

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT
**2024 JUNIOR EXHIBITS
COMPETITIVE GUIDELINES**

ENTRY TIMELINE:

Online Entry Registration Deadline: Sunday, August 18. All registrations must be submitted online by 11:30pm (Pacific Daylight Time).

Entry Delivery..... Wednesday, September 4 & Thursday, September 5, 10:00am – 6:00pm.

Judging (Closed).....Saturday, September 7.

Baked Goods Entry Delivery Adults & Youth..... Monday, September 9, 10:00am – 6:00pm.

Judging (Closed).....Tuesday, September 10.

Entry Released.....Monday, September 16 10:00am – 6:00pm.

Entry Fee: Free for most.

Entry Limit: 2 entries per exhibitor or club, unless noted otherwise in the division.

Judging: All judging will be blind and held in a closed session. The decision of the judges is final.

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Must register online by the Deadline Date.

1. The Independent Junior Divisions are restricted to exhibitors under 19 years of age as January 1, of the current year who are not members of recognized junior farm organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Grange, etc. for the project(s) being entered. Older teens may prefer to enter Adult Departments but then cannot ever again enter the Junior Department.
2. **School projects must be entered in the school's divisions ONLY.**
3. Exhibitors will forfeit all awards earned if they enter and exhibit items in like classes in the independent junior department and 4-H or FFA classes. For example, an exhibitor may enter Independent Junior Baked Foods classes and 4-H Photography classes but may not enter both Independent Junior and 4-H Baked Foods classes.
4. Each entry in these Divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor not more than 1 year prior to opening day of the fair. Entries shall be made on Junior Department entry forms included in this book. The age (as of January 1 of the current year) and grade (as of September of the current year) of the exhibitor must appear on the entry form and the signature of a parent or guardian is required.
5. State and local rules and scorecards (available from the department supervisor) shall be used unless otherwise provided in these Divisions.
6. All entries must have been made, collected, or prepared by the exhibitor in accordance with the requirements or recommendations of that project program. Entries that require packaging and labeling, such as food preservation and entomology, must be done in accordance with directions and recipes in project manuals and outlines. Carefully check the recommendations for kind and size of container, and method of labeling. Only standard containers, specifically designed for that purpose, will be accepted.
7. Fair management reserves the right to refuse the display of any work it deems unsuitable in any division of the fair.

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8. JUDGING:

- a. At every opportunity, the value of the blue ribbon should be stressed. The blue ribbon represents, or should represent, the perfection for which the junior exhibitors are striving in their projects. The educational and moral value of achieving this perfection should result in a future economic return, which will be far greater than the immediate return in the form of cash awards.
- b. **DANISH JUDGING SYSTEM** will be used in all Divisions and Classes. A Best of show will be selected from all of the first place winner in each Classes of the Division. A MAXIMUM of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid unless stated otherwise. It is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. The following guidelines shall be used by the judge(s).

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

9. Independent juniors may enter 4-H or FFA Divisions if none are available in Open Junior Divisions.

JUNIOR CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

1. Each exhibit is to be listed separately and identified by name (dress, crochet pillowcase, etc.) on entry form.
2. Cleanliness: Exhibits that are soiled will be disqualified and not displayed.
3. Pillows must be finished on the back and have a pillow inside.
4. Exhibitors are limited to entry in one division only. Use age as of January 1 of current year.

AWARDS

Best of Show - (Divisions 500 - 502) Rosette & \$25.00

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 500 - 8 YEARS & UNDER

DIVISION 501 - 9 TO 13 YEARS OLD

DIVISION 502 - 14 TO 18 YEARS OLD

Class

- 1 Clothing, Any type, Specify.
- 2 Pillows, Any type, Specify.
- 3 Needlework, Any type, Specify.
- 4 Quilt, Done by an Individual
- 5 Quilt, Done by Group

INDEPENDENT - JUNIOR CRAFT AND HOBBY

1. Lego art must be securely glued together.
2. Drawings MUST be mounted on construction paper with a minimum of 2" border.
3. Rules governing Adult Crafts Divisions will apply to Junior Divisions.
4. Enter the division that corresponds with the grade of the exhibitor at the time the entry was produced.

AWARDS

Best of Show - (Divisions 503) Rosette & \$25.00

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 503 – JUNIOR CRAFT AND HOBBY (ALL AGES)

Class

- 1 Drawings or Paintings- **Fair Theme** (Stars, Stripes & Honoring Our Heroes)
- 2 Drawing or Paintings, Any Type, Specify
- 3 Wall Hangings
- 4 California Missions (4th Grade Only)
- 5 Make your own musical Instrument-Be Creative!
- 6 Ceramics
- 7 Collections, Specify
- 8 Dolls
- 9 Diorama
- 10 Models (Airplanes, Cars, etc.)
- 11 Toll Painting
- 12 Wooden Article, Specify
- 13 Holiday Crafts
- 14 Painting by Numbers
- 15 Computer Art
- 16 Paper Art Work
- 17 Wall Hanging, any type, Specify
- 18 Lego/K'Nex (must be glued)
- 19 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

INDEPENDENT - JUNIOR TABLE SETTINGS

1. One entry per exhibitor. Tables awarded to first 10 entries received. Settings must remain displayed for duration of Fair.
2. Table setting does not need to include all the dishes used in a full meal - only use pieces needed to create an attractive, artistic arrangement. The menu must be original.
3. Centerpiece should be original and can be made of non-perishable material (non-perishables need to be replaced during fair) not commercial.
4. Settings will be allotted an 18" deep x 24" wide space.
5. Setting MUST be done by exhibitor. **ASSISTANCE WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

AWARDS

Best of Show (Division 504) ROSETTE & \$25.00

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

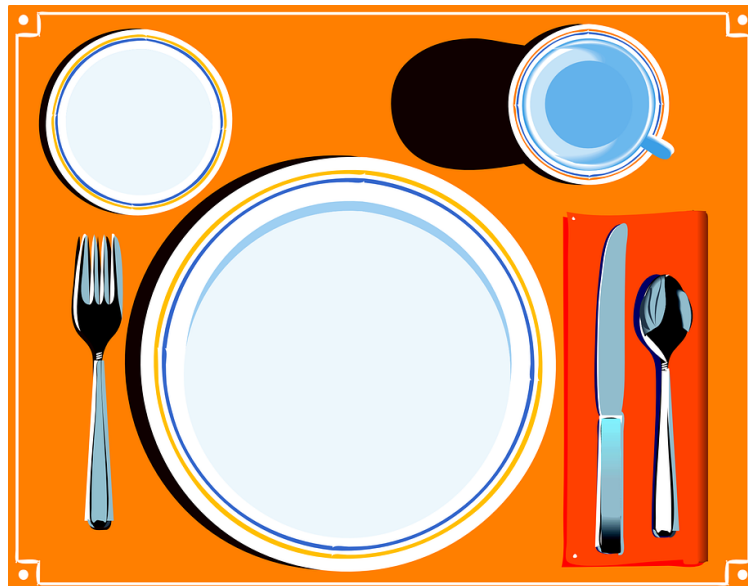
DIVISION 504 - JUNIOR FUNCTIONAL TABLE SETTINGS

Class

- 1 6th Grade and Under
- 2 7th - 8th Grade
- 3 9th Grade and above

TABLE SETTING SCORE CARD

Correctness.....	15%
Over-All Appearance.....	25%
Appropriateness.....	15%
Originality.....	20%
Artistic Arrangement.....	20%
Menu.....	5%



SCHOOL PROJECTS-FOR CLASSROOMS ONLY

All Entries in Division 505-511 will receive a participation ribbon only.

A Best of Show Ribbon will be selected from each School grade Division.

1. Only students enrolled in Tulare County School, in grades Preschool-12th grade, can participate in Divisions 505-511.
2. Teachers entering a school project through their school can only enter their projects in Divisions 505-511.
3. **When entering Division 505-511, a teacher must use school name as exhibitor first name and class name as exhibitor last name (i.e.: **First Name – Tulare Elementary School. Last Name – Ms. Smith's 4th grade**).**
4. Entries can be from the previous school year. Enter the division that corresponds with the grade of the exhibitor at the time the entry was produced.
5. Enter the class project description (ie: **California Missions**).
6. Enter how many individual projects will be brought in the validation number field (ie: **24' if bringing 24 individual student Missions**).
7. If you would like the student name displayed on the project, be sure individual projects are labeled with student's name when dropping off exhibits on Entry Delivery.
8. Drawings MUST be mounted on construction paper with a minimum of 2" border.
9. **Group projects are limited to 2 total, per teacher in divisions 505-511.**
10. **NO individual entries will be accepted under divisions 505 – 511.**

CRAFT AND HOBBY

DIVISION 505 - PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

DIVISION 506 - FIRST & SECOND GRADE

DIVISION 507 - THIRD & FOURTH GRADE

DIVISION 508 - FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE

DIVISION 509 - SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE

DIVISION 510 - NINTH THRU TWELFTH GRADE

Class

- 1 Drawings, Paintings
- 2 3-Dimensional Wall Hangings (Macaroni Art, Bean Maps, etc.)
- 3 California Missions (4th Grade Only)
- 4 Make your own musical Instrument-Be Creative
- 5 Jewelry
- 6 Models (Airplanes, Cars, etc.)
- 7 Holiday Crafts
- 8 Scrapbook
- 9 **Fair Theme** (Stars, Stripes & Honoring our Heroes)
- 10 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

No larger than 8'x8'. Some classes or groups may need two or more 8'x8' sections but will only be one class project.

DIVISION 511 – CLASS PROJECTS

Class

- 1 **Fair Theme** – (Stars, Stripes & Honoring our Heros) Any item constructed, painted, built, etc. as a class project, Specify
- 2 Classroom Project, any item constructed, painted, built, etc. as a class project, Specify

INDEPENDENT -JUNIOR FLORICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE-HORTICULTURE

1. All entries must have been made, collected, prepared or produced by the exhibitor in accordance with the requirements or recommendations of that project program.
2. **The quality desired in the agricultural and horticultural products exhibits is the quality that brings the best financial return in the commercial market, and such exhibits must be at least in maturity as that stage of ripeness required by of the California Agricultural code in order to be considered for premium awards. Exhibits stressing features that detract from the commercial value of any produce are undesirable and should be avoided. Any frozen fruit or vegetables will be disqualified. "Mature" means having reached that stage of ripeness which will ensure that completion of the ripening process to a degree which will ensure palatability after the removal of the product from the tree, plant or vine. "Overripe" means having an advanced state of maturity which causes the product to be undesirable for human consumption in a fresh state.**
3. Variety of products must be adequately and correctly labeled.
4. Each exhibit must be listed separately in the online entry form by species and variety, i.e., Snap Beans, Green Beans, Cherry Tomato, Beefsteak Tomato, Head Lettuce, Romaine Lettuce, etc.
5. Exhibits must be free from injurious insects and diseases and must be marketable.

AWARDS

Best of Show - (Divisions 512 - 513) Rosette & \$50.00

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 512- JUNIOR FLORICULTURE

Class

- 1 Cut Flowers, at least 3 stems
- 2 Cactus or Succulents, Specify
- 3 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

DIVISION 513 - JUNIOR AG-HORTICULTURE

Class

- 1 Forage Plants, All varieties, 4" bundle
- 2 Fruit, All varieties, 5 small or 3 large on a plate
- 3 Grains, All varieties, 1 qt. or 4" bundle
- 4 Nuts, All varieties, 1 pound
- 5 Vegetables, All Varieties, 5



INDEPENDENT -JUNIOR BAKED FOODS

1. **LIMIT:** Maximum of 2 entries per exhibitor. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry of a like kind per class. Example: 1 entry of Chocolate Chip Cookies and 1 entry of Peanut Butter Cookies are allowed, but 2 entries of Peanut Butter cookies are not.
2. Entry form must list type of food. **FOODS THAT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION MAY NOT BE ENTERED.**
3. All items entered in this division become the property of the Fair and may be disposed of.
4. ALL entries must be on DISPOSABLE plates or entry will not be accepted.
5. NOTE: Please stipulate on entry form if item has been frozen and/or if honey has been used instead of sugar.

AWARDS

Best of Show - (Divisions 514) Rosette & \$25.00

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

MINIMUM QUANTITIES

Biscuits, Cookies, Muffins & Rolls.....1/2 Dozen
Bread..... 1/2 loaf plus 1 slice
Candies (Pieces).....1/2 Dozen
Cakes.....1/2 cake plus 1 slice

DIVISION 514 - JUNIOR BAKED GOODS

Class

- 1 Cakes (frosted or unfrosted)
- 2 Brownies, Bar Cookies
- 3 Confections
- 4 Rolls, Yeast Breads, Pastries
- 5 Pies
- 6 Cookies
- 7 Muffins
- 8 Quick Breads, Scones, Biscuits
- 9 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

JUNIOR DECORATED CAKES

1. Judged for decoration only, false bottoms may be used.

AWARDS

Best of Show - (Divisions 515 - 516) Rosette & \$25.00

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 515 – JUNIOR DECORATED CAKES (Buttercream Icing ONLY)

DIVISION 516 – JUNIOR DECORATED CAKES (Fondant ONLY)

Class

- 1 Birthday
- 2 Holiday
- 3 **Fair Theme** (Stars, Stripes & Honoring our Heroes)
- 4 Any Other, Specify

JUNIOR FOOD PRESERVATION

1. **LIMIT:** An exhibitor may not enter more than **6** entries total. Each entry must be a different product or the same product preserved by a different method.
2. Entry sheet must list the type of product (Fruit, Vegetable, Preserves, etc.) and the method of process used (Canning or Drying).
3. All entries must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor within one year of the opening day of the fair.
4. **Please include 1 jar CONTAINER:** Standard canning jars are to be used (Mason, Ball, or any other standard canning jar):
 - a. Fruits and vegetables - clear glass, wide or narrow jar.
 - b. Jellies - clear glass, standard or sculptured jelly glasses (sealed lids), at least 4 oz. size.
 - c. **PARAFFIN SEALED JELLIES & JAMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**
5. Each jar must be labeled stating name of exhibitor, date prepared, type of product and process used (i.e. Apricot Jam, Pectin Method; Apricot halves, Water Bath Processed; etc.) and have jar ring firmly twisted on.
6. **Non-acid** foods, all vegetables, meats, poultry, and fish must be canned under pressure. **Low acid** fruits, such as figs, should be made more acid by adding lemon juice, as directed in the University of California Agricultural Extension Service leaflet, Home Canning of Fruits. Foods **high in acid**, i.e., tomatoes and fruits (not including their juices) must be processed in a boiling water bath.
7. Exhibits may not be taste-tested but will be opened for inspection. Appearance and Texture can be used as judging criteria.
8. Dried food products must be sealed in jars or zip-lock bags. Required quantity of dried food product is 6 pieces.

AWARDS

Best of Show - (Divisions 517) Rosette & \$25.00

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 517 - JUNIOR PRESERVED FOODS

(Must be accurately labeled)

Class

- 1 Canned Fruit or Vegetables, Specify
- 2 Jams or Jellies, Any flavor, Specify
- 3 Dried Foods, Specify

DRIED FOODS SCORECARD

Attractiveness and Container	30%
Color	20%
Texture.....	20%
Aroma.....	30%



INDEPENDENT - JUNIOR PAINTING AND CREATIVE ARTS

1. All entries must have been produced by the exhibitor within one year prior to opening day of the Fair.
2. **No items from kits will be accepted.** Refer to Arts and Crafts Divisions for this type of exhibit.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to 2 entries in Divisions 518.
4. **PAINTINGS:** No WET paintings will be accepted. Paintings must be framed in wood and have wire and screw-eyes for hanging. Size is limited to a maximum of 48" in width including frame.
5. **TEXTILES:** Size is limited to a maximum of 54" in width and must have adequate means to hang.
6. **WATERCOLORS/GRAPHICS:** Framed glass is required. Metal frames are acceptable up to a full sheet size if properly framed with heavy backing. **All frames must have a wire hanger on the back for display.**
7. **DRAWINGS:** Must be mounted on construction paper with a 2" border or items will not be accepted.

AWARDS

Best of Show - (Divisions 518) Rosette & \$25.00

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 518 – JUNIOR PAINTING AND CREATIVE

ARTS (ALL AGES)

Class

- 1 Painting & Watercolors (No Crayons)
- 2 Drawings (Any media except Crayons)

- 3 Textiles
- 4 Architectural/Mechanical Drawings
- 5 Scrapbooks
- 6 Any Other Item, Specify

INDEPENDENT - JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

1. EXHIBITORS IN THIS DIVISION ARE TO BE UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE AS OF THE OPENING DAY OF THE FAIR.
2. All entries must have been taken and prepared within one year of the opening day of the Fair.
3. Prints must have been taken by the exhibitor but may have been processed by photo finishers.
4. Unless otherwise stated size is optional, up to 16"x20".
5. If a photograph has been digitally enhanced or altered, it must be entered in digitally enhanced class. A photograph is considered digitally enhanced/altered if any changes were made to the print (red eye correction, adjusting brightness, contrast, or balance, adding images, etc.). If a photograph were taken with a digital camera but no changes were made, it would be entered in the regular photography classes.
6. All prints must be mounted on photography mounting board or foam core (no construction paper or other flimsy product) with a 2-inch border. **It is recommended that spray adhesive be used to attach photographs to the mounting board. Exhibitor's name and phone number must be listed on the upper left corner of the back of each mount.** To display an effective photo exhibit, the colors used for mounting boards have not been limited. No framed prints will be allowed.
7. **All Photo need to have the Male & Female Velcro on the four edges of the matting Board.**
8. Exhibitors may enter up to 2 entries per class but may only receive premiums for 2 entries per class.
9. The Tulare County Fair reserves the right to use any prints exhibited for publicity purposes.

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

AWARDS

Best of Show Photography (Division 519) ROSETTE & \$25.00

Champion Color Photograph - ROSETTE

Champion Black & White Photography - ROSETTE

Champion Digitally Enhanced Photograph - ROSETTE

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 519 - JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Class

- 1 Color Prints, Action
- 2 Color Prints, Animal
- 3 Color Prints, Nature Study/Landscape
- 4 Color Prints, Portrait, People
- 5 Color Prints, Still Life
- 6 Black & White Prints, Any subject
- 7 Special Effects (Color or B/W)
- 8 **Fair Theme** - (Color or B/W) – (Stars, Stripes & Honoring our Heroes)
- 9 Digitally Enhanced Color Prints, Any subject
- 10 Digitally Enhanced Black and White Prints, Any subject
- 11 Photo Story, 3 to 5 prints on a single mount
- 12 Digitally Enhanced Photo Story, 3 to 5 prints on a single mount
- 13 Best photos taken at last year's Fair
- 14 Any Other Non-Digitally Enhanced Not Listed, Specify

SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. NOTE: All plaques, pictures or any type of wall hanging must be ready for hanging with sturdy wire or hangers, or article will not be accepted for showing.
2. All entries in this department must have been produced by the exhibitor within one year of the opening of the Fair.
3. This Department open only to the mentally and physically challenged. Children classified as slow learners are not eligible for premiums.
4. **Danish Judging system will be used for these students.**
5. Exhibits may be turned in through the student's special education teacher.

AWARDS

Best of Show - (Divisions 520) Rosette & \$25.00

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 520 - SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

Class

- 1 Fine Arts (Finger Painting, Pencil, Chalk, Crayon, Watercolor, etc.)
- 2 Miscellaneous Crafts and Hobbies (Collages, Decorations, Models, Hand Woven Articles, Ceramics, etc.)
- 3 Creative Writing (Short Story, Verse, Essays)
- 4 Projects (Science, Health, History)

4-H/FFA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

1. 4-H Club Members: Tulare County Club members only. New members are eligible to compete if they have a properly completed enrollment form on file in the 4-H office no less than 60 days.
2. FFA Members: Students enrolled in vocational agriculture classes in Tulare County schools and Delano High School. Members may exhibit until December 31 of the year following their high school graduation.
3. Entry forms must be signed by a leader or advisor with the authority to certify that the exhibitor is a member in good standing.
4. All entries must have been made, grown, collected, or prepared and entered within one year of the opening day of the Fair, except as otherwise noted.
5. All exhibits will remain on exhibit for the duration of the Fair. All exhibits must be maintained and kept in working order. The removal of exhibits prior to the official release time will result in the loss of all premiums and awards.
6. Exhibitors will forfeit all awards earned in any department if they make entries and exhibit in the open division and the same division and classes are offered in the 4-H or FFA departments.
7. No exhibit owned solely by a chapter or club, or conducted as a joint project by two or more individuals, is eligible in the junior department, unless the division or class specifically so states.
9. **DANISH JUDGING SYSTEM** will be used in the Special Education and Challenged Division. A MAXIMUM of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid unless stated otherwise. It is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. The following guidelines shall be used by the judge(s).

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

10. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Association, its staff and department personnel will not be held liable for loss, theft or damage of any kind from any cause. Submission of entry constitutes an agreement to this effect.
11. County, District and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the junior exhibitor. Therefore, it is suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits.

4-H/FFA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

CLUB AND CHAPTER BOOTHS

1. Open to 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters of Tulare County and Delano FFA.
2. Limit of one booth per club or chapter.
3. Booths **MUST** be designed, constructed, and installed by club members only. Adults are only to advise and must remain in the receiving area. Adult help may cause the exhibit to be disqualified.
4. Members, not leaders, must sign the Online entry form as an agent for the club. Entry should be made on the Junior Department entry form in the name of the Club or Chapter and not an individual. If electricity is needed, please state online registration.
5. The feature exhibit booth provides members an opportunity to acquaint the public with a specific phase of their club programs. The booth can show what they have learned, the activities in which they have participated, or the contributions of their organization to their community. Judges shall insist upon a high quality of products and materials used in the exhibit. A high scoring exhibit will be artistically arranged, colorful, attractive, and well-lighted.
6. Exhibitors must decide to replace all fruits and vegetables that deteriorate during the fair. This must be completed each day prior to **1 HOUR BEFORE FAIR OPENS**.
7. Upon the completion of judging, 4-H'ers may display their item in their club Feature Exhibit Booth. Clubs must indicate on their entry forms if they wish to have their entries displayed in their club booth. If it is not stated, exhibits will be displayed in other areas of the building.
8. According to the Health and Safety Code of the State, it is unlawful to decorate booths with any flammable material unless treated by a flame retardant chemical as define. There are on the market today, many decorative materials, including fabrics, crepe paper, cellophane, etc., that are manufactured from non-flammable materials and comply with the letter of the law.
9. **Booths are to be constructed in the Indoor Space assigned by Fair Staff from 10am to 6pm Thursday, September 5 - Sunday, September 8.**
10. These Divisions will be judged using the American System of Judging.
11. Booth Size: Back-8'x 8', 8' high (max), Sides-3' high (max).

AWARDS

Best of Show Overall - (Division 521) Rosette & \$50.00

Best of Class - ROSETTE

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Place Ribbons Each Class
\$200	\$100	\$75			

DIVISION 521 - YOUTH FEATURE BOOTH

Class

- 1 FFA Special Feature Booth
- 2 4-H Special Feature Booth
- 3 Other Youth Organizations

4-H/FFA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

4-H & FFA ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

1. Individuals will be allowed to enter a maximum of 30 exhibits.
2. Each exhibitor must either have produced the product or item or must have owned the item at least 60 days prior to the Fair.
3. Each exhibit must be properly labeled as to variety, where applicable, and must designate the division and class as indicated in the entry catalog.
4. Exhibits must be free from injurious insects and diseases, must be marketable, and must have common and/or botanical names on an adequate label.
5. All gallon and five-gallon cans must be either clean, wrapped in foil, or painted black.
6. The judge may extract cutting(s) for examination.

AWARDS

Best of Show – (Division 522 -524) Rosette & \$25.00

1st 2nd 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 522 - FFA PLANTS

Class

- 1 Standard Flat
- 2 6 Plant Pack
- 3 2 1/4" to 4" Container
- 4 Miniature, 3" Pot Maximum
- 5 4 1/2" to 6" Pot
- 6 1-Gallon Container
- 7 8" to 10" Pot
- 8 Hanging House Plants, 10" Pot
- 9 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

DIVISION 523 – TREES, BUSHES OR VINES

Class

- 1 Seedling, i.e. grape seedling, tomato seedling, etc. (2 1/4" to 4" Pot)
- 2 Rooted Cutting (2 1/4" to 4" Pot)
- 3 1-Gallon Container
- 4 5-Gallon Container

DIVISION 524 – 4-H ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

Class

- 1 Cactus or Succulents, Specify
- 2 Dish Gardens
- 3 House Plants, Hanging
- 4 House Plants, Other
- 5 Seedling, shrub or tree cutting
- 6 Terrariums
- 7 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

4-H/FFA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

FFA AGRICULTURE MECHANICS

1. Students entering exhibits in agricultural mechanics must be regularly enrolled in a high school that is following the California State Plan for Vocational Agriculture.
2. Although the exhibitor need not own the exhibits, all must be the products of students as a regular part of their instruction in Agricultural Mechanics for the past year. The student exhibitor must have been at least the major contributor to the building or repairing of the exhibit. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year. An article may not be entered in more than one class and each exhibitor may not enter more than one article from the same pattern. Display cards must be filled out and attached to each exhibit, giving a brief summary of the student exhibitor's project.
3. LIMIT: 2 entries of like kind per exhibitor per class.
4. Articles MUST be labeled or tagged, or they will not be accepted. Computer generated exhibit tags will be available for instructors for labeling purposes.
5. BEST JOB OF WELDING AND BEST AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:
 - A. Exhibitor must indicate on their **Online Entry Registration** that this is an entry for "**Best Job of Welding**" or "**Best Ag Mechanics Project**". (In the description Field).
 - B. A detailed written report on the project for all entries in these categories should include the following:
Cost of project, purpose of project and progressive pictures if possible. Minimum requirement - one picture of project in use.
6. No exhibit owned by a chapter or club, or conducted as a joint project by two or more individuals, is eligible in the junior department unless the division or class specifically so states.
7. All exhibits MUST remain on display until the published release time. The removal of exhibits prior to the official release time will result in the loss of all premiums and awards.

AWARDS

FFA BEST JOB OF WELDING - (Division 525 - 526) ROSETTE & \$50.00
FFA BEST AG MECHANICS PROJECT - (Division 525 - 526) ROSETTE & \$50.00
1st - 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

Note: All Rope Work must be tied individually and not together as a unit. Each rope must be labeled with the type of knot and student name.

DIVISION 525 - FFA SMALL PROJECTS

Class

- 1 Cold Metal - Hasp, Shelf Brackets, Shoe Scraper, Tool Grinding Gauge, or Any Other Like Item, Specify
- 2 Plumbing – Sprinkler, or Any Other Like item, Specify
- 3 Electrical - Extension Cord, Trouble Light, or Any Other Like Item, Specify
- 4 Rope Work - Crown Splice
- 5 Rope Work - Loop Splice
- 6 Rope Work - Short Splice
- 7 Rope work - Any Other (Halters, etc.), Specify
- 8 Sheet Metal - Feed Scoop, Parts Box, or Any Other Like Item, Specify
- 9 Welding and Forging - Chipping Hammer, Cold Chisel, Punches, Hay Hooks, Latches, Steel Post Driver, Welding Rod Holder, or Any Other Like Item, Specify
- 10 Woodwork - Hanging Planter, Mineral Supply Unit, Nail Box, Rabbit Nest Box, Small Grain Feeder, Spotting Board, or Any Other Like Item, Specify

4-H/FFA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

DIVISION 526 - FFA LARGE PROJECTS

Materials Value \$50-\$250

Class

- 1 Welding, Specify (individual)
- 2 Woodwork, Specify (individual)
- 3 Combination, (individual)
- 4 Any Other Not Listed, Specify (individual)
- 5 Welding, Specify (group)
- 6 Woodwork, Specify (group)
- 7 Combination, (group)
- 8 Any Other Not Listed, Specify (group)
- 9 Any Item, materials value \$250 to \$600, Specify
- 10 Any Item, materials over \$600, Specify
- 11 Repaired Farm Equipment

Large Group Items

- 12 Any group Item, materials value \$250 to \$600, Specify
- 13 Any group Item materials over \$600, Specify

FFA AGRICULTURE MECHANICS SILENT AUCTION

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

Exhibitors, entered in Division 526, who would like to sell their agricultural mechanics project at the Tulare County Fair, can do so by participating in the Ag Mechanics Silent Auction. The auction takes place; runs concurrently and adjacent to the Heifer Replacement Sale on **Saturday, September 14 & Junior Livestock Auction on Sunday, September 15.**

Entry Guidelines:

Entry Maximum: Limited to one entry per person.

Rules and Information:

1. Entry deadline for participating in the Ag Mechanic Silent Auction is **Sunday, August 18, by 11:30pm online.**
2. Projects to be auctioned must have been entered in this year's FFA Agriculture Mechanics Division 526.
3. On the online entry registration, please list the sale price or NFS next to the entry description in parentheses. Online entries will be asked if item is for silent auction and asked for a sale price. If not selling enter **(NFS)** as sale price.
4. All projects sold will be assessed with an auction cost fee of 6% which will be used to defray auction costs. Checks will be mailed to the exhibitor once all silent auction buyers are completely paid. We accept checks, credit cards or cash.
5. Students selling projects are obligated to help with the auction activities during the hours of 10:00AM to 6:00PM on both selling days.
6. Only projects made in school under the supervision of a vocational instructor may be entered. **There will be no independent entries.**
7. Projects exhibited must have been started and completed during the current school/project year.
8. Projects made from assembly kits are not eligible. Component parts should be made by the exhibitor whenever possible.
9. Failure to comply with the Silent Auction Rules will result in a student's ineligibility to participate in the auction.

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10. Items that have been declared for sale will be moved into the area adjacent to the sale ring arena on sale day. Exhibitors are responsible to move their item to barn by **9:00AM Saturday, September 14**.
11. **No For Sale** signs will be allowed. Failure to follow this rule will result in the item not being included in the silent auction.
12. It is the responsibility to be promoted by the exhibitor; advisor and/or teachers of the exhibitor.

Silent Auction Bids

1. All bidders need to have a registered buyer number issued through the Junior Livestock Office. Bidder numbers can be requested prior to Auction Day and picked up on auction day or obtained at the buyer's registration table on auction day.
2. Bids for the auction will be accepted on Auction Days, Saturday, September 14 & Sunday, September 15 from 8:00 a.m. and closing at 4:00 p.m.
3. The Winners of the Silent Auction Item will be posted at 5:00pm; on Sunday September 15 at the payment area of the Junior Livestock Auction area.
4. All silent auction items **must be paid** in full by 6:00pm on Sunday, September 15. Failure to do so will result in the item going to the next highest bidder.
5. Winning bidders who have paid for their items per item 3 above can pick up the item on Sunday, September 15, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm or make arrangements with the Fair Management team for pick up on Monday, September 16.

4-H SCIENCES

1. **LIMIT:** 2 different exhibits per class.
2. Collections or exhibits must have been made within one year of the opening of the fair.
3. List year in project on Entry Form.

AWARDS

Best of Show - (Divisions 527 - 529)- Rosette & \$25.00

1st - 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 527 - 4-H MISCELLANEOUS SCIENCES

Class

- 1 Entomology
- 2 Veterinary Science
- 3 Bee Keeping
- 4 Aerospace projects
- 5 Small Engines
- 6 Welding
- 7 Electrical Science
- 8 Wood Science
- 9 Any Other Not Listed, Specify
- 10 Mechanical Science

DIVISION 528 - LEATHER CRAFT

Class

- 1 1st Year Project Members
- 2 2nd & 3rd Year Project Members
- 3 4th Year and Above Project Members

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BEGINNING 4-H

Refer to rules in regular 4-H Divisions of Foods, Clothing, etc., for quantities, labeling and other specific requirements applicable to this division.

DIVISION 529 - BEGINNING 4-H

Class

- 1 Plants and Ag/Hort.
- 2 Baked Goods and Preserved Foods
- 3 All Other Items, Specify

4-H CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

1. Each exhibit is to be listed separately and identified by name (dress, crochet pillowcase, etc.) online.
2. Cleanliness: Exhibits that are soiled will be disqualified and not displayed.
3. Pillows must be finished on back and have pillow inside.
4. Exhibitors are limited entry in one division only.

AWARDS

Best of Show (Divisions 530-532)-ROSETTE & \$25.00

1st - 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 530 - BEGINNING CLOTHING (1st Year)

DIVISION 531 - INTERMEDIATE (2nd & 3rd Year)

DIVISION 532 - ADVANCED CLOTHING (4th Year and above)

Class

- 1 Clothing, Any type, Specify
- 2 Pillows, Any type, Specify
- 3 Any other item not listed, Specify

4-H SEWING CONTEST

1. Open to all Tulare County 4-H members entered in 4-H Clothing and Textiles Division.
2. Fabric used can be a WOOL OR COTTON blend, not less than 65% WOOL or 65% COTTON. Fabrics must be identified by hang tags, labels, end of selvage, or sales slip, signed at store of purchase stating content.
3. Exhibitor may enter same item in both clothing Divisions and this contest.

AWARDS

Best of Show (Divisions 533) – ROSETTE & \$25.00

1st - 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 533 - 4-H SEWING CONTEST

Class

- 1 Cotton - All Contestants, describe garment
- 2 Wool - All Contestants, describe garment

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4-H HOME FURNISHINGS

1. **LIMIT: 2** different exhibits, each to be listed separately by name online. An exhibit may consist of an item judged individually or a coordinated exhibit consisting of three to five items not entered elsewhere. Emphasis to be on the coordination of colors, texture, patterns, and shapes.
2. Exhibitors are limited to entries in one division.
3. **NOTE:** All entries must state which items were made by the exhibitor.

AWARDS

Best of Show (Divisions 534) - ROSETTE & \$25.00

1st - 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 534 - HOME FURNISHING - Exhibitor in 1st or 2nd Project Year

Class

- 1 Beginner Single Item, Specify
- 2 Intermediate Single Item, Specify
- 3 Advanced Single Item, Specify
- 4 Coordinated Exhibit

4-H ARTS & CRAFTS

1. Includes projects in Ceramics, Macrame, Leather Crafts, Flower Arrangements, Decoupage, Pictures, Needlepoint, Liquid Embroidery, Weaving, Spinning, etc.
2. If a member is entering an item that is pre-cut or pre-stamped, the member must attach a note stating which portion of the item was completed. Members should select articles to do within their ability and will be judged on the neatness and artistry of the exhibit.
3. All entries in the 4-H Arts and Crafts divisions must have been produced by the exhibitor within one year of the opening day of the fair.
4. **LIMIT: 2** different exhibits, each to be listed separately by name online.

AWARDS

Best of Show (Divisions 535-538) – ROSETTE & \$25.00

1st - 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 535 – 1st YEAR ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISION 536 – 2nd YEAR ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISION 537 – 3rd YEAR ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISION 538 – 4th YEAR AND ABOVE ARTS & CRAFTS

Class

- 1 Computer Art
- 2 Floral Design
- 3 Holiday Crafts
- 4 Jewelry
- 5 Photo Albums/Scrapbooks
- 6 Tole Painting & Painted Items
- 7 Any Other Craft Item Not Listed, Specify

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4-H PHOTOGRAPHY

ALL PHOTOS MUST BE UPLOADED WHEN PROMPTED DURING THE ONLINE PROCESS.

1. All entries must have been taken and prepared within one year of the opening day of the Fair.
2. Prints must have been taken by the exhibitor but may have been processed by photo finishers.
3. Unless otherwise stated size is optional, up to 16"x20".
4. If a photograph has been digitally enhanced or altered, it must be entered in digitally enhanced class. A photograph is considered digitally enhanced/altered if any changes were made to the print (red eye correction, adjusting brightness, contrast, or balance, adding images, etc.). If a photograph was taken with a digital camera but no changes were made, it would be entered in the regular photography classes.
5. All prints must be mounted on a photography mounting board or foam core (no construction paper or other flimsy product) with a 2-inch border. **It is recommended that spray adhesive be used to attach photographs to the mounting board. Exhibitor's name and phone number must be listed on the upper left corner of the back of each mount.** To display an effective photo exhibit, the colors used for mounting boards have not been limited. No framed prints will be allowed.
6. **All photo need to have the Male & Female Velcro on all four edges of the Matting Board.**
7. Exhibitors may enter up to 4 entries per class but may only receive premiums for 2 entries per class.
8. The Tulare County Fair reserves the right to use any prints exhibited for publicity purposes.
9. Exhibitors may only make entries in one division.

AWARDS

Best of Show – Overall (Divisions 539-541) – ROSETTE & \$25.00

Champion Color Photo

Champion Black and White Photo

Champion Digitally Enhanced Photo

1st - 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 539 - NOVICE- 4th – 5th GRADES

DIVISION 540 - JUNIOR- 6th – 8th GRADES

DIVISION 541 - SENIOR – 9th GRADE & ABOVE

Class

- 1 Color Prints, Action
- 2 Color Prints, Animal
- 3 Color Prints, Nature Study/Landscape
- 4 Color Prints, Portrait, People
- 5 Color Prints, Still Life
- 6 Black & White Prints, Any subject
- 7 Special Effects (Color or B/W)
- 8 **Fair Theme** - (Color or B/W) – (Stars, Stripes & Honoring our Heroes)
- 9 Digitally Enhanced Color Prints, Any subject
- 10 Digitally Enhanced Black and White Prints, Any subject
- 11 Photo Story, 3 to 5 prints on a single mount
- 12 Digitally Enhanced Photo Story, 3 to 5 prints on a single mount
- 13 Best photo taken at last year's Fair (2023)

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4-H DECORATED CAKES

1. Judged for decoration only, fake bottoms may be used.

AWARDS

Best of Show (Divisions 542-543) – ROSETTE & \$25.00
1st - 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 542 - 4-H DECORATED CAKE (Buttercream Icing ONLY)

DIVISION 543 - 4-H DECORATED CAKE (Fondant ONLY)

(Please list year in Project on Entry Form)

Class

- 1 Birthday
- 2 Holiday, Specify
- 3 **Fair Theme** (Stars, Stripes and Honoring our Heroes)
- 4 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

4-H FOOD PRESERVATION

1. **LIMIT:** An exhibitor may not enter more than **4** entries total. Each entry must be a different product, or the same product preserved by a different method.
2. Entry sheet must list the type of product (Fruit, Vegetable, Preserves, etc.) and the method of process used (Canning or Drying).
3. All entries must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor within one year of the opening day of the fair.
4. **Please include 1 jar for each item.**
5. **CONTAINERS:** Standard canning jars are to be used, Mason, Ball, or any other standard canning jar.
 - a. Fruits and vegetables - clear glass, wide or narrow jar.
 - b. Jellies - clear glass, standard or sculptured jelly glasses (sealed lids), at least 4 oz. size.
 - c. **PARAFFIN SEALED JELLIES & JAMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**
6. Each jar must be labeled stating name of exhibitor, date prepared, type of product and process used (i.e. Apricot Jam, Pectin Method; Apricot halves, Water Bath Processed; etc.) and have jar ring firmly twisted on.
7. **Non-acid** foods, all vegetables, meats, poultry, and fish must be canned under pressure. **Low acid** fruits, such as figs, should be made more acid by adding lemon juice, as directed in the University of California Agricultural Extension Service leaflet, Home Canning of Fruits. Foods **high in acid**, i.e., tomatoes and fruits (not including their juices) must be processed in a boiling water bath.
8. Exhibits may not be taste-tested but will be opened for inspection. Appearance and Texture can be used as judging criteria.
9. Dried food products must be sealed in jars or zip-lock bags. Required quantity of dried food product is 6 pieces.

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AWARDS

Best of Show (Division 544-546) – Rosette & \$25.00

1st- 3rd- Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 544 - BEG. 4-H PRESERVED FOODS- 1st & 2nd Year in Project

DIVISION 545 - JUNIOR 4-H PRESERVED FOODS - 3rd & 4th Year in Project

DIVISION 546 - ADVANCED 4-H PRESERVED FOODS – 5th + in Project

Class

- 1 Canned Fruits
- 2 Canned Jams, Jellies, etc.
- 3 Canned Pickles and Relishes
- 4 Canned Vegetables
- 5 Dried Fruits
- 6 Dried Herbs, Spices
- 7 Dried Meats
- 8 Dried Vegetables
- 9 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

4-H TABLE SETTINGS

1. One entry per exhibitor. Tables awarded to first 7 entries received. Settings must remain displayed for duration of Fair.
2. Table setting does not need to include all the dishes used in a full meal - only use pieces needed to create an attractive, artistic arrangement. The menu must be original.
3. Centerpiece should be original and made of non-perishable material, not commercial.
3. Settings will be allotted an 18" deep x 24" wide space.
4. Setting MUST be done by exhibitor. **ASSISTANCE WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.**

AWARDS

Best of Show (Divisions 547-548) – ROSETTE & \$25.00

1st- 3rd- Place Ribbons in Each Class

DIVISION 547 - 4-H FUNCTIONAL TABLE SETTING

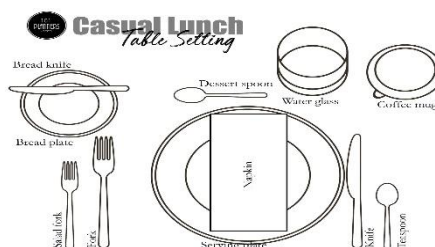
DIVISION 548- 4-H EXHIBITIONAL TABLE SETTING

Class

- 1 6th Grade and Under
- 2 7th and 8th Grade
- 3 9th Grade and above

SCORE CARD

Correctness	15%
Over-All Appearance	25%
Appropriateness	15%
Originality	20%
Artistic Arrangement	20%
Menu	5%



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STUDENT LANDSCAPE PLOTS

PLOT AVAILABLE TO WORK ON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setup Thursday, September 5, - Sunday, September 8, 10:00am to 5:00pm
PLOT MUST BE COMPLETED BY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, September 9, 12:00pm
JUDGING (Closed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, September 10

- Eight (8) 10' x 15' spots are available. One entry per exhibitor per class. Additional spots may be applied for at time of entry for spots that are not filled (limit one additional spot per organization / individual). Additional spots will be awarded based upon date / time of request receipt.
- After judging, the exhibitors may display their name on a sign not to exceed 18" x 24".
- Two (2) passes per spot per day will be issued for maintaining the garden. All maintenance, i.e. watering, replacement of plants must be done prior to fair opening each day. Enter through the livestock gate.
- Check in Junior Building for plot assignments and to receive passes.**
- Gardens **MUST** be designed, constructed, and installed by club members only. Adults are only to advise. **Adult help may cause the exhibit to be disqualified.**
- Exhibit must be a minimum 50% living plant material of which 20% must be flowers. Flowers are defined as any flowering plant with at least 40% of that plant in bloom.
- This division will be judged using the American System.
- It is advised but not required to label any material used in the display by name (i.e. plants and flowers by name) so that the education value of the project is met.

AWARDS

Best of Show – (Division 549) Rosette & \$50.00
1st - 3rd - Place Ribbons in Each Class

SCORE CARD

Use of Plant Material	30%
Originality	15%
Attract Attention – Stopping Power	15%
Use of Fair Theme	10%
Conveys Message – Accomplishes Purpose	10%
General Appearance – Simple, balanced	10%
Workmanship – Neat, well-constructed	10%

DIVISION 549 – STUDENT GARDENS

Class

- 4-H Student Gardens
- FFA Student Gardens
- Independent Student Gardens

