



2023 Fort Bend County Fair & Rodeo Open Youth Department

Chairman: Judy Johnson

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Department Hours

Friday, Sept. 29.....10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30....10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 1.....12 noon to 9 p.m.

Mon. – Thurs., Oct. 2 – 5...5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, Oct 6....5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7....10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Important Dates

Exhibitor Packets Available

September 1, 2023

Check-In

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Photo Opportunity for Rosette Winners

Saturday, September 30, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Exhibit Check Out / Voucher Redemption

Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

General Rules

1. All Exhibitors and their entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Open Youth General Rules and Regulations.
2. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee per Exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors must be residents of Fort Bend County or zoned to a Fort Bend County School and currently enrolled in school (grades K-12).

Open Youth Department Exhibitor's grade as of August 31, 2023:

Age Group: 5 to 7 years

Age Group: 8 to 10 years

Age Group: 11 to 13 years

Age Group: 14 to 18 years

4. Open Youth Exhibitor packets will be available beginning September 1, 2023. Please contact FBCFOpenYouth@gmail.com to request an Exhibitor packet.
5. Individual Check In: Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
6. Judging: Tuesday, September 26, 2023, immediately after Check In.

Following judging, the Department will make every effort to contact the winners by phone for photographs. Open Youth Department judges are knowledgeable in the areas they are asked to evaluate and can be selected from residents of Fort Bend County. A judge will request reassignment if he/she recognizes the work of any exhibitor. The judge(s) decision is final.

7. Exhibit Check Out & Voucher Redemption: Sunday, October 8, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
8. The Department will not be responsible for any items not picked up during the designated date and time. Exhibits not picked up during listed hours will be left in the Fair Office until Thursday, October 12th. Those not picked up by the deadline will be discarded. Vouchers must be cashed in by check-out on Sunday, the last day of the Fair, October 8th or money will be forfeited. The Fair Office is not responsible for items not picked up.

9. Exhibitors are limited to nine entries or less. All nine entries may compete in one Division provided they are in different Classes.
10. Open Youth Exhibits may include projects made during the previous school year.
11. All exhibits must be clean and in good repair.
12. Exhibits in Division I through VI must be the work of the exhibitor.
13. Exhibitors in Division VII, Horticulture, must follow rules as stated in entry requirements.
14. Large exhibits cannot be accepted. Please keep projects to size indicated in specific Division Rules.
15. Awarding of Rosettes:
 - a) An Outstanding Rosette will be awarded in each Age Group in each Class, at the discretion of the judges. (Example: Division I, Needlework, Quilt: one Rosette will be awarded to an entry in each Age Group, provided there is a minimum of three Entrants in each Age Group.)
 - b) Best of Show Rosettes may be awarded in each Division at the discretion of the judges.
 - c) Judges reserve the right to award additional Rosettes to entries at their discretion.

Cash values for Rosettes and ribbons are:

- a) Best of Show Rosette: \$10.00
 - b) Outstanding Rosette: \$5.00
 - c) Blue Ribbon: \$1.00
16. Exhibits receiving Rosettes cannot be exhibited again at the Fair.
 17. Once an item has been checked in, it cannot be removed from the Creative Arts department until the official checkout on Sunday, October 8, 2023.
 18. No entry may show or depict any type of trademarked brand, logo, or slogan.
 19. Due to family audiences, exhibits dealing with the following subjects will not be accepted and will be immediately disqualified: drug or alcohol related images, violence or gang activity, nudity, satanic or cult images, and racial/hate images.
 20. By majority vote, the Advisory Council reserves the right to refuse any exhibit.
 21. Exhibitors are required to sign a Release of Liability to the Fort Bend County Fair Association, County of Fort Bend and/or the Open Youth Department for loss, damage, or injury to any persons or property while on the Fairgrounds property. Every precaution will be taken to eliminate any potential damage while exhibit is in the Exhibit Hall.

EXHIBIT DIVISION & CLASSES

DIVISION I: NEEDLEWORK/SEWING

Class:

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| a) Clothing | e) Crochet | i) Weaving |
| b) Doll Clothes | f) Knitting | j) Home Accessory |
| c) Quilt | g) Embroidery | k) Novelties |
| d) Pillow | h) Cross Stitch | l) Any Other Not Listed |

Division Rules:

1. Items with both machine and fancywork/handwork will only be judged on fancywork if entered in this division.

DIVISION II: CULINARY

Class:

CULINARY A

- a) Canned Vegetables
- b) Canned Fruit
- c) Jam
- d) Jellies
- e) Pickles
- f) Preserves
- g) Any Other Not Listed

CULINARY B

- a) Bread
- b) Cake
- c) Candy – 4 pieces
- d) Cookies – 4 pieces
- e) Muffins
- f) Pie
- g) Any Other Not Listed

Division Rules:

1. Canned items will not be opened and tasted.
2. Baked goods must be protected by disposable wrap & in disposable containers. All baked goods will become property of the Department. Exhibitors WILL NOT be able to pick up baked goods.
3. No cake mixes, prepared crusts or liquor/alcoholic beverages allowed.
4. Due to the time frame from check in to judging, refrigerated items must not be included and will be disqualified. This includes such items as cream cheese frosting, meats, and other ingredients that would be unsafe to eat if not refrigerated.

DIVISION III: ARTS & CRAFTS

Class:

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| a) Ceramics | e) Paper Flowers | i) Wood Burning |
| b) Decoupage | f) Plaques | j) Seasonal Items |
| c) Jewelry | g) Soap Carving | k) Anything Made by Kit |
| d) Woodwork | h) Tooled Metal | l) Any Other Not Listed |

Division Rules:

1. Projects should be NO bigger than 36" x 36" x 36".

DIVISION IV: FINE ARTS

Class:

FINE ARTS A-Paintings

- a) Acrylic
- b) Watercolor
- c) Oil
- d) Any Other Not Listed

FINE ARTS B-Drawings

- a) Charcoal
- b) Crayon
- c) Pastel
- d) Pencil/Colored Pencil
- e) Pen and Ink
- f) Any Other Not Listed

FINE ARTS C-Other Media

- a) Collage
- b) Mosaic
- c) Sculptures
- d) Mixed Media
- e) Computer Generated Art
- f) Any other not listed

Division Rules:

1. Age Groups 5 - 13 years: The finished maximum size of the exhibit should be no larger than 9" x 12". All paintings or drawings must be presented on construction paper, poster board, matt or like-thickness backing and may be flush with the artwork or presented as a border on or to the artwork. No double matts allowed.
2. Age Groups 14 - 18 years: The finished maximum size of the exhibit should be no larger than 18" x 24". Painting or drawing may be presented on construction paper, poster board, matt or like-thickness backing and may be flush with the artwork or presented as a border on or to the artwork. No double matts allowed. Paintings or drawings may be presented on a canvas or similar medium.
3. No frames or glass allowed.
4. Fine Arts C - Other Media exhibits should be NO bigger than 36" x 36" x 36".
5. A sculpture is the action or art of processing by carving, modeling, or welding plastic or hard materials into three-dimensional works of art such as a statue. Items using a mold to set the item are NOT considered a sculpture, example – stepping stones, mosaic on a cross or picture frame, etc. Those items should be entered in the ARTS & CRAFTS Division.

DIVISION V: PHOTOGRAPHY

Class:

- a) Animal - Domestic
- b) Animal - Wildlife
- c) Landscape
- d) Still Life
- e) People
- f) Food
- g) Marine/Aquatic
- h) Plant/Floral
- i) Computer Enhanced
- j) Any Other Not Listed

Division Rules:

1. Photographs must have been taken by the Exhibitor since the 2022 County Fair.
2. All photographs must be 8" x 10" ONLY and securely and permanently mounted on an 8" x 10" solid photographic mount board or a board of like thickness.
3. No frames or glass allowed.
4. Exhibitors may enter up to 6 items, but they must be a different subject matter.
(*Example: 1 still life, 1 animal, 1 landscape*)
5. Photos will be judged on the basis of composition, lighting, and originality.

DIVISION VI: MODELS

Class:

- a) Planes/Aircraft
- b) Ships/Watercraft
- c) Cars/Vehicle
- d) Building/Architecture
- e) Animals
- f) Legos
- g) Any Other Not Listed

Division Rules:

1. Models should be no larger than 3' x 3'. See Item #13 under General Rules.
2. Models must be on a base.

DIVISION VII: HORTICULTURE

Class:

- a) Cactus/Succulents
- b) Flowering Plants
- c) Foliage Plants
- d) Herbs
- e) Container Arrangements
- f) Any Other Not Listed

Division Rules:

1. Plants must be grown by the Exhibitor and be in his or her possession 6 weeks (about 1 and a half months) months prior to the Fair.
2. Terrariums require only 2 weeks ownership.
3. Only Dish Gardens and Terrariums may contain decorations.
4. Exhibitors must maintain the upkeep of all plants including watering during the Fair.
5. Exhibitors must complete the following information on a 3" x 5" card and bring with entry:
 - a) Popular name of plant
 - b) Date obtained
 - c) Date potted in exhibiting container
 - d) Explain type of care to be given plant

DIVISION VIII: COLLECTIONS

Class:

- a) Arrowheads
- b) Coins
- c) Dolls
- d) Insects
- e) Rocks
- f) Scrapbooks
- g) Shells
- h) Stamps
- i) Any Other Not Listed

Division Rules:

1. Collections must consist of at least 6 items.
2. Mounted collections will be accepted as space permits.