

2025 PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR

OPEN YOUTH HAY BALE DECORATING CONTEST



CONTEST COMMITTEE:	Putnam County Fair Youth Advisory Committee
CONTEST COORDINATOR:	Christy Brauman, 386-546-8603
ENTRY DEADLINES:	Friday, February 28, 2025 - Contact Christy (above) in fair office by 5pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Entrants MUST submit a sketch/diagram, including your group name, a contact name and contact cell phone number, to the Fair Office via email: putfair@gmail.com
DATE/ TIME TO DECORATE:	Thursday, March 20, 2025 , 3 – 8pm.
JUDGING:	Friday, March 21, 2025 , prior to fair opening
PICKUP/CLEAN-UP:	Monday, March 30, 2025 ; pick up ALL hay bales and décor. Anything left will be tossed in the dumpster.
LOCATION:	Putnam County Fairgrounds, Ag Village 118 Fairgrounds Rd, E. Palatka, FL 32131

Rules & Regulations

- Entry is limited only to the first 10 youth groups, youth clubs or youth organizations (ie. Church groups, scouts, ball team, etc).
- ALL Entrants **MUST** submit a sketch/diagram of your design including your group name, contact name and a cell phone for contact to the FAIR OFFICE via email to putfair@gmail.com.
- All entries must promote the Putnam County Agricultural Fair Theme. The **2025 Theme is “ TBD”**
- Your club/chapter will be responsible for providing your own decorating materials. All items must be safe. The base of your project may be made out of the following items: Hay bales or rolls, Tires, Pallets, Wheel Barrows, etc. You may use as many as you need, but space is limited. Requested space is 10 feet by 10 feet, but can have minor adjustments. You may contact the contest coordinator (listed above) with any questions.
- Fair authorities will decide where your project will be placed on the fairgrounds based on size and need of space. Someone will call the contact person on Monday or Tuesday prior to fair opening to let you know what area you have been assigned.
- Displays will need to be decorated on the **Thursday** listed above. IF spray painting is needed we ask that you do it before hay is delivered to fairgrounds. If you need to paint once on fairgrounds, the fair has tarps you must use to protect the property around your display. Painting is the only thing that can be completed before the decorating time. All other assembly must be done in the assigned time span. All areas must be completed by 8:00 p.m. and your area must be clear of any debris that is not part of the display.
- The displays should be decorated with good, clean, wholesome nature. No vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed. We encourage your displays to be a picturesque display. Fairgoers may want to take pictures around your display during the opening hours of the fair.
- Decorations must be weather and wind proof and all parts of the display need to be stable (won't fall over, fly away, etc.)
- No political party signs of any kind are allowed. Commercial/business signs are allowed if they sponsored your display.
- We encourage parents/adults to oversee this project but we need to see the kids taking a very active role.** Parents should only help when there is a threat of injury to a student. Only displays that were done by a youth majority will be included in judging.
- MANDATORY:** pick up ALL hay bales and décor the Sunday after the fair concludes. Anything left will be tossed in the dumpster.
- Any and all rules, regulations and/or requirements are subject to change due to any federal, state and local government mandate. If such changes occur, a notification (or notifications) will be issued to agents, instructors, advisors and registered participants via the official registered contact information on file

* This is a way of promoting your chapter or club and to let the community know we support agricultural growth in our area. This also helps add a personal touch to our local fair. Not to mention, bragging rights are in order!