



HAY BALE DECORATING CONTEST RULES

Superintendent: Nik Whitener

Online entries open November 6, 2023 and close at midnight March 15, 2024. No paper entries.

ELIGIBILITY:

- All members of the Team, Group, or Family must be Clay County residents.
- Entry should be made as a team or group project.
- All entries must be turned into the Fair Office from website or hand delivered by March 15, 2024. Late entries will not be accepted including postal postmark. It is your responsibility to make sure that your entry form has been received.
- All entries must submit a sketch/diagram of decoration drawn in ink.
- All entries must promote the Clay County Fair theme “Lucky 4the Fair” The sketch/diagram must clearly outline the decoration of the hay bale.

SPECIFIC SHOW RULES:

- If entries exceed available space, entry invites will be issued on a first come, first filled basis.
- Teams/Groups will be notified by email if they have been selected to participate by March 20, 2024.
- The Clay County Fair Association will provide a round bale for each participating Team/Group/Family to decorate.
- The Fair Association will place the hay bales on and around the fairgrounds. You will receive an email with a map for your assigned space. You can decorate the hay bales on April 2nd and April 3rd from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (All decorating must be completed by 5:00 P.M. on April 3rd)
- The bales should be decorated with a good clean wholesome nature. No vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed. This includes people rolled up inside a bale with feet or head sticking out.
- Bales can be placed lying on their side or standing on end. This will be your choice. Please specify position of bale in your sketch/diagram plans. If you plan to use and provide small rectangular bales (maximum 8 bales) for feet or decoration please list in your sketch/diagram plans. For safety purposes round bales will not be stacked on top of each other.
- Decorations should be weather and wind-proof.
- Paint may be applied to the hay bale or grass.
- NO Commercial or Political party signs of ANY KIND are allowed.
- Decorations may not be removed from bales before 7:00pm, Sunday, April 14, 2024. Decorations not removed by 2:00 P.M. on Monday, April 15, 2024 will be discarded. The Fair Association is not responsible for any decorations!

AWARDS: Entries will be judged on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, creativity, use of materials and the fair theme. Do not put any identifying marks on your entry of who you are prior to judging.

All award money will be forfeited if not collected by the end of the Fair.

1 st Place	\$350	Rosette
2 nd Place	\$225	Rosette
3 rd Place	\$125	Rosette
People's Choice	\$50	Rosette