

# 2025 GOLD COUNTRY FAIR



## STILL EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK



# Exhibitor Handbook

## Gold Country Fair

### Dates

September 4-7, 2025

### Theme

We've Got a Good Thing Growing!

### Website

<https://www.goldcountryfair.com/>

### Administrative Address

Gold Country Fairgrounds and Event Center  
1273 High St.  
Auburn, CA. 95603

### Contact Phone

Admin Office (530)823-4533

### Contact Emails

General Information [info@goldcountryfair.com](mailto:info@goldcountryfair.com)  
Livestock/Stills Entries [entries@goldcountryfair.com](mailto:entries@goldcountryfair.com)

### Fair Schedule

Thursday, September 4	4:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Friday, September 5	12:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Saturday, September 6	11:00 AM to Midnight
Sunday, September 7	11:00 AM to 10:00 PM



# Administration

## **State Officials**

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Karen Ross

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January 8, 2025

On behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, a warm welcome to you as we all prepare for the exciting 2025 fair season! We are thrilled you are joining us this year and sincerely thank you for your continued involvement in showcasing your products, livestock, and expertise. Your contributions help make our fairs successful and provide an invaluable experience for our communities.

Fairs play an essential role in connecting food and agriculture with the public. They are not only a time for us to celebrate the fruits of our labor, but also serve as a critical platform for educating future generations about the importance of farming and food production, livestock management, and sustainable practices. Through your participation, you directly contribute to the appreciation of the vital role agriculture plays in our lives and foster an understanding of the tremendous diversity, innovation and new technology that create new opportunities in agriculture and our rural communities.

The fairgrounds are not just a venue for the annual events. Throughout the year, they serve as a hub for various interim activities that support local economies, offer educational programming, and foster community engagement. From hosting agricultural workshops and livestock sales to providing facilities for regional competitions and cultural festivals, the fairgrounds contribute to the vibrancy and resilience of our agricultural community. Additionally, they play an important role in emergency preparedness, providing a space for disaster response and recovery efforts during critical situations, such as flooding or extreme weather events.

We understand the dedication and hard work that goes into preparing for the fair, and we want to express our deep gratitude for your commitment to making each fair season a success. Your participation ensures the continued relevance of our fairs and strengthens the agricultural ties that bind us all together as a community.

We look forward to this fair season and its great success!

Yours truly,

Karen Ross  
Secretary



# Online Entry Information



## Entry Form Method

**How can I enter?** At the beginning of each department page is the information relative to that competition. This information includes eligibility requirements, entry deadline, delivery/pickup information and judging schedule.

### **When is the entry deadline?**

Online entries and fees must be received online through [ShoWorks](#) by 11:59 PM on **Friday, August 1, 2025**. Entries that are not complete by August 1, 2025, will be charged a \$25 penalty fee per entry. The required information and penalty fee must be submitted by August 8, 2025, in order to participate at fair.

### **Where do I submit my entries and fees?**

You are required to enter online through our [ShoWorks Online](#) entry system. All entries must be submitted online before the deadline. **No** paper entries will be accepted.

### **Registration Link**

Coming Soon!

## ShoWorks

1. Click 'Sign-In' in the top right corner.
2. Use the drop-down box for 'I am a..' and choose 'Exhibitor.'
3. Sign-in if you have previously used ShoWorks Software for other fairs, expositions, and/or jackpots.
4. OR, if you do not have an existing account, click 'I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year.'
5. Complete the following page of exhibitor information.
6. Use the drop-down boxes to add entries to your cart.
7. You will select 'Department' then 'Division' and then 'Class.'
8. Fill in the required information for each entry.
9. **Review** your entries, pay, and confirm. Make sure you have completed all steps to ensure your entries were successfully completed.
10. It is advised to print your confirmation number and entries for your records.



## Still Exhibits, Non-Perishables

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

**Armory Building**

**2 PM- 7 PM**

**Receiving**

**Adult Still Exhibits**

Clothing & Textiles  
Fine Arts  
Fine Crafts  
Photography  
Preserved Foods  
Special Education

**Youth Still Exhibits**

Clothing & Textiles  
Fine Arts & Crafts  
Photography  
Preserved Foods  
School Projects  
Special Education  
Technology

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

**Armory Building**

**8 AM- 11 AM**

**Receiving**

**Adult Still Exhibits**

Clothing & Textiles  
Fine Arts  
Fine Crafts  
Photography  
Preserved Foods  
Special Education

**Youth Still Exhibits**

Clothing & Textiles  
Fine Arts & Crafts  
Photography  
Preserved Foods  
School Projects  
Special Education  
Technology

**Monday, September 8, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am - 7:00 p.m.**

**Entry Pick-Up for Adult and Youth**

## Still Exhibits, Perishables

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

**Armory Building**

**2 PM- 7 PM**

**Receiving**

### **Adult Still Exhibits**

Agriculture  
Baked Foods  
Floriculture  
Homebrew & Wine  
Table Settings

### **Youth Still Exhibits**

Agriculture  
Baked Foods  
Floriculture  
Table Settings

Feature Booth  
Set- Up

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

**Armory Building**

**7 AM -9 AM**

**Receiving**

### **Adult Still Exhibits**

Agriculture  
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### **Youth Still Exhibits**

Agriculture  
Baked Foods  
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Table Settings

**Monday, September 8, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Entry Pick-Up for Adult and Youth**

# Adult Rules and Judging Overview

Below is a list of rules that apply to all adult categories unless otherwise noted. Rules specific to each category will be noted in each category's section in the following pages.

All rules must be followed for entries to be accepted and judged in the Gold Country Fair. For questions on any entry rules, please email [entries@goldcountryfair.com](mailto:entries@goldcountryfair.com).

## Adult Rules

1. Adult categories are open to exhibitors who are legal residents of El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter & Yuba counties.
2. All entries are to be displayed in the Armory Building.
3. Every possible care will be taken in handling work, but no responsibility is assumed by fair management or the Gold Country Fairgrounds.
4. All entries must be made, collected or produced by the exhibitor not more than one year prior to opening day of the Fair. Copied work will be disqualified.
5. Exhibitors must check carefully for receiving instructions and any other rules specific to their entry.
6. Entries cannot have been exhibited in any prior Gold Country Fair.
7. For amateurs only, unless otherwise specified.
8. Management reserves the right to withhold or reject any entries if they are deemed inappropriate or offensive.
9. If any of the above rules are not followed, works shall not be displayed.
10. Management has the right to change schedules and divisions at any point in time.

## Definition of Terms

- Class - A group of items that are judged together
- Division - A group of classes with a similar theme
- Show/Category - A group of divisions that make up a category

## Adult Judging

All Adult categories will be judged using the **American Judging System**. In the American judging system, each entry in a class is judged in comparison to other entries in the class. Awards are given for each class with the potential for no more than one first, one second and one third place per class.

A Best of Division award is given in each division. This is selected from all of the first-place class winners in that division.

A Best of Show award is given in each category (unless otherwise noted). This is selected from all the Best of Divisions in that category. The Best of Show award may or may not be awarded based on number of entries.

## Awards

1. Placement of ribbons does not guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.
2. Cash awards will be paid out within 60 days of the conclusion of the Gold Country Fair.



# Adult Agriculture

## Agriculture Rules

1. The quality desired in agriculture & horticultural product exhibits is the quality that brings the best financial return in the commercial market.
2. Entry or container must be labeled with exhibitor name, division, and class number.
3. Please transport your exhibit in your own container for any agricultural item smaller than a quarter, such as berries, cherry tomatoes, nuts etc. Exhibit will be transferred.

## Egg Rules

1. All eggs are to be from the exhibitor's own birds.
2. Each entry consists of one-half dozen eggs (6), unless otherwise specified.
3. Please transport your WASHED eggs in a non-porous sanitary container. Put pointy ends down!
4. Eggs will be automatically disposed of after show unless otherwise requested.

## Agriculture: Divisions 100 - 106

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Entry Pick-Up After the Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### Entry Fee – \$6 per entry

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

### Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$10
- Best of Show- \$25

# Adult Agriculture

## Agriculture Divisions

### Division 100 Vegetables

Please provide 5 of each vegetable

#### Class

- 01 Beans
- 02 Peas
- 03 Tomatoes
- 04 Lettuce/Chard
- 05 Beets
- 06 Carrots
- 07 Potatoes
- 08 Garlic
- 09 Onions, Specify in description
- 10 Eggplant
- 11 Corn
- 12 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 101 Fruit

Please provide 3 of each fruit

#### Class

- 01 Strawberries
- 02 Peaches
- 03 Nectarines
- 04 Plums
- 05 Apricots
- 06 Apples
- 07 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 102 Berries

Please provide 1 basket

#### Class

- 01 Berries, any variety

### Division 103 Herbs

Please provide 1 of each plant

#### Class

- 01 Basil (3)
- 02 Chives (10)
- 03 Dill (5 full stalks)
- 04 Marjoram (3)
- 05 Mint (3)
- 06 Oregano (3)
- 07 Parsley (3)
- 08 Sage (3)
- 09 Thyme (3)
- 10 Any other- Specify in description (3)

### Division 104 Nuts

Please provide 1 basket

#### Class

- 01 Nuts, any variety

### Division 105 Honey

Please provide (2) identical 8 oz jars

#### Class

- 01 Liquid Honey, any variety

### Division 106 Eggs

Please provide 6 eggs

#### Class

- 01 White
- 02 Brown
- 03 Green
- 04 Any other - Specify in description

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\$6 fee for each entry. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm**

#### Adult Agriculture Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Drop-Off - Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm

OR Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

# Adult Fine Crafts

## Fine Craft Rules

1. A label bearing the title, artist's name, division, and class number must be attached to the back or bottom of the work.
2. Kits or molds will be accepted in specified divisions only. All other divisions must represent the original artwork of the participant.
3. No individual entry shall exceed 24" x 36" in., exceed 30 lbs., or take up more than 4 square feet of floor space.
4. All artwork expected to hang must be wired. Do not use tape as it does not hold up for the duration of the exhibit. Any artwork deemed unsafe to hang will not be displayed.

## Fine Crafts: Divisions 110-113

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### Entry Fee – \$6 per entry

### Ribbon Awards Offered

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only
- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
  - Best of Show at Judge's discretion

### Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$10
- Best of Show- \$25

# Adult Clothing and Textiles

## Fine Crafts Divisions

### Division 110

#### Jewelry

##### Class

01 Any - Specify in description

### Division 111

#### Gourds

##### Class

01 Any - Specify in description

### Division 112

#### Junk Yard/Farm Art/Upcycle

##### Class

01 Any - Specify in description

### Division 113

#### Fine Crafts Misc.

*Kits and/or molds accepted for Fine Crafts Misc.*

##### Class

01 Models

02 Needlepoint

03 Macrame

04 Collections

05 Tie-Dye

06 Any other - Specify in description

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**\$6 fee for each entry. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.****

#### **Adult Fine Crafts Divisions**

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm

OR Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

# Adult Clothing and Textiles

## Clothing and Textile Rules

1. A label bearing your name, division, and class number must be attached to the entry.
2. A minimum of 3" top sleeve must be attached to each quilt for hanging purposes. Miniature quilts must have either sleeves or loops attached.

## Clothing and Textiles: 120-123

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 11, 10 am- 7 pm

### Entry Fee – \$6 per entry

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

### Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$10
- Best of Show - \$25

# Adult Clothing and Textiles

## Clothing and Textiles Divisions

### Division 120

#### Clothing: Knitted or Crocheted

##### Class

01 Hat

02 Scarf

03 Sweater - Any size

04 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 121

#### Other: Knitted or Crocheted

##### Class

01 Afghan

02 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 122

#### Sewn Items

##### Class

01 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 123

#### Quilts

##### Class

01 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 124

#### Embroidery

##### Class

01 Any other - Specify in description

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\$6 fee for each entry. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Adult Clothing and Textile Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm

OR Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

# Adult Fine Arts

## Fine Art Rules

1. A label bearing the title, artist's name, division, and class number must be attached to the back or bottom of the work.

## Two Dimensional Rules

1. No individual entry shall exceed 24" x 36" in. or exceed 30 lbs.
2. All works must be on canvas or matted and ready to hang or wired for hanging. Any artwork deemed unsafe to hang will not be displayed. No frames allowed!

## Three Dimensional Rules

1. No individual entry shall exceed 36" x 48" in. or exceed 50 lbs.

## Fine Arts: Divisions 130-131

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building :

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### Entry Fee – \$6 per entry

#### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

#### Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$10
- Best of Show - \$25

# Adult Fine Arts

## Fine Art Divisions

### Division 130

#### Two-Dimensional Artwork

*Digital designs must be printed to be displayed*

#### Class

01 Water Color

02 Oil

03 Acrylic

04 Drawings (charcoal, graphite, ink, etc.) -  
Specify in description

05 Printmaking (lithograph, etching, silk-screen,  
wood cut etc.) - Specify in description

06 Digital design

07 Any other (pastel, gouache, tempera, mixed  
media, etc.) - Specify in description

### Division 131

#### Three-Dimensional Artwork

#### Class

01 Ceramics (must be finished pieces that have  
been set and fired in a kiln)

02 Woodworking

03 Metalworking

04 Glass

05 Recycle/Junk

06 Any other - Specify in description

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\$6 fee for each entry. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Adult Fine Arts Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm

OR Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am



# Adult Floriculture

## Plants and Flowers Rules

1. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor.

## Table Setting Rules

1. Table must be set by exhibitor only.
2. Tables are to have a setting for one (1) person.
3. Setting must include dish, glassware, linens, napkin, utensils, and floral arrangement. Accessories are optional.
4. Stands and backdrops are acceptable as long as the entire table setting does not exceed 24" x 24".
5. Emphasis will be on design and originality.

## Plants and Flowers: Divisions 140-142

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory

#### Building:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory

#### Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### Entry Fee – \$6 per entry

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

### Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$10
- Best of Show - \$25

## Table Settings: Division 149

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory

#### Building:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### Entry Fee – \$6 per entry

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

### Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$10
- Best of Show - \$25

# Adult Floriculture

## Plants & Flowers Divisions

### Division 140 Potted Plants

#### Class

- 01 Cactus
- 02 Succulents
- 03 Dish Garden
- 04 Plants in an Unusual Container
- 05 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 141 Floral Arrangements

*No less than 12 stems per arrangement*

#### Class

- 01 Fresh Arrangements
- 02 Any other - Specify in description

## Table Setting Division

### Division 149 Table Setting

#### Class

- 01 2025 Fair Theme Table Setting: We've Got A Good Thing Growing!
- 02 Any other - Specify in description

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\$6 fee for each entry. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Adult Floriculture and Table Setting Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025.**

Drop-Off - Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm

OR Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

# Adult Baked Foods

## Baked Food Rules

1. All entries must be prepared by the exhibitor in a home, not a commercial kitchen.
2. All entries must be delivered on a disposable plate or container and covered with cellophane wrap or its equal and be ready for display.
3. Please read all instructions for the number of baked goods needed for each division.
4. You must note on your online registration if any entries require refrigeration for proper display throughout the Gold Country Fair.
5. Any remaining baked goods not picked up during the designated entry pick-up will be disposed of.
6. All items are to be judged on taste and presentation.

## Baked Foods: Division 150-155

### Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory

#### Building:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Exhibit Judging:

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 12:00 pm

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory

#### Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### Entry Fee – \$6 per entry

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

### Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$10
- Best of Show - \$25

# Adult Baked Foods

## Baked Food Divisions

### Division 150 Breads

*Please provide 1/2 loaf for display and one slice for judging.  
Please provide 6 biscuits/rolls for display and 1 for judging.*

#### Class

- 01 Banana Bread
- 02 Whole Wheat
- 03 White
- 04 Biscuits or Rolls
- 05 Sourdough
- 06 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 151 Cakes

*Please provide 1/2 a cake for display and one slice for judging.  
Please provide 3 cupcakes for display and 1 for judging.*

#### Class

- 01 Any Cake - Specify in description
- 02 Any Cupcake - Specify in description
- 03 2025 Fair Theme Cake or Cupcakes: We've Got A Good Thing Growing
- 04 Decorated Cake (Not to be edible, display only. Decorations should be completed on a foam mold)

### Division 152 Confections

#### Class

- 01 Any Confection - Specify in description

### Division 153 Cookies

*Please provide 6 cookies for display and 1 for judging.*

#### Class

- 01 Brownies
- 02 Chocolate Chip
- 03 Oatmeal
- 04 Peanut Butter
- 05 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 154 Pies/Pastries

*Please provide 1 8" pie in disposable container. Please provide 3 pastries for display and 1 for judging*

#### Class

- 01 Apple Pie
- 02 Berry Pie
- 03 Lemon Pie
- 04 Cream Pies
- 05 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 155 Gluten Free

*Please see other divisions for counts based on type of baked good.*

#### Class

- 01 Bread
- 02 Cake
- 03 Cookies
- 04 Any other- Specify in description

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**\$6 fee for each entry. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.****

#### Adult Baked Foods Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Drop-Off - Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm

OR Wednesday, September 2, 2025, 7-9 am

# Adult Preserved Foods

## Preserved Food Rules

1. Accurate and legibly written labels, including exhibitor's name, entry division and class number, must be attached to entry on bottom of jars.
2. All dried products must be wrapped or sealed in clear plastic or sealed in clear jars.
3. Foods that require refrigeration cannot be entered.
4. Jars: A new, sterilized, clear (non-colored), regular or wide-mouthed, Mason-type (Ball, Kerr, etc.), threaded, home canning jar, sealed with a metal lid and ring band. Vinegar entries must be in a new sterilized glass container that is clear (non-colored). Sizes: For Fruits, Tomatoes, and Pickles: From one Pint to 1 Quart. For Jelly, Jam, and Soft Spreads: From 4 to 16 ounces. For Sauce, Chutney, Salsa, Vinegar and Relish: From 8 to 16 ounces.
5. Head Space: The following head space must be utilized for each product: 1/4" headspace: Jams, jellies, preserves, conserves, butter, marmalades, and curds 1/2" head space: Fruits, tomatoes, sauerkraut, pickles, relishes, chutneys, sauces, salsas
6. Jar Seal Requirements: Jars must be sealed with new, two-piece, vacuum seals, specifically made for canning jars. Seals must consist of metal screw ring band and metal lid. The color of the ring band and metal lids must match. Ring band must unscrew easily. Vinegar entries must be sealed with new sterilized corks, screw-band caps, plastic storage screw caps, wire swing-top lids, or 2-piece canning lids
7. No paraffin seals. All canning must be in sealed glass jars with rings in place.
8. Vegetables must be canned under pressure. Low acid fruits such as figs, should be made more acidic by adding lemon juice as directed in the University of California Agricultural Extension Service leaflet, "Home Canning of Fruits." Tomatoes and fruit, not including their juices, must be processed in a boiling water bath.

## Preserved Foods: Division 160-164

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

Entry Fee – \$6 per entry

Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am  
Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only  
Best of Division at Judge's discretion  
Best of Show at Judge's discretion

### Exhibit Judging:

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 10:00 am

### Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$10
- Best of Show - \$25

**Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:**

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

# Adult Preserved Foods

## Preserved Food Divisions

### Division 160 Canned Foods

#### Class

- 01 Any Fruit - Specify in description
- 02 Any Vegetable - Specify in description
- 03 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 161 Dried Foods

*Indicate method of drying on entry form.  
Provide in zip lock bag or plated display.*

#### Class

- 01 Fruit
- 02 Vegetables
- 03 Meat
- 04 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 162 Jams and Jellies

#### Class

- 01 Any Jam - Specify in description
- 02 Any Jelly - Specify in description
- 03 Mandarin Jam or Jelly

### Division 163

#### Miscellaneous Preserved Foods

#### Class

- 01 Sauce/ Syrup
- 02 Juices
- 03 Pickled Food
- 04 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 164 Pickled Vegetables

#### Class

- 01 Beets
- 02 Pickles
- 03 Peppers
- 04 Any other - Specify in description

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**\$6 fee for each entry. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.****

#### **Adult Preserved Food Divisions**

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm

OR Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am &

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm OR

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

# Adult Homebrew and Wine

## Homebrew and Wine Rules

1. Exhibitor must be 21 years of age or older.
2. Accurate and legibly written stickers, including exhibitor's name, entry division and class number, must be attached to entry on bottom of bottles only.
3. Open bottles will be disposed of. Any exhibits not claimed within the release time will be discarded.
4. Amateur entries may not be produced in a commercial facility.
5. No more than 5 entries per person.

## Homebrew Specific Rules

1. Entries for Homebrew shall consist of three (3) 12-ounce bottles. One bottle will be for display only, two bottles will be opened for judging.
2. Bottles with identifiable commercial labels will be disqualified. Caps with commercial markings must be blacked out.
3. All entries must include type of herbs, fruit, etc. used in homebrew in the description on the entry form.

## Wine Specific Rules

1. Exhibitor must bring two 750 ml. cork or screw finished bottles. One bottle will be for display only, one bottle will be opened for judging.
2. Wine must be personally produced by the exhibitor. Grapes do not have to be grown by exhibitor.
3. All wine entries will be judged for taste and bottle label design. In judging, consideration for label design will be given to creativity, marketability, aesthetic appearance, and appropriateness to product. Label must be presented on a wine bottle.

## Homebrew and Wine: Divisions 170-173

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am  
Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Exhibit Judging:

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 2 pm

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building :

Monday, September 9, 10 am- 7 pm

### Entry Fee – \$6 per entry

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

Best of Division at Judge's discretion

Best of Show at Judge's discretion

### Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$10
- Best of Show - \$25

# Adult Homebrew and Wine

## Homebrew & Wine Divisions

### Division 170 Amateur Homebrew

*Must specify any fruits or herbs used in production on label*

#### **Class**

- 01 Lager
- 02 Ale
- 03 Porter/Stout
- 04 Wheat Beer
- 05 Fruit/Herb
- 06 Sours
- 07 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 171 Commercial Homebrew

*Must specify any fruits or herbs used in production on label*

#### **Class**

- 01 Lager
- 02 Ale
- 03 Porter/Stout
- 04 Wheat Beer
- 05 Fruit/Herb
- 06 Sours
- 07 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 172 Amateur Wine

#### **Class**

- 01 Red Wine
- 02 White Wine
- 03 Blush Wine
- 04 Dessert Wine
- 05 Sparkling Wine
- 06 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 173 Commercial Wine

#### **Class**

- 01 Red Wine
- 02 White Wine
- 03 Blush Wine
- 04 Dessert Wine
- 05 Sparkling Wine
- 06 Any other - Specify in description



# Adult Photography

## Photography Rules

- a. A label bearing the photographer's name, division and class number must be attached to the back or bottom of the work.
- b. Entries must be the original work of the exhibitor with the exception of processing and mounting materials.
- c. Amateur photographers only. Amateur is defined as someone whose main source of income does not come from photography.
- d. Any entry can be a color or black and white photograph. The B&W Film class is specifically for photographs developed using traditional film methods with no digital interference.
- e. Exhibitors are limited to 5 print entries total.
- f. Size of print must be at least 5" x 7. The print, including the mat, must not weigh more than 5 lbs. or exceed 18" x 24".
- g. All prints must be matted or canvas. No glass frames are allowed!
- h. Prints must be ready for display at time of drop-off. To be display ready you must either attach a metal wire to your print or attach a plastic sawtooth adhesive picture hanger (to prints 3 lbs. or less). All prints not ready for display at time of receiving will not be accepted.
- i. Prints will be judged on the following criteria:
  - i. Exposure/Focus
  - ii. Composition
  - iii. Lighting
  - iv. Image Processing
  - v. Image Creativity
  - vi. Emotion/Expression (Portraits Only)

## Photography: Division 180

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### Entry Fee – \$6 per entry

### Ribbon Awards Offered

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only
- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
  - Best of Show at Judge's discretion

### Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$10
- Best of Show - \$25

# Adult Photography

## Photography Divisions

### Division 180 Photography

#### Class

01 Portrait

02 Animals

03 Landscape

04 Cityscape

05 Still Life

06 Street Photography

07 Gold Country Fair

08 Film

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\$6 fee for each entry. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Adult Photography Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

# Adult Special Education

We encourage ALL adults to submit their work in the age specific category they belong to. However, if anyone with a disability would like to submit their entry under the Special Education Department as well, the rules and instructions are below.

## Department Judging

All divisions and categories in the Special Education Department will be judged using the Danish judging system. In the Danish judging system, each entry in a class is judged according to how well it meets a product standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits.

## Special Education Limits

1. This department is open to those of any age, who are currently enrolled in Special Education classes, are residents of any care facility, or who have a disability and are legal residents of El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yuba counties.
2. Paintings, drawings, and photographs must be adequately matted and ready for display.
3. A label bearing the title and name of the exhibitor must be attached to the back or bottom of the exhibit.

## Special Education: Division 190

### Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

# Adult Special Education

## Special Education Divisions

### Division 190 Special Education

#### Class

01 Fine Arts & Crafts

02 Clothing & Textile

03 Photography

04 Any Other - Specify in description

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No fee for each entry. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

**Adult Special Education Divisions** Entry

Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

# Youth Rules Overview

## Youth and Teen Rules

1. Restricted to youth ages 5 to 18 years of age and/or 4-H Member to age 19.
2. Youth and Teen categories are open to exhibitors who are legal residents of El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter & Yuba counties.
3. All entries to be displayed in Armory Building.
4. Every possible care will be taken in handling work, but no responsibility is assumed by the fair management or at the Gold Country Fairgrounds.
5. All entries must be made, collected or produced by the exhibitor not more than one year prior to opening day of the Fair. Copied work will be disqualified.
6. Exhibitors must check carefully for receiving instructions and any other rules specific to their entry.
7. Entries cannot have been exhibited in any prior Gold Country Fair.
8. State and local rules apply to all entries in corresponding Adult Departments and shall be used unless otherwise specified in the Youth Department.
9. Management reserves the right to withhold or reject any entries if they are deemed inappropriate or offensive.
10. If any of the above rules are not followed, works shall not be displayed.
11. Management has the right to change schedules and divisions at any point in time.

## Definition of Terms

- Class - A group of items that are judged together
- Division - A group of classes with a similar theme
- Show/Category - A group of divisions that make up a category

# Youth Judging Overview

## Youth Judging

The **Danish Judging System** will be used in all divisions not divided by age groups and in divisions with age groups 5-9 years old and 10-14 years old. The Danish judging system is based upon standards of quality for each type of product. In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits.

The following guidelines shall be used by the judge(s):

Quality:	Score:
1st Place - Superior	90-100 %
2nd Place - Good	80-89 %
3rd Place - Average	70-79 %

A Best of Division award is given in each division. This is selected from all of the first-place class winners in that division.

A Best of Show award is given in each category (unless otherwise noted). This is selected from all of the Best of Divisions in that category. The Best of Show award may or may not be awarded based on number of entries.

## Awards

1. Placement of ribbons does not guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.

# Youth Agriculture

## Agriculture Rules

1. The quality desired in agriculture & horticultural product exhibits is the quality that brings the best financial return in the commercial market.
2. Entry or container must be labeled with exhibitor name, division, and class number.
3. Please transport in your own container for any agricultural item smaller than a quarter, such as berries, cherry tomatoes, nuts etc. Exhibit will be transferred.

## Egg Rules

1. All eggs are to be from exhibitor's own birds.
2. Each entry consists of one-half (6) dozen eggs, unless otherwise specified.
3. Please transport your WASHED eggs in a non-porous sanitary container. Put pointy ends down!

## Agriculture: Divisions 200 - 206

### Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

# Youth Agriculture

## Agriculture Divisions

### Division 200 Vegetables

Please provide 5 of each vegetable

#### Class

- 01 Beans
- 02 Peas
- 03 Tomatoes
- 04 Lettuce/Chard
- 05 Beets
- 06 Carrots
- 07 Potatoes
- 08 Garlic
- 09 Onions, Specify in description
- 10 Eggplant
- 11 Corn
- 12 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 201 Fruit

Please provide 3 of each fruit

#### Class

- 01 Strawberries
- 02 Peaches
- 03 Nectarines
- 04 Plums
- 05 Apricots
- 06 Apples
- 07 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 202 Berries

Please provide 1 basket

#### Class

- 01 Berries, any variety

### Division 203 Herbs

Please provide 1 of each plant

#### Class

- 01 Basil (3)
- 02 Chives (10)
- 03 Dill (5 full stalks)
- 04 Marjoram (3)
- 05 Mint (3)
- 06 Oregano (3)
- 07 Parsley (3)
- 08 Sage (3)
- 09 Thyme (3)
- 10 Any other- Specify in description (3)

### Division 204 Nuts

Please provide 1 basket

#### Class

- 01 Nuts, any variety

### Division 205 Honey

Please provide (2) identical 8 oz jars

#### Class

- 01 Liquid Honey, any variety

### Division 206 Eggs

Please provide 6 eggs

#### Class

- 01 White
- 02 Brown
- 03 Green
- 04 Any other - Specify in description

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No Entry Fee. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Youth Agriculture Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Drop-Off - Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm

OR Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am



# Youth Fine Arts & Crafts

## Fine Arts and Crafts Rules

1. A label bearing the title, artist's name, division, and class number must be attached to the back or bottom of the work.
2. Kits or molds will be accepted in specified divisions only. All other divisions must represent original artwork of the participant.
3. No individual entry shall exceed 24" x 36" in., exceed 30 lbs., or take up more than 4 square feet of floor space.
4. All works must be on canvas or matted and ready to hang or wired for hanging. Any artwork deemed unsafe to hang will not be displayed. No frames allowed!

## Age Groups

1. The Fine Art and Fine Crafts divisions are divided into three age groups.

### Art

Division 210 5-9 years old  
Division 211 10-14 years old  
Division 212 15-18 years old

### Crafts

Division 214 5-9 years old  
Division 215 10-14 years old  
Division 216 15-18 years old

## Fine Arts & Crafts: Divisions 210-217

### Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, August 1, 2025

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Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 9, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only
- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
  - Best of Show at Judge's discretion

# Youth Fine Arts & Crafts

## Fine Art and Crafts Divisions

### Division 210-212 Fine Art

*Digital designs must be printed to be displayed*

#### Age Groups

Division 210 5-9 years old

Division 211 10-14 years old

Division 212 15-18 years old

#### Classes for Divisions 210-212

01 Acrylic

02 Drawing: charcoal, pencil, pen & ink,  
felt pen or colored pencils

03 Oil

04 Watercolor

05 Sculpture, Specify medium in description

06 Ceramics

07 Digital design

08 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 214-216 Fine Crafts

#### Age Groups

Division 214 5-9 years old

Division 215 10-14 years old

Division 216 15-18 years old

#### Classes for Divisions 214-216

01 Jewelry

02 Collections

03 Tie Dye Items

04 Puzzle

05 Any other - Specify in description

## Division 217

Lego & Knex

#### Class

01 2025 Fair Theme: We've Got A Good Thing Growing

02 Cars/Trucks

03 Made by a kit

04 Any other - Specify in description

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No Entry Fee. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

Youth Arts and Crafts Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

# Youth Clothing & Textiles

## Clothing and Textiles Rules

1. A label bearing your name, division and class number must be attached to the entry.
2. A minimum 3” top sleeve must be attached to each quilt for hanging purposes. Miniature quilts must have either sleeves or loops attached.

## Clothing & Textiles: Divisions 220-221

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge’s discretion
- Best of Show at Judge’s discretion

# Youth Clothing & Textiles

## Clothing and Textile Divisions

### Division 220

#### Clothing

##### Class

01 Clothing - Specify in description  
(includes crochet, knitting, embroidery, etc.)

02 Mask

### Division 221

#### Textiles

##### Class

01 Non-Clothing - Specify in description  
(includes crochet, knitting, embroidery, etc.)

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No Entry Fee. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Youth Clothing and Textiles Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

# Youth Floriculture

## Plants and Flowers Rules

1. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor.

## Table Setting Rules

1. Table must be set by exhibitor only.
2. Tables are to have a setting for one (1) person.
3. Setting must include dish, glassware, linens, napkin, utensils, and floral arrangement. Accessories are optional.
4. Stands and backdrops are acceptable as long as the entire table setting does not exceed 24" x 24".
5. Emphasis will be on design and originality.

## Plants and Flowers: Divisions 230-231

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

## Table Settings: Division 239

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

# Youth Floriculture

## Floriculture Divisions

### Division 230 Potted Plants

#### Class

- 01 Cactus
- 02 Succulents
- 03 Dish Garden
- 04 Plants in an Unusual Container
- 05 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 231 Flowers

*For arrangements, no less than 12 stems*

#### Class

- 01 Fresh Arrangements
- 02 Tallest Sunflower
- 03 Any other - Specify in description

## Table Setting Division

### Division 239 Table Setting

#### Class

- 01 2025 Fair Theme Table Setting: We've Got A Good Thing Growing!
- 02 Any other - Specify in description

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No Entry Fee. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Youth Floriculture and Table Setting Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Drop-Off - Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm OR

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

# Youth Baked Foods

## Baked Foods Rules

1. All entries must be prepared by the exhibitor in a home, not a commercial kitchen.
2. All entries must be delivered on a disposable plate or container and covered with cellophane wrap or its equal and be ready for display.
3. Please read all instructions for number of baked goods needed for each division.
4. You must note on your entry form or your online registration if any entries require refrigeration for proper display throughout the Gold Country Fair.
5. Any remaining baked goods not picked up during the designated entry pick-up will be disposed of.
6. All items are to be judged on taste and presentation.

## Age Groups

Breads, Cakes, and Cookie divisions are divided into three age groups. All ages can enter the Misc. Baked Foods division.

### Breads

Division 240 5-9 years old  
Division 241 10-14 years old  
Division 242 15-18 years old

### Cakes

Division 243 5-9 years old  
Division 244 10-14 years old  
Division 245 15-18 years old

### Cookie

Division 246 5-9 years old  
Division 247 10-14 years old  
Division 248 15-18 years old

## Baked Foods: Divisions 240-249

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

# Youth Baked Foods

## Baked Food Divisions

### Division 240-242 Breads

#### Age Groups

Division 240 5-9 years old

Division 241 10-14 years old

Division 242 15-18 years old

*Please provide 1/2 loaf for display and one slice for judging.  
Please provide 6 biscuits/rolls for display and 1 for judging.*

#### Class

01 Banana Bread

02 Whole Wheat

03 White

04 Biscuits or Rolls

05 Sourdough

06 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 243-245 Cakes

#### Age Groups

Division 243 5-9 years old

Division 244 10-14 years old

Division 245 15-18 years old

*Please provide 1/2 a cake for display and one slice for judging.  
Please provide 3 cupcakes for display and 1 for judging.*

#### Class

01 Any Cake - Specify in description

02 Any Cupcake - Specify in description

03 2025 Fair Theme Cake or Cupcakes: We've Got  
A Good Thing Growing!

04 Decorated Cake (Not to be edible, display  
only. Decorations should be completed on a  
foam mold)

### Division 246-248 Cookies

#### Age Groups

Division 246 5-9 years old

Division 247 10-14 years old

Division 248 15-18 years old

*Please provide 6 cookies for display and 1 for judging.*

#### Class

01 Brownies

02 Chocolate Chip

03 Oatmeal

04 Peanut Butter

05 Any Other - Specify in description

### Division 249 Misc. Baked Foods - All Ages

*Please provide 1 8" pie in disposable container. Please provide  
3 pastries for display and 1 for judging*

#### Class

01 Any Pie - Specify in description

02 Any Confection - Specify in description

03 Any Gluten Free - Specify in description

04 Any Other - Specify in description

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No Entry Fee. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Youth Baked Foods Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Drop-Off - Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm OR

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am



# Youth Preserved Foods

## Preserved Food Rules

1. Accurate and legibly written labels, including exhibitor's name, entry division and class number, must be attached to entry on bottom of jars.
2. No paraffin seals. All canning must be in sealed glass jars with rings in place.
3. Exhibitor to present two (2) identical sized containers for each entry. One container is to be opened for judging, the other is to be displayed. Exception would be Dried Foods.
4. Vegetables must be canned under pressure. Low acid fruits such as figs, should be made more acidic by adding lemon juice as directed in the University of California Agricultural Extension Service leaflet, "Home Canning of Fruits." Tomatoes and fruit, not including their juices, must be processed in a boiling water bath.

## Preserved Foods: Divisions 260-263

### Deadline for Entry:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm &

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

# Youth Preserved Foods

## Preserved Food Divisions

### Division 260 Canned Foods

#### Class

- 01 Any Fruit - Specify in description
- 02 Any Vegetable - Specify in description
- 03 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 261 Dried Foods

*Indicate method of drying on entry form.  
Provide in zip lock bag or plated display.*

#### Class

- 01 Any Fruit - Specify in description
- 02 Any Vegetable - Specify in description
- 03 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 262 Jams and Jellies

#### Class

- 01 Any Jam - Specify in description
- 02 Any Jelly - Specify in description
- 03 Mandarin Jam or Jelly

### Division 263

### Miscellaneous Preserved Food

#### Class

- 01 Pickled Fruit or Vegetable
- 02 Any other - Specify in description

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No Entry Fee. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Youth Preserved Foods Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**  
Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm  
OR Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am &  
Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2-7 pm OR  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

# Youth Photography

## Photography Rules

1. A label bearing the photographer's name, division and class number must be attached to the back or bottom of the work.
2. Entries must be the original work of the exhibitor with the exception of processing and mounting materials.
3. Any entry can be a color or black and white photograph. The B&W Film class is specifically for photographs developed using traditional film methods with no digital interference.
4. Exhibitors are limited to 10 print entries total.
5. Size of print must be at least 5" x 7. The print, including the mat, must not weigh more than 5 lbs. or exceed 18" x 24".
6. All prints must be matted. No canvas or frames are allowed!
7. Prints must be ready for display at time of drop-off. To be display ready you must either attach a medal wire to your print/frame or attach a plastic sawtooth adhesive picture hanger (to print 3 lbs. or less). All prints not ready for display at time of receiving will not be accepted. For step-by-step instructions on how to prepare your print for display visit [placercountyfair.org/photo-display](http://placercountyfair.org/photo-display).
8. Prints will be judged on the following criteria:
  - Exposure/Focus
  - Image Processing
  - Composition
  - Image Creativity
  - Lighting
  - Emotion/Expression (Portraits Only)

## Age Groups

The Photography division is divided into three age groups.

### Photography

Division 270 5-9 years old

Division 271 10-14 years old

Division 272 15-18 years old

## Photography: Divisions 270

### Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

# Youth Photography

## Photography Divisions

### Divisions 270 Photography

#### Age Groups

Division 270 5-9 years old

Division 271 10-14 years old

Division 272 15-18 years old

#### Class

01 Portraits

02 Animals

03 Landscape

04 Cityscape

05 Still Life

06 Street Photography

07 Gold Country Fair

08 B&W Film

09 Poultry Animal

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No Entry Fee. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Youth Photography Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

# Youth School Projects

## School Project Rules

1. Projects must be made in school under the supervision of a teacher, home school, or 4-H/FFA program.
2. The class for Individual Projects is meant for one individual entering a school project. The class for Group Projects is meant for multiple persons turning in the same group project.
3. The class for 4-H/FFA Projects is only allowed to be entered by 4-H/FFA members.
4. Auction eligibility rules.

## School Age Groups

The School Projects division is divided into four school age groups.

### School Projects

Division 280 2nd Grade and Under

Division 281 3rd-5th Grade

Division 282 6th-8th Grade

Division 283 9th-12th Grade

## School Projects: Divisions 280-285

### Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, August 1, 2025

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Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

# Youth School Projects

## School Project Divisions

### Divisions 280-283 School Projects

#### Age Groups

Division 280 2nd Grade and Under

Division 281 3rd-5th Grade

Division 282 6th-8th Grade

Division 283 9th-12th Grade

#### Classes for Divisions 280-283

01 Individual Project

02 Group Project

03 4-H/FFA Project

04 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 284 Language Arts & Creative Writing

#### Class

01 Poems

02 Short Story

03 Any other - Specify in description

### Division 285 California Missions

#### Class

01 Models

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No Entry Fee. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Youth School Projects Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

# Youth Technology

## Technology Limits

1. A label bearing the photographer's name, division and class number must be attached to the back or bottom of the work.
2. Projects made from kits are not eligible. Component parts should be made by the exhibitor whenever possible.
3. No exhibitor may enter more than one article made from the same pattern.
4. Power Mechanics classes include rebuilt motors and tractors, engines, engine cut-away. Each exhibit must be accompanied by before/after photos/storyboard.
5. Projects must be completed and operational upon receiving. No work, additions or embellishments can be done once the project is received.
6. Auction eligibility rules.

## Technology: Divisions 290-292

### Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

# Youth Technology

## Technology Divisions

### Division 290 Small Tech Projects

#### Class

- 01 Metal Fabrication - (i.e. hay hooks)
- 02 Wood Technology - (i.e. bookends)
- 03 Power Mechanics - (i.e. chainsaws)

### Division 291 Large Tech Projects

#### Class

- 01 Metal Fabrication - (i.e. grooming chutes)
- 02 Wood Technology - (i.e. beds)
- 03 Power Mechanics - (i.e. tractors)

### Division 292 Miscellaneous Tech Projects

*Digital designs must be printed to be displayed*

#### Class

- 01 Electricity/Electronics
- 02 Pyrography
- 03 Any other - Specify in description

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No Entry Fee. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Youth Agriculture and Horticulture Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am



# Youth Technology

We encourage ALL youth and teens to submit their work in the age specific category they belong to. However, if anyone with a disability would like to submit their entry under the Special Education Department as well, the rules and instructions are below.

## Department Judging

All divisions and categories in the Special Education Department will be judged using the Danish judging system. In the Danish judging system, each entry in a class is judged according to how well it meets a product standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits.

## Special Education Limits

1. This department is open to those, of any age, who are currently enrolled in Special Education classes, are residents of any care facility, or who have a disability and are legal residents of El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yuba counties.
2. Paintings, drawings, and photographs must be adequately framed and ready for display.
3. A label bearing the title and name of the exhibitor must be attached to the back or bottom of the exhibit.

## Special Education: Divisions 191

### Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

### No Entry Fee!

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# Youth Technology

## Special Education Divisions

### Division 191 Special Education

#### Class

01 Fine Arts & Crafts

02 Clothing & Textile

03 Photography

04 Any other - Specify in description

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No Entry Fee. All entries to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Youth Special Education Divisions

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry Drop-Off - Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

# Feature Booths

## Feature Booth Limits

1. Entries are limited to Placer County organizations. Due to space restrictions Feature Exhibits Booths will be available on a first come, first serve basis.
2. Divisions are limited to one entry by a club, chapter, or organization.
3. Space for each exhibit will be 10' x 10'.
4. Booths must be designed, constructed, and installed by organization members only.
5. Exhibits must be maintained for the duration of the fair.
6. Booths are subject to fire inspector's approval.
7. Exhibits must be completed by noon on **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**. There will be no exceptions.
8. Entries are limited to the first ten (10) entries.

## Scorecard for Judging Booths

Effective Title - short, personal, active verb	10%
Suitable Subject - timely, personal	10%
Attracts Attention - stopping power	20%
Holds Interest - encourages study	10%
Conveys Message - accomplishes purpose	30%
General Appearance - simple, balanced, orderly	10%
Workmanship - neat, well-constructed	10%
Total	100%

## Notes

The feature exhibit booth provides members an opportunity to acquaint the public with a specific focus of their club or chapter. The booth can show what they learned, the activities in which they have participated in, or contributions of their organization to the community.

# Feature Booths

## Feature Booths: Divisions 195-197

### Entries Close:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Set-Up Times:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Exhibits Released:

Monday, September 8, 10:00 am - 7:00 p.m.

### No Entry Fee!

### Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion

## Feature Booth Divisions

### Division 195

#### FFA Chapters

#### Class

01 Agriculture theme and/or 2025 Fair theme: We've Got A Good Thing Growing!

### Division 196

#### Placer County 4-H

#### Class

01 Agriculture theme and/or 2025 Fair theme: We've Got A Good Thing Growing!

### Division 197

#### Other Organized Group

#### Class

01 Group and/or 2025 Fair theme: We've Got A Good Thing Growing!

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All exhibits to be picked up on **Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm.**

#### Feature Booths

Entry Deadline - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entries Set Up - Tuesday, 2, 2025, 2-7 pm OR

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7-9 am

# Ag Mechanics Auction

## Ag Mechanics Auction: Division 301

### Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, August 1, 2025

### Entry Drop-Off at Armory Building:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 2-7 pm &  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8-11 am

### Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Armory Building:

Monday, September 8, 10 am- 7 pm

(For entries that did not qualify for auction)

Entry Fee: \$15

### Limits:

- One entry per exhibitor. Placer County FFA members only.
- Exhibitors must be enrolled in a high school agriculture mechanics/technology pathway the prior year to the fair.
- Ag Mechanics Auction projects must have an agriculture, western, outdoor, and/or recreation themes to be eligible. Eligibility will be determined by the exhibitor's instructor and fair management.
- No group projects allowed.
- Only first and second-place projects will be considered for the live Ag Mechanics Auction.
- Ten (10) projects will be selected to sell in the live Ag Mechanics Auction.
- Third place projects that are unsafe or deemed unsellable will not sell in the live auction.
- Exhibitors must suggest a minimum for their project. Minimum bids must be declared to fair staff upon entry.

- To be eligible to sell, projects must compete in the chapter Ag Mechanics contest. Instructors will validate eligibility.
- Exhibitors may enter Ag Mechanics Welds and Ag Mechanics Auction.
- Auction commission to be determined by Fair Management will be charged to the seller to promote and finance the sale.
- Projects must be completed and operational upon receiving. No work, additions, or embellishments can be done once the project is received.
- No sponsor advertising allowed.
- No private treaty sales allowed.
- Exhibitor must be present at the live auction and at the time of sale.
- Failure to follow limits may result in disqualification and non-sale.

## Division 399

### Ag Mechanics Auction

#### Class

01	<u>1st year student level</u>
02	<u>2nd year student level</u>
03	<u>3rd year student level</u>
04	<u>4th year student level</u>