

ENVIRONMENT & SPORTSMEN

This competition is open to ALL individuals with mounts, NOT just taxidermists.

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ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023

- Mount Entry Fee:** \$23.00 fee allows for unlimited entries throughout department (unless otherwise specifically noted). Fee includes a promo code for three (3) admission tickets to the fair. Promo Codes will be sent to exhibitors' email on Wednesday, August 9th. Parking is free.
- Booth Entry Fee:** \$23.00 Allows for 1 booth setup
- Entry Set-up:** Tuesday, August 8th between 7:00 AM and 2:00 PM OR Wednesday, August 9th between 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM
- Judging:** Friday, August 11th
- Entry Removal:** Monday, August 21st between 7:00 AM and 2:00 PM
- Prize Checks:** Monday, August 14th after 12:00 Noon at the building

In cooperation with Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc. (Booth Chairman, Amy Plecas) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, REGION 9
270 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14203, (716) 851-7000

General Conservation Department Rules

1. THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL ENTRIES. Please – no domestic species.
2. Booths must be set up by 10:00 AM on Wednesday, August 9, 2023
3. The Environment & Sportsmen Building will be open every day of the fair, 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM. With the exception of Friday, August 11th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM when the building will be closed for judging.
4. Individual exhibitors are required to be a resident of New York State. Exhibitors are not required to be a member of any sportsmen's club. Exhibits to be displayed are at the discretion of the Building Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.
5. Exhibits must have suitable means of attachment to facilitate display. HIDES, SKINS AND PELTS may be used in booth exhibits but will not be accepted to compete for prizes (except if they fit into the Wildlife Art Section).
6. Judging of booths will be based on originality and value in connection with various conservation and fair activities.
7. Entries limited to specimens collected from within North America (including Canada), North of the Mexican border.
8. Specimens entered will be judged on originality, value and work. Not necessarily by size, number of points, etc.
9. New York State Specimens and Out of State Specimens will not be competing against each other. They must be entered into their respective divisions.
10. Single mounts will be entered as a single mount. A group mount with more than one specimen attached will be entered as one; no matter how many specimens are included in the group.
11. Best in Show winning mounts may NOT be entered again for a 5-year term. The mounts may be put on display only. If you have any questions or wish to put your Best in Show winning mount on display, please contact the Superintendent.
12. If you cannot report to the assigned times for exhibit setup or removal, other arrangements must be previously made with a superintendent. Any exhibit not picked up by 2:00pm on Monday, August 21st is left at the risk of the exhibitor.

BOOTHS

PREMIUMS FOR CLASSES # 1 & 2 Blue - \$100.00 Red - \$75.00 Yellow - \$50.00 White - \$25.00

1. Local Sportsmen's Club
2. Local affiliate of National Organizations

NEW YORK STATE SPECIMENS

PREMIUMS FOR CLASSES # 1 – 4 \$40.00 \$25.00 \$20.00 \$15.00

1. Individual exhibit of animal head (mounted specimen)
2. Individual exhibit of animal (full body mounted specimen)
3. Individual exhibit of bird (full body mounted specimen)
4. Individual exhibit of fish (full body mounted specimen)

Entries taken exclusively from within New York State

OUT OF NEW YORK STATE SPECIMENS*

PREMIUMS FOR CLASSES # 1 – 4 \$40.00 \$25.00 \$20.00 \$15.00

1. Individual exhibit of animal head (mounted specimen)
2. Individual exhibit of animal (full body mounted specimen)
3. Individual exhibit of bird (full body mounted specimen)
4. Individual exhibit of fish (full body mounted specimen)

Entries taken exclusively from areas outside New York State- LIMITED TO NORTH AMERICA, NORTH OF THE MEXICAN BORDER (INCLUDING CANADA).

BEST OF SHOW – IN NEW YORK STATE

A rosette and cash prize of \$50.00 donated by the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., will be awarded to the best overall mount in New York State specimens in the conservation department.

BEST OF SHOW – OUT OF NEW YORK STATE

A rosette and cash prize of \$50.00 donated by S & S Taxidermy will be awarded to the best overall mount out of New York State in the conservation department.

WILDLIFE ART (I.E. EUROPEAN MOUNT, PAINTED FEATHERS, SHED LAMP)

Rules:

1. Please no wildlife photos (See Photography Section in Creative Arts) or woodcarvings (See Woodcarving Department).
2. No items larger than 36"x 36" (excluding the span of a rack on a European Mount).
3. All Wildlife Art will be put into one class but may be separated for judging if entries warrant.
4. Entries in this section are to have included some form of the animal (bones, feathers, hide, etc.) to create the piece.
5. All work must have been done by the exhibitor.

PREMIUMS FOR CLASS # 1 \$40.00 \$25.00 \$20.00 \$15.00

Class #1. Individual exhibit of Wildlife Art

MEAT SNACK COMPETITION

Rules:

1. Meat can be from any species. Ingredient list and heat rating must be included.
2. All entries must be produced using good manufacturing practices and in a food-safe manner.
3. Recipes must be the property of the exhibitor.
4. Entries must be ready-to-eat. Entries will not be cooked or heated for judging.
5. Entries must be shelf stable to be displayed for the duration of the fair, unrefrigerated. The sample that the judge will be tasting can be refrigerated if needed. Please specify that at time of entry drop-off.
6. Judge may disqualify entries if there is reason to suspect the entry is not safe to consume.
7. Entries must consist of two (2) separately packaged portions, minimum of 4oz each.
 - One package must be plain and un-branded. Only the ingredient list, heat rating and entry tag will be included on this package for judging.
 - The second package will remain unopened and may contain any labeling or branding desired by exhibitor to be displayed during the fair.

PREMIUMS FOR CLASS # 1 \$20.00 \$10.00 \$5.00

Class #1. Jerky- Wild caught

Class #2. Jerky- Farm raised

Class #3. Smoked Sausage- Wild caught

Class #4. Smoked Sausage- Farm raised

BEST OF SHOW Meat Snack will be chosen from all combined first place winners.



Meat Snack Competition Judging Date & Time: TBD

Erie County Fair Dates: August 9-20, 2023