

Open Youth Division

Section 1—Entering the Fair

All exhibitors must be a Lea County Resident. All Open Youth entries will be accepted on the Lea County Fairgrounds in the Yucca building during the following times: Sunday, August 4, 2024 from 12pm (noon) to 3 pm and Monday, August 5, 2024 from 1 pm to 7 pm.

Exhibitors may pre-enter through the Lea County Fair website OR by mailing or faxing an Open Youth Entry Form into the Lea County Extension Office. An Entry Form is located on the Lea County Fair website www.leacountyfair.net or in this book. Online entries will close July 19, 2024 at 5pm. All forms must be into the Lea County Extension Office by August 1, 2024.

The following age groups will classify all exhibitors. The age is based on the current age or the grade in school just completed as of May 2024.

Booster: Ages 5 to 8 (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade)

Novice: Ages 9 to 11 (3rd Grade to 5th Grade)

Junior: Ages 12 to 13 (6th Grade to 7th Grade)

Senior: Ages 14 to 18 (8th Grade to 12th Grade)

Entry fees are \$1.00 each for the first 3 entries; there will be no charge for additional entries. Youth will be subject to entry fees in other departments (ie. Junior Livestock, 4-H Indoor Entries, Farm and Garden or Flower Show).

Premiums will be as follows for all classes: 1st Place: \$2.00; 2nd Place: \$1.00. On Sunday, August 11, 2024, premiums will be paid out. Any premiums not collected on that day will be forfeited.

All entries must be the work of the exhibitors and completed since the 2023 Lea County Fair. An exhibitor may not enter more than one piece of his/her work in any one class. If assistance is needed in placing items, please call the Lea County Extension Office, 575-396-2819.

Home canned foods must be been canned in current growing season or since the 2023 Lea County Fair and must use current/standard home canning procedures. All jars must be labeled and dated with the following information: Name of Product; Date of Preparation; Processing Method; and Length of Processing Time. For Home Canning Resources, please see the Adult Creative Arts Food Preservation Division. Dehydrated Foods must be in airtight, clear containers and labeled. Exhibitors are reminded, when home canning food in Lea County, New Mexico, altitude adjustments must be made.

No convenience or purchased mixes may be used for food entries. All food entries must be from scratch, using a recipe with a minimum of 5 ingredients. Food entries must be put on a small plate and placed inside a re-sealable plastic bag. Pies, cakes and bread loaves need to be covered properly.

All Cross Stitch articles and Fine Arts articles must be framed and or matted and ready for hanging. This does not apply to towels, napkins, bib etc.

Classes listed as “Any Other Items Not Listed” was created to provide for new items or items that do not have a place in another class. No new classes will be created, unless necessitated by the Department Superintendent.

Photography must be mounted—no glass. It is recommended that photographs be mounted on standard mounting board or foam board. Please do not use poster board to mount photos.

Items too large for display will not be accepted for judging. The department workers and the Lea County Fair Board will have the final say on displayed items. For safety all Open Youth exhibits will need to fit into locked display cases.

Section 2—Judging

Judging will be based on the American system. The judges are instructed to award premiums based on merit. All exhibits will be placed according to their worthiness. Exhibits will be placed 1st through 5th place.

Section 3—Removal of Items

Open Youth entries will be released Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 8 am to 1 pm. Items not picked up or left after Sunday, August 11, 2024 will be disposed of at the discretion of the Superintendent and the Lea County Fair.

Open Youth Sweepstakes
Prize: \$150.00 and Rosette

Entry Rules:

The Creative Arts Sweepstakes is open to any youth (age 19 and under) exhibiting in the Open Youth Department. For any questions regarding the Sweepstakes, classification of exhibits, etc. please call the Lea County Extension Office at (575) 396-2819.

To enter the Open Youth Sweepstakes, the Exhibitor MUST Pre-Enter all Sweepstakes Entries using the online entry system or complete a Open Youth Pre-Entry form by August 1, 2024. When entering online, select the Open Youth Sweepstakes class as well as list all 16 entries in the appropriate classes. Any Open Youth Sweepstakes Entry not pre-entered, will not be accepted, and those entries will be received as general exhibits.

The Exhibitor must exhibit in four (4) divisions of the Open Youth Department. A division is defined as Sewing & Needle Art, General Handicraft, Photography, Food Preservation, Baked Goods and Confections, Fine Arts. The Exhibitor must exhibit four (4) entries in their chosen divisions. An entry is defined as the item or set of items exhibited under a specific class number.

Four (4) entries in Sewing & Needle Art
Four (4) entries in General Handicraft
Four (4) entries in Photography

Four (4) entries in Food Preservation
Four (4) entries in Baked Goods and Confections
Four (4) entries in Fine Arts

Only sixteen (16) entries will be considered for Sweepstakes points, all other entries will be treated as regular exhibits. Any Exhibitor choosing to bring more than 16 items to the Open Youth Department will be asked to declare those items for sweepstakes, prior to the judging.

Due to the large amount of entries, Open Youth Sweepstakes entries MUST Be Pre Entered. The Sweepstakes exhibitor submit their entry form to the Lea County Extension Office by August 1, 2024 or enter their entries online from June 1 to July 19, 2024.

Points will be awarded according to placing results. The points will be distributed as follows:

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| a. 1 st Place: 5 points | d. 4 th Place: 2 points |
| b. 2 nd Place: 4 points | e. 5 th Place: 1 point |
| c. 3 rd Place: 3 points | |

Sweepstakes Awards:

The Open Youth Sweepstakes winner will be announced at 12 noon, Tuesday, August 6, 2024 in the Yucca Building. The winner will need to be present for photos for the newspaper. The winner of the Open Youth Sweepstakes will be awarded a Rosette and \$150.00, in addition to their premium amount. The winner's exhibits will be showcased in the Yucca Building.

Open Youth Cookie Jar Contest
Prize: \$150.00 and Rosette

General Rules:

Exhibitors must enter Cookie Jar Contest Division in the Open Youth Foods, Class 3076A, in the Open Youth Department. Exhibitors must be any youth (age 19 and under).

Cookie Jars must be clear glass or transparent plastic, wide mouth and one (1) gallon capacity. The jar must be suitable for food use.

Decoration of the jar will be at the discretion of the Exhibitor. The decoration on the jar, should only cover two-thirds (2/3) of the jar. The middle third (1/3) of the jar or 3-inches should be left clear to view the cookies. While in the display case, the cookies should be visible in the jar. The Department Superintendent and volunteers are not responsible for any decorations that might come off due to poor adherence. All decorations for the jar should be food safe and easily cleanable including glued items and paint used.

The jar must be filled with a minimum of 2 dozen cookies of 4 different varieties. All cookies exhibited in the jar must be made from scratch. No cookies using premade, purchased or convenience mixes will be accepted. Each cookie should be a different variety (ie. Chocolate Chip, Snicker Doodle, Oatmeal, Pressed Cookie, etc.). Any Cookie Jar exhibited with the same base cookie, but different fillings (chips, nuts, sprinkles, etc.) will not be judged. For judging purposes, entries must include a small box that contains one (1) of each variety of cookie in the cookie jar. The Cookie Jar will remain sealed during the fair.

The judging of the cookie jar will be weighted 60% Cookies and 40% Jar. The cookies will be judged based on appearance, texture, uniformity, and color. The jar will be judged on function, originality and decoration of the container.

The Cookie Jar winner will be announced at 12 noon, Tuesday, August 6, 2024 in the Yucca Building. The winner will need to be present for photos for the newspaper.

The winner of the Cookie Jar Contest will receive a Rosette and \$150.00 award.

THE WINNING JAR WILL BE RETURNED TO THE EXHIBITOR!

Open Youth Home Economics

Sewing

- 3000. Apron
- 3001. Blouse/Shirt
- 3002. Skirt
- 3003. Shorts
- 3004. Pants
- 3005. Casual Dress
- 3006. Formal Dress
- 3007. Jumper
- 3008. Jumpsuit/Romper
- 3009. Coordinated Outfit—Casual (2 or more pieces)
- 3010. Coordinated Outfit—Formal (2 or more pieces)
- 3011. Night wear
- 3012. Patchwork Pillow
- 3013. Pillowcase
- 3014. Sewn Accessories (Belt, Necklace, etc.)
- 3015. Household Item (Towel, Pillow, etc.)
- 3016. Bags (Totebag, Purse, etc.)
- 3017. Bags, Zippered
- 3018. Embellished item (Must include a sewing technique)
- 3019. Any Other Sewing Item
- 3020. Doll Clothing—18 inch Doll
- 3021. Doll Clothing—Any Size
- 3022. Doll Accessory

Needle Art

- 3023. Small Knitted Item
- 3024. Large Knitted Item
- 3025. Small Crocheted Item
- 3026. Large Crocheted Item
- 3027. Pillows (Needlepoint, Cross Stitch, Embroidery, etc.)
- 3028. Needlepoint
- 3029. Embroidery—Transfer Design
- 3030. Embroidery—Stamped Design
- 3031. Cross Stitch—Counted
- 3032. Cross Stitch—Stamped
- 3033. Quilted Wall Hanging
- 3034. Quilt As You Go
- 3035. Quilted Item—Small
- 3036. Quilted Item—Large
- 3037. Latch Hook
- 3038. Plastic Canvas
- 3039. Decorated Sweatshirt or T-Shirt (Must include a Needle Art Technique)
- 3040. Loom Woven Potholder
- 3041. Weaving
- 3042. String Art
- 3043. Any Other Needle Art

Open Youth Foods

Quick Baked Breads

Exhibitors should bring entire loaf or 3 of the items below for exhibit.

- 3044. Biscuits
- 3045. Muffins, Plain
- 3046. Muffins, Other
- 3047. Nut Bread
- 3048. Vegetable Bread
- 3049. Fruit Bread
- 3050. Brownies or Bar Cookie
- 3051. Flour Tortillas
- 3052. Cornbread
- 3053. Scones
- 3054. Coffee Cake
- 3055. Any Other Quick Bread

Yeast Breads

Exhibitors should bring an entire loaf or 3 rolls of the items below for exhibit.

- 3056. Loaf, Whole Grain
- 3057. Loaf, White
- 3058. Plain Rolls
- 3059. Sweet Rolls
- 3060. Any Other Yeast Bread

Cakes

- 3061. Whole Butter Cake
- 3062. Whole Frosted Cake
- 3063. Whole Fancy Decorated Cake
- 3064. Whole Coffee Cake
- 3065. Any Other Cake

Pies

- 3066. Whole Nut Pie
- 3067. Whole Fruit Pie, Double Crust
- 3068. Whole Fruit Pie, Single Crust
- 3069. Whole Cobbler

Cookies

Exhibitors should bring 3 of the items below for exhibit.

- 3070. Chocolate Chip Cookie
- 3071. Oatmeal Cookie
- 3072. Peanut Butter Cookie
- 3073. Thumbprint/Filled Cookie
- 3074. No Bake Cookies
- 3075. Sugar Cookies
- 3076. Any Other Cookies
- 3076A. Cookie Jar Contest

Candy

Exhibitors should bring 3 of the items below for exhibit.

- 3077. Fudge
- 3078. Divinity
- 3079. Fondants
- 3080. Peanut Butter
- 3081. Caramels
- 3082. Peanut Patties
- 3083. Pralines
- 3084. Any Other Candy

Open Youth Home Canning

All jars should be labeled with Name of Product, Date of Preparation, Processing Method and Length of Processing Time.

Vegetables

- 3085. Beets
- 3086. Pinto Beans
- 3087. Snap Beans
- 3088. Carrots
- 3089. Black-eyed Peas
- 3090. Tomatoes
- 3091. Any Other Vegetable

Fruits

- 3092. Applesauce
- 3093. Apricots
- 3094. Berries
- 3095. Peaches
- 3096. Pears
- 3097. Any Other Fruit

Pickles

- 3098. Bread and Butter
- 3099. Dill Pickles
- 3100. Quick Processed Dill Pickles
- 3101. Sweet Pickles
- 3102. Pickled Okra
- 3103. Relishes, Any
- 3104. Any Other Pickle Item

Jellies, Jams, Preserves

- 3105. Jelly, any flavor
- 3106. Jams, any flavor
- 3107. Fruit Butter, any flavor
- 3108. Marmalade, any flavor
- 3109. Preserves, any flavor
- 3110. Conserves, any flavor
- 3111. No Sugar Jelly or Jam, any flavor

Dehydrated Foods

Must provide ½ cup sample in clear, sealed jar. List Name of Product, Date of Preparation, and Drying Method.

- 3112. Fruit
- 3113. Vegetables
- 3114. Herbs
- 3115. Jerky
- 3116. Any Other Dehydrated Food

Open Youth Handicrafts and Fine Arts

Handicrafts

- 3117. Leathercraft, Small Item
- 3118. Leathercraft, Large Item
- 3119. Woodworking, Small Item
- 3120. Woodworking, Large Item
- 3121. Metal Art, Small Item
- 3122. Metal Art, Large Item
- 3123. Welding, Small Item
- 3124. Welding, Large Item
- 3125. Macramé
- 3126. Ceramics
- 3127. Pottery
- 3128. Decorated Scarves/Accessories (No Sewing Techniques)
- 3129. Beadwork—pens, bracelets
- 3130. Beadwork—trinket
- 3131. Beadwork—Necklace, Earrings, etc.
- 3132. Jewelry, Single piece
- 3133. Jewelry, 2 piece set
- 3134. Rock Art
- 3135. Christmas Decoration
- 3136. Other Holiday Decoration
- 3137. Table Decorations
- 3138. Fabric Novelty (Any craft using fabric)
- 3139. Recycled Craft
- 3140. Wall Hanging
- 3141. Posters
- 3142. Braiding
- 3143. Electricity
- 3144. Decorated Shirt (Not Sewn, Tie Dye, Painted, etc.)
- 3145. Decorated Wreath
- 3146. Door Decoration
- 3147. Paper Mache
- 3148. Dolls
- 3149. Short Story
- 3150. Poem
- 3151. Toy
- 3152. Duct Tape Creation
- 3153. Any Other Handicraft

Models and Sculptures

- 3154. Cars
- 3155. Aircraft
- 3156. Marine (Boats, Ships, etc.)
- 3157. Trains
- 3158. Lego Kit Creation, Small
- 3159. Lego Kit Creation, Large
- 3160. Lego Creation—Non Kit
- 3161. Kynex Kit Creation, Small
- 3162. Kynex Kit Creation, Large
- 3163. Rocket
- 3164. Space Craft

Scrapbooking

- 3165. Celebration of Event
- 3166. Holiday
- 3167. Vacation
- 3168. Sporting Event
- 3169. Digital Scrapbooking, Any Theme
- 3170. Other Scrapbook

Photography—Digital Black and White

- 3171. Action (Sports, Movement)
- 3172. Landscape
- 3173. Nature (Flowers, Plants, etc.)
- 3174. Pets, Wildlife, Domestic Animals, Birds, Insects
- 3175. People
- 3176. Historical Place
- 3177. Human Interest
- 3178. Still Life
- 3179. Scenic
- 3180. Panoramic Photo
- 3181. Photo Collage (must include 3 to 5 photos of one subject)

Photography—Digital Color

- 3182. Action (Sports, Movement)
- 3183. Landscape
- 3184. Nature (Flowers, Plants, etc.)
- 3185. Pets, Wildlife, Domestic Animals, Birds, Insects
- 3186. People
- 3187. Historical Place
- 3188. Human Interest
- 3189. Still Life
- 3190. Scenic
- 3191. Panoramic Photo
- 3192. Photo Collage (must include 3 to 5 photos of one subject)

Photography—Cell Phone

- 3193. Action (Sports, Movement)
- 3194. Landscape

- 3195. Nature (Flowers, Plants, etc.)
- 3196. Pets, Wildlife, Domestic Animals, Birds, Insects
- 3197. People
- 3198. Historical Place
- 3199. Human Interest
- 3200. Still Life
- 3201. Scenic
- 3202. Panoramic Photo
- 3203. Selfie
- 3204. Photo Collage (must include 3 to 5 photos of one subject)

Photography—Computer Enhanced

Computer Enhanced Photographs must have a before and after photo matted together. If only one photo is exhibited, it will be labeled for display only. Computer enhanced photographs are photos that have been significantly altered using photo software/app.

- 3205. Action (Sports, Movement)
- 3206. Landscape
- 3207. Nature (Flowers, Plants, etc.)
- 3208. Pets, Wildlife, Domestic Animals, Birds, Insects
- 3209. People
- 3210. Historical Place
- 3211. Human Interest
- 3212. Still Life
- 3213. Scenic
- 3214. Panoramic Photo
- 3215. Selfie
- 3216. Photo Collage (must include 3 to 5 photos of one subject)

Fine Arts—Oil

- 3217. Abstract/Impressionistic
- 3218. Animals, Birds or Insects
- 3219. Landscape
- 3220. Nature
- 3221. Portraits
- 3222. Still Life
- 3223. Western

Fine Arts—Acrylic

- 3224. Abstract/Impressionistic
- 3225. Animals, Birds or Insects
- 3226. Landscape
- 3227. Nature
- 3228. Portraits
- 3229. Still Life
- 3230. Western

Fine Arts—Watercolor/Pastels

- 3231. Abstract/Impressionistic
- 3232. Animals, Birds or Insects
- 3233. Landscape
- 3234. Nature
- 3235. Portraits
- 3236. Still Life
- 3237. Western

Fine Arts—Charcoal/Pencil/Ink Drawings

- 3238. Abstract/Impressionistic
- 3239. Animals, Birds or Insects
- 3240. Landscape
- 3241. Nature
- 3242. Portraits
- 3243. Still Life
- 3244. Western

Fine Arts—Other Media

- 3245. Sculpture, Stone
- 3246. Sculpture, Free Form
- 3247. Sculpture, Metal
- 3248. Sculpture, Any Other Material
- 3249. Pottery, Thrown
- 3250. Pottery, Hand Built
- 3251. Miniature (Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Pencil/Ink)
- 3252. Computer Generated Art

Open Youth Vocation Arts

Energy

- 3253. Academic Exhibit
- 3254. Small Project Exhibit
- 3255. Large Project Exhibit

Manufacturing

- 3256. Academic Exhibit
- 3257. Small Project Exhibit
- 3258. Large Project Exhibit

Culinary & Hospitality

- 3259. Academic Exhibit
- 3260. Small Project Exhibit
- 3261. Large Project Exhibit

Technology

- 3262. Academic Exhibit
- 3263. Small Project Exhibit
- 3264. Large Project Exhibit

Construction/Architecture

- 3265. Academic Exhibit
- 3266. Small Project Exhibit
- 3267. Large Project Exhibit

AgriScience/Ag Mechanics

- 3268. Academic Exhibit
- 3269. Small Project Exhibit
- 3270. Large Project Exhibit