | 5. Group Project (Youth 3 or High School only) |
| 3. Clay, Other | 6. Other |

DIGITAL ART

RULES

1. Only submit one version of a piece.
2. Include the name of the program used on the back of the artwork.
3. All artwork must be matted with light matte board or construction paper. Border not to exceed 1".
4. All work must be created by the Exhibitor.

DIVISION 830 – DIGITAL ART YOUTH 3
DIVISION 844 – DIGITAL ART HIGH SCHOOL
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1. Drawing, original | 4. Manga/Anime, Black & White, original work |
| 2. Painting, original | 5. Manga/Anime, Color, original work |
| 3. Other, original work | |

PHOTOGRAPHY

RULES

All photographs will be 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. 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 805 –PHOTO YOUTH 1
DIVISION 817 –PHOTO YOUTH 2
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

Class

1. Color
2. Black & White

**DIVISION 831 – PHOTO YOUTH 3
DIVISION 845 – PHOTO HIGH SCHOOL
Limit 5 Entries per Class per Exhibitor
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

Class – Black & White

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

Class – Color

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

DIORAMAS, MISSIONS & SCIENCE PROJECTS

RULES

1. All work must be permanently attached to base if set up is required for judging.
2. Maximum size for Missions and Science Projects is 2' X 3' X 4' unless prior arrangements have been made with the Superintendent.
3. Maximum size for Dioramas is 1' X 2' X 2' unless prior arrangements have been made with the Superintendent.
4. Youth 2 & Youth 3 Group Projects – no more than 8 in a group.

**DIVISION 806 – DMS YOUTH 1
DIVISION 818 – DMS YOUTH 2
DIVISION 832 – DMS YOUTH 3
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

Class

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group Project (Youth 2 & 3 only) 2. Kit | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Original Design 4. Other |
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CRAFTS

RULES

(Such as but not limited to Decoupage, Jewelry, and Applied Design.)

1. All work must be permanently attached to a base if set up will be required for judging.
2. Maximum size 2' X 3' X 4', unless prior arrangements have been made with the Superintendent.
3. No Pinewood Derby Cars or Slot Cars. **(Enter in Hobbies & Models Department)**
4. Youth 3 & High School Group Projects – no more than 8 in a group.

DIVISION 807 – CRAFTS YOUTH 1
DIVISION 819 – CRAFTS YOUTH 2
DIVISION 833 – CRAFTS YOUTH 3
DIVISION 846 – CRAFTS HIGH SCHOOL
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

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| 1. Applied Design | 4. Kit |
| 2. Wearable Art | 5. Other |
| 3. Jewelry | |

CLOTHING AND SEWN/STITCHED ITEMS

DIVISION 808 – CLOTHING SS YOUTH 1
DIVISION 820 – CLOTHING SS YOUTH 2
DIVISION 834 – CLOTHING SS YOUTH 3
DIVISION 847 – CLOTHING SS HIGH SCHOOL
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

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| 1. Clothing | 4. Quilts |
| 2. Costume | 5. Quilted items |
| 3. Knitted/Crochet | 6. Other |

LEGOS & K'NEX

RULES

1. Legos should be glued. If they are not, Exhibitor takes full responsibility for their condition when they are returned.
2. Legos and K'nex are limited to one (1) entry per Exhibitor per Class.
3. If set-up is required, Youth must be present to set up entry.
4. If the display involves more than one (1) piece it **MUST** be mounted to a sturdy platform. Displays will be moved multiple times during set-up.
5. Display size can be no larger than 18"L x 24"W x 24"H.

DIVISION 809 – LEGOS KNEX YOUTH 1
DIVISION 821 – LEGOS KNEX YOUTH 2
DIVISION 835 – LEGOS KNEX YOUTH 3

DIVISION 848 – LEGOS KNEX HIGH SCHOOL

Limit one (1) Entry per Exhibitor per Class

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

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| 1. Legos, Vehicle (Boat, Car, Plane, Space, etc.), original | 6. K'nex, Structure |
| 2. Legos, Vehicle (Boat, Car, Plane, Space, etc.), kit | 7. All Other Construction Sets, Structure or Vehicle |
| 3. Legos, Structure, original | 8. Other, original |
| 4. Legos, Structure, kit | 9. Other, kit |
| 5. K'nex, Vehicle (Boat, Car, Plane, Space, etc.) | |

WOOD PROJECTS**RULES**

1. Furniture to include items such as but not limited to tables, dressers, shelves, plant stands, etc.
2. Boxes to include items such as, but not limited to toolboxes, jewelry cases, cedar chests, etc.
3. Other to include items such as, but not limited to cutting boards, carved pieces, etc.
4. There must be at least 3 entries in a Class for Best of Class to be awarded.

DIVISION 822 – WOOD YOUTH 2**DIVISION 836 – WOOD YOUTH 3****DIVISION 849 – WOOD HIGH SCHOOL****ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED**

Class

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| 1. Boxes | 5. Toys/Puzzles |
| 2. CNC/Computer Generated | 6. Turned, bowls |
| 3. Furniture | 7. Turned, other |
| 4. Musical Instruments | 8. Other |

Thanks to generous donations from members of the Channel Islands Wood Turners, Wood Project Divisions 842 and 843 (Youth 3 and High School) will be sponsored this year.

Best of Division and Best of Class will receive monetary awards.

CREATIVE WRITING**RULES**

1. All pieces must be one-sided un-mounted on 8-1/2" x 11" paper.
2. Not intended for School Subject Reports.
3. No title pages.
4. Limit 5 pages per entry.

DIVISION 810 – CREATIVE WRITING YOUTH 1**DIVISION 823 – CREATIVE WRITING YOUTH 2**

(Limit 10 Entries per Exhibitor)

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

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|----------------|----------|
| 1. Poetry | 3. Other |
| 2. Short Story | |

DIVISION 837 – CREATIVE WRITING YOUTH 3
DIVISION 850 – CREATIVE WRITING HIGH SCHOOL
 (Limit 10 Entries per Exhibitor)

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Class

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| 1. Poetry | 3. Other |
| 2. Short Story | |

PRESERVED, BAKED AND DECORATED FOODS

Sunday, July 28, 2024 - 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

ENTRIES TO BE DROPPED OFF TO THE HOME ARTS BUILDING

RULES

1. Food Preservation (canning and dried):
 - a. All jars must be labeled as to canning method.
 - b. One jar of jams, jellies, preserves, juices, vinegars, and dried foods. Two jars for all others. When two jars are brought, one will be opened and judged, one will be displayed.
 - c. Opened jars must be picked up by Tuesday, July 30, 2024, by 5 PM or jars will be discarded.
 - d. No preserved meat, fish or fowl accepted.
2. Baked Foods:
 - a. All baked items should be on disposable plates.
 - b. Items requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.
 - c. Decorated cakes may use a dummy base.
 - d. Entries should consist of:

6 Confections	1/4 pie	3 Cupcakes, Muffins or Biscuits
6 Cookies	1/4 cake	1/4 loaf of Bread

DIVISION 811– YOUTH 1

DIVISION 824 – YOUTH 2

DIVISION 838 – YOUTH 3

DIVISION 851 – HIGH SCHOOL

(Maximum 10 Entries per Exhibitor)

Class

1. Cookies, Brownies
2. Cakes, Pie, Cupcakes
3. Breads, Muffins, Biscuits, Scones
4. Decorated Foods (only decorations judged)
5. Decorated Cupcakes (only decorations judged)
6. Preserved Foods



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**

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Youth Expo Building

Date of Contest: **Thursday, August 8, 2024**

Judging – 3:30 PM

Youth Expo Building

PRIZES

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

**Winners will also receive a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd 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.kingarthurfour.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

Judging Criteria

Judging Criteria for Wood Projects

Quality of Workmanship - Accurate cutting and assembly, proper use of wood fasteners, adherence to sound principles of wood joinery (30%); Difficulty of Construction or number of skills and operations involved (25%); Preparation of surface and application of suitable finish (20%); Attractive and well-proportioned (10%); Can it serve the purpose for which it was intended (10%); Proper selection of wood according to use (5%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Quilts

Design (20%); Use of Color (10%); Workmanship (piecing, etc.) (40%); Technique Appropriate for Design (10%); Quilting (hand, machine, tied) (10%); Binding or finished construction (10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Creative Writing

Holds Interest (60%); Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation (20%); Format (10%); Neatness (10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Crafts

Appearance-Total Project Overall design & proportion (25%); Workmanship-How was it made? (35%); Utilities and Difficulty Factor-Does it do what it should; How useful, effort to make (20%); Originality-Creativity (20%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Legos & K'nex

Originality/Creativity (50%); Workmanship (40%); Judge's Discretion (10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Dioramas, Missions & Science Projects

Originality (50%); Workmanship (30%); Appearance (20%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Clothing/Sewn Items

General Appearance of Garment or Article - (for coordinated wardrobe consider relationship of color, texture & style), workmanship affecting appearance or usefulness of garment (40%); Garment (60%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Fine Arts

Impact on Viewer - Storytelling quality, catches the eye, holds attention (35%); Composition - Arrangement of Elements- Contains all the necessary elements, contains few or no distraction of unnecessary elements (35%); Technical Quality - Attention to detail (20%); Workmanship - Mounted neatly and securely (10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Photography

Impact-Effect on viewer-storytelling quality, catches the eye, holds attention (35%); Composition-arrangement of the element-contains few or no distracting or unnecessary elements, all arrange to tell a story and lead the eye into the picture (35%); Technical Quality-The photograph is clear and sharp, shows detail in areas where appropriate (20%); Workmanship-Pictures are mounted neatly and securely in areas where appropriate (10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for One (1) Crust Pies/Pastries

Crust Appearance (color 10%; shape 10%); Crust (texture-flaky-tender 15%; flavor-agreeable, no pronounced taste 15%); Filling (flavor-natural/well blended 15%; consistency-fruit moist but not syrupy, well cooked, filling should hold shape 15%; meringue-light, tender, evenly browned, no shrinking from side, no weeping, at least ½ inch 10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Two (2) Crust Pies/Pasties

Crust Appearance (color 10%; shape 10%); Crust (texture-flaky, tender 25%; flavor-agreeable, no pronounced taste 15%); Filling (flavor-natural/well blended 20%; consistency-fruit moist but not syrupy, well cooked, filling should hold shape 20%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Cakes

Appearance (surface-crust or frosting; crust-color, texture, depth; frosting-glossy not granular, soft; not sticky, suitable flavor 30%); Texture (butter cake-tender, fine, even grain, moist but elastic 35%); Flavor (delicate and pleasing, natural flavor of ingredient 35%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Cookies and Bars

Appearance (outside-uniform, not too thick, size not over 3 inches (except monster cookies), surface color and texture 30%); Texture (characteristic of type 35%); Flavor (natural flavor of ingredients, no off flavor 35%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Breads

General Appearance (shape, proper dome smoothness, crust, color 10%); Lightness (10%); Crust (thickness, quality, crispness, tenderness 10%); Crumb (color and texture 15%); Texture (no streaks or close grain, size, and uniformity 25%); Flavor (30%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Candy

Appearance (color, size, and shape of pieces 15%); Texture (crystalline-velvety, smooth; non-crystalline-smooth 30%); Consistency (crystalline-firm, not hard or soft; non-crystalline-smooth 25%); Flavor (natural flavor of ingredients, no off flavor 30%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Jellies, Jams, Preserves and Marmalades

Appearance (color-characteristic of fruit 15%; cleanness-jellies translucent 10%); container-glass, practical, clean sealed lids (no paraffin seal), neatly labeled 5%); Texture (jelly-tender, should not quiver, cut easily & retain shape; preserves-pieces firm & whole, clear thick syrup, marmalades-small thin pieces, clear thick syrup, butters-fruit has been pressed through a sieve; jams-crushed fruit, no separation of fruit & juice 35%); Flavor (characteristic, without excessive sweetness or overcooked flavor 35%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Pickles/Relishes

Container (tightly sealed, clear jars designed for canning, label, name of product, date of pack, method used 40%); Appearance (color-uniform, attractive, no darkening on the top or discoloration of ingredient; size-whole or pieces of uniform size; liquid-clear with no scum on top; pickled fruits-tender, plump, unbroken skins or flesh; firm, no shriveled or overcooked; vegetable pickles or relishes-uniformly firm & crisp, not shriveled from excess salt, acid or sugar 65%); Safety and Suitability (choice of fruit and/or vegetable that is safe for home pickling 25%); Total 100%