



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2025 Kern County Fair	September 17 - 28, 2025
Online Entries Open	Tuesday, July 1, 2025
Online Entries Close	Friday, September 5, 2025
Entries Accepted.....	*See times in Entry Drop Off Instructions
Entries Released	Monday, September 29 • 7 AM - 4 PM

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT EXHIBITORS:

- Junior Exhibitors, in Building 1, is open to all youth between the age of 4 to 18 years old, enrolled in high school, or entering as a member of the 4-H Club or FFA.
- Members of 4-H or FFA should enter their projects in those divisions.
- Exhibitors can enter in either the Club Divisions or the Youth Divisions, but **NOT** similar items in both.
- **NO Awards Ceremony**

HOW TO ENTER

ONLINE ENTRIES

Review the Department Rules and Guidelines
 Choose from the Divisions and Classes listed
 Enter Online at kerncountyfair.com

EXHIBITOR NAME

Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it
 Do not use business or fictitious names
 Enter using the exhibitor’s name as it will appear on the display tag

ENTRY CONFIRMATION

An email confirmation will be sent immediately after your on-line entry is received.
 If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting, please check your spam/junk folder before contacting the Kern County Fair.

HELP WITH ENTERING

Phone: (661) 833-4914 | Email: entry@kerncountyfair.com
 Entry Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9 am - 4 pm

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

Ana Williams - Chairman
Committee -Elizabeth Bledsoe, Jennifer Wilke, Jennifer Stewart,
Patrick Wilke, Leanne Patrick, Misty Hendricks,
Joshua McKenzie, Nita Holland, Jeriann Hudson

ENTRY LIMIT + ENTRY FEES

All Junior entries will enter in the Junior Exhibits Department and will be displayed in Building 1 (except for Collections in the Hobby Department in Building 4 and where noted otherwise)

ENTRY FEES:

NO entry Fees in the Juniors Department

ENTRY LIMITS:

2 Entries per class

*Except where noted (**Preserved Foods, Trade Skills, Horticulture- limit 4**)*

ENTRY DROP OFF + PICK UP

Backyard Clubhouse Contest.....Thursday, September 11 • Noon - 6 PM
Entries* AcceptedFriday, September 12 • 3 PM - 7 PM and
.....Saturday, September 13 • 7 AM - Noon

**Needle Arts, Crafts, Fine Arts, Photography, Culinary Arts, Trade Skills, Mechanical Science, Metal, Woodworking, Author's Corner, and Special Education Youth projects*

**ALL ENTRIES LISTED ABOVE MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON,
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**

Entries** Accepted.....Monday, September 15 • 8 AM - 7 PM

***Scarecrows, Painted Pumpkins, Table Decorating, Floriculture and Horticulture
(All live entries)*

Entries Released.....Monday, September 29 • 7AM - 4 PM

(No security will be provided after release date)

NO entries may leave the grounds prior to the release date and times.

JUDGING

Junior Department Divisions will be judged using the Danish System, unless stated otherwise.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Judging is based on comparison to a standard, not on comparison to others in the class.

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Each exhibit is judged not only on its own merit, but in comparison to other exhibits using score cards prepared by the State Division of Fairs and Expositions and Fair Management. First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine. More than one Honorable Mention per Class may be awarded. Judges are not obligated to place entries if they feel they are without sufficient merit.

PREMIUMS + AWARDS

1st - 3rd Place:

Ribbons Only

Divisions 900-991, 993-997

Best of Class - Rosette Ribbon

Needle Arts, Crafts, Fine Arts, Photography, Baked Goods, Decorated Foods, Savory Cooking, Preserved Foods, Table Decorating, Floral Arrangements, Plants and Gardens, Horticulture, Mechanical Science, Trade Skills, Small Metal Project, Large Metal Project, Small Woodworking Project, Large Woodworking Project,

Author's Corner

Best of Division - Rosette Ribbon, Medal and \$10

Needle Arts, Crafts, Fine Arts, Photography, Baked Goods, Decorated Foods, Savory Cooking, Preserved Foods, Table Decorating, Floral Arrangements, Plants and Gardens, Horticulture, Mechanical Science, Trade Skills, Small Metal Project, Large Metal Project, Small Woodworking Project, Large Woodworking Project,

Author's Corner

Best of Show - Medal, Rosette Ribbon, and \$25

Needle Arts, Crafts, Fine Arts, Photography, Baked Goods, Decorated Foods, Savory Cooking, Preserved Foods, Table Decorating, Floral Arrangements, Plants and Gardens, Horticulture, Mechanical Science, Trade Skills, Small Metal Project, Large Metal Project, Small Woodworking Project, Large Woodworking Project,

Author's Corner

Outstanding Exhibitor- Ribbon

RULES: Minimum of 4 entries in a category, Tie Breaker will be BOC, BOD, BOS and Special Award wins.

Committee Choice Award - Ribbon

Special Award - Ribbon

Division 992

Rosette Ribbons

1st: \$2,000 • 2nd: \$1,500 • 3rd: \$1,000

GENERAL RULES

1. Local and State Rules govern this competition.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading the Competition Guidelines and must abide by them.
3. Wrong division and class numbers may lead to disqualification. If assistance is needed to determine the Division and/or Class, please contact the Competitive Exhibits Office at (661) 833-4914 or entry@kerncountyfair.com.
4. Entry fees are non-refundable. There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, you are confirming that you accept the no-refund policy.
5. Entries previously exhibited at the Kern County Fair are not eligible.
6. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator. Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class.
7. The Kern County Fair is a family event. No entry with offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This includes but is not limited to: work dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence, gang activity, nudity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content. This is at the discretion of the Kern County Fair staff.
8. Neither the State of California nor Kern County Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the Kern County Fair. Reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, in the handling and exhibiting of entries.
9. Premium awards may be withheld if rules and regulations are not complied with.
10. Entries and required fees must be submitted by the closing date as specified in each department. Entries will not be accepted after the closing date.
11. Exhibitors are required to keep their live exhibits fresh and attractive.
12. Exhibitors may not remove their exhibit before the official release date.
13. Premiums are paid only from the records of the judges' sheet. Ribbons, tags, or cards have no value as to payment.
14. Employees and their spouses are not eligible to enter the department in which they or their spouses are employed.
15. Sweepstakes shall be awarded on a basis of total ribbons won, with points to be counted as follows: 1st - 5 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons shall be the winner.
16. All decorative material must be flameproof. The Fire Department Code and The California State Industrial Accident Commission Code and Rulings, require all decorative material to be flameproof. No straw or hay will be allowed in any exhibit.
17. There will be a \$30 stop payment for lost premium checks.
18. Exhibitors must live in Kern County.
19. Everything must be labeled by participant.
Name, Division, Class, Contact, Phone #, and Affiliated with School, FFA, 4-H.
20. Entries not picked up 30 days from end of fair will be disposed of.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT RULES

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2. If you enter in either 4-H or FFA divisions, you may NOT enter in the Open Junior Divisions with like item.
3. All entries must be completed by the registered exhibitor.
4. A single item may not be entered in more than one (1) class, except contests
5. Exhibit must have been completed since the last Kern County Fair and not exhibited at prior Kern County Fair (with exception of exhibiting in Livestock prior year) or by other family members.
6. All entries must have been completed and contain all necessary components.
7. The fair reserves the right to limit entries to facilities available.
8. All precautions will be taken to protect entries; however, the Kern County Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage of entries submitted by the exhibitor. Submitting work to this competition implies agreement on the part of the exhibitor to the condition set forth above.
9. All entries will remain on display for the duration of the fair and will NOT be released early.
10. Any exhibit entered by one member, that was created by another member, will forfeit the entering members ability to exhibit in the building for 4 years.

Note to Leaders and Parents: Please encourage your exhibitors to strive for a high quality of work in their exhibits. The entries that they make will be viewed by many fairgoers and we want them to be proud of the displays.

APRON CONTEST

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- All Entries in the Apron Class are automatically entered into the Apron Contest.
- Entries will be judged and winners will be selected.
- Entries will be judged on workmanship, appearance, and embellishments.

BEST USE OF FABRIC CONTEST

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- All Entries that contain fabric will automatically be entered.
- Entries will be judged and winners will be selected.
- Entries will be judged on creative use of fabric and workmanship.

DAIRY PRODUCT CONTEST

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- All Entries in the Culinary Art classes are automatically entered into the Contest.
- Entries will be judged American Style, 1st - 3rd place ribbons will be awarded.
- Entries must contain at least two dairy products (milk, butter, cream cheese, etc.). **RECIPE** and the right to publish it with the name of the contestant becomes the property of the California Dairies, Inc. or anyone to whom they assign the rights.

BEST OF BREAD CONTEST

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- All Bread entries are automatically entered into the contest.
- Entries will be judged and awards given.

CHOCOLATE CONTEST

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- All Entries containing chocolate will automatically be entered.
- Entries will be judged and awards given.
- Must contain a minimum of 1/2 cup chocolate of choice. If frosted, frosting must also contain chocolate.
- Must have ingredients listed. (allergy reasons)

CHARCUTERIE BOARD CONTEST

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- Use your imagination to create a charcuterie board. There are no limitations as to what the boards contain. Boards can have meat, cheese, fruits, nuts, crackers, vegetables in any combination sweet or savory.
- Bring the boards pre-assembled.
- Maximum size of boards 36" linear (length + width = 36" maximum) of any shape that equals
- 9" x 9" square
- Minimum of six (6) different items.

FASHION SHOW CONTEST

CONTEST TIME: Friday, September 26 • 5:30 PM

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- Check-in starts at 5:30 pm, Fashion Show starts at 6 pm
- Bring commentary that explains what was made and what was added to complete the outfit.
- Participant may model items that were entered in the fair, but they must be returned to their display after the Fashion Show.
- Entries will be judged American Style, 1st - 3rd place ribbons will be awarded
- **Traditional:** Showcase exhibitor's sewing skills and ability to coordinate an outfit
- **Consumer Science:** Create an entire outfit without spending more than \$39.99 (not including tax). Receipts are required for all visible garments and accessories (except shoes). No purchase prior to 2025 or gifts are allowed.

DIVISION 900: TRADITIONAL FASHION SHOW

CLASS:

1. Ages 8 and Under
2. Ages 9 - 12
3. Ages 13 - 18 (CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

DIVISION 901: CONSUMER SCIENCE FASHION SHOW

CLASS:

1. Ages 8 and Under
2. Ages 9 - 12
3. Ages 13 - 18 (CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

NEEDLE ARTS

ALL NEEDLE ART ITEMS MUST BE DONE BY HAND OR MACHINE BY EXHIBITOR

DIVISION 902: NEEDLE ART - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 903: NEEDLE ART - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 904: NEEDLE ART - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 905: NEEDLE ART - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 906: NEEDLE ART - AGES 13 - 18

(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Apron (sewing)
2. Blanket
3. Clothing (sewing)
4. Knitted /Crocheted Items
5. Cross Stitch/Embroidery Items
6. Household item (sewing)
7. Pillow
8. Quilted Item
9. Special Needs Youth, any project
10. Any item not listed above

CRAFTS

DIVISION 907:
CRAFTS – 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 908:
CRAFTS – FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 909:
CRAFTS – AGES 4 – 8

DIVISION 910:
CRAFTS – AGES 9 – 12

DIVISION 911:
CRAFTS – AGES 13 – 18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Any craft item made from a kit
2. Ceramics/Potter (original by hand)
3. Christmas Decoration
4. Clothing Item (painted or tie-dye)
5. Diamond Painting
6. Dough Art
7. Hair Bows (single or matching pair)
8. Holiday Decorations (any other than Christmas)
9. Household Decoration (not sewing)
10. Jewelry
11. Leather Craft
12. Mosaic
13. Origami
14. Original Craft made of paper or plastic
15. Original Craft made of Wood
16. Painted purchased ceramic item (plate, mug, figurine, etc.)
17. Scrap-booking - 1 page
18. Yard Art
19. Painted Fabric
20. Painted Flower Pots
21. Decorated Apron (not sewn)
22. Painted Rocks - minimum group of 3
23. Fairy Garden - no plants
24. Special Needs Youth, any project
25. Any item not listed above

FINE ARTS

*Painting on canvas or paper except where noted,
no coloring pages accepted.*

*All paper art must be done with a 1" boarder—no frames, no glass.
Do not mount or frame canvas painting; some art could be stapled on the boarder.*

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- Titles, Exhibitors Name and Division must be on back of each entry.
- Size: 8" x 10"

DIVISION 912:

FINE ARTS - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 913:

FINE ARTS - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 914:

FINE ARTS - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 915:

FINE ARTS - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 916:

FINE ARTS - AGES 13 - 18

(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Abstract (any medium)
2. Acrylic (animal)
3. Acrylic (people)
4. Acrylic (landscape)
5. Acrylic (plants or flowers)
6. Acrylic (any other not listed)
7. Drawing (animal)
8. Drawing (people)
9. Drawing (landscape)
10. Drawing (plants or flowers)
11. Drawing (any other not listed)
12. Mixed Mediums (animal)
13. Mixed Mediums (people)
14. Mixed Mediums (landscape)
15. Mixed Mediums (plants or flowers)
16. Mixed Mediums (any other not listed)
17. Sculpture (free standing, with or without base)
18. Watercolor (animal)
19. Watercolor (people)
20. Watercolor (landscape)
21. Watercolor (plants or flowers)
22. Watercolor (any other not listed)
23. Digital Art (Images created entirely on a computer or tablet)
24. Zentangle
25. Special Needs Youth, any project
26. Any item not listed

PHOTOGRAPHY

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- Titles, Exhibitors Name, and Division must be on back of each photo.
- Photo Size: 8" x 10"
- Photo must be mounted on a mounting or foam board that has at least **1" border around it (unless on a canvas)**
- **NO FRAMES on any project, NO GLASS**

DIVISION 917:
PHOTOGRAPHY - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 918:
PHOTOGRAPHY - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 919:
PHOTOGRAPHY - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 920:
PHOTOGRAPHY - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 921:
PHOTOGRAPHY - AGES 13 - 18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Action
2. Abstract/Conceptual (images with digital manipulation for artistic purposes)
3. Animals - Domestic (pets and livestock)
4. Children
5. Close-up or Scientific
6. Food
7. Freshwater Scenes
8. Inanimate Object (architecture, parked vehicles, interior settings, still life, etc)
9. Kern County
10. Landscapes (vistas, mountains, deserts, forests, seascapes, skyscape, rural scenes, etc.)
11. Nature and Wildlife
12. People
13. Plants and Flowers
14. Sunrise and Sunsets
15. Travel
16. Graphic Design
17. Special Needs Youth - any project
18. Any other not listed

BAKED GOODS

ALL classes must provide a list of ingredients for each entry
for Baked Goods and Decorated Foods
(2 SERVINGS)

DIVISION 922:

BAKED GOODS – 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 923:

BAKED GOODS – FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 924:

BAKED GOODS – AGES 4 – 8

DIVISION 925:

BAKED GOODS – AGES 9 – 12

DIVISION 926:

BAKED GOODS – AGES 13 – 18

(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Biscuits & rolls Rolls (4 servings)
2. Bread (1/2 slice)
3. Muffins (4 muffins)
4. Any cake from scratch, frosted or unfrosted 1/2 cake
5. Any cake from package, frosted or unfrosted 1/2 cake
6. Cobbler **1/2 cobbler**
7. Pie **1/2 pie**
8. Cupcakes, frosted or unfrosted (**4 cupcakes**)
4 serving for each below
9. Cookies, any cookie
10. Candy, any candy
11. Molded, any kind
12. Group of 2 or more exhibitors, any class for a single entry
13. Special Dietary Restrictions - **MUST label servings as such**
14. Special Needs Youth, any project
15. Any other than listed

DECORATED FOODS

VISUALLY JUDGED ONLY

DIVISION 927:

DECORATED FOOD – 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 928:

DECORATED FOOD – FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 929:

DECORATED FOOD – AGES 4 – 8

DIVISION 930:

DECORATED FOOD – AGES 9 – 12

DIVISION 931:

DECORATED FOOD – AGES 13 – 18

(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Decorated Cake
2. Decorated Cookie (4 servings)
3. Decorated Cupcake (4 servings)
4. Cake Decoration Pieces
5. Group of 2 Exhibitors or more, any class for a single entry
6. Any other food item decorated
7. Special Dietary Restriction - MUST label both servings
8. Special Needs Youth, any project
9. Any other than listed

SAVORY COOKING

MUST BRING LIST OF INGREDIENTS WITH ENTRY

LIMIT: 2 ENTRIES PER CLASS. EACH MUST BE DIFFERENT.

DIVISION 932:

SAVORY COOKING - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 933:

SAVORY COOKING - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 934:

SAVORY COOKING - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 935:

SAVORY COOKING - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 936:

SAVORY COOKING - AGES 13 - 18

(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

(All classes, 2 servings)

1. Main Dishes
1. Dips
2. Mixes
3. Salads
4. Soups
5. Vegetable Dish
6. Homemade Cheese
7. **NEW** Charcuterie Board (**See Rules in Contest Section**)
8. Special Dietary Restrictions -MUST label both servings
9. Special Needs Youth, any project
10. Any other than listed,

PRESERVED FOODS

RULES + GUIDELINES: (4 ENTRIES PER CLASS ALLOWED)

- * Jars that are opened and not picked up will be disposed of.
- **Must submit 2 identical jars or entry will be disqualified.**
- Standard Jar: A container specifically or especially designed for canning purposes.
- No paraffin seals in preserved foods. All canning must be in sealed jars.
- ***Non-acid preserved foods:*** all vegetables, meats, and poultry must be canned under pressure. No Fish. Judges will open for inspection but will not taste non-acid fruits and vegetables.
- ***Low-acid preserved foods:*** Items such as figs, should be made more acid by adding lemon juice, as directed in the University Agricultural Extension Service leaflet Home Canning of Fruits. Must be canned under pressure.
- Preserved Tomatoes and Fruits (not including their juices) must be processed in a boiling water bath.
- Do not put decorations on jars..

JAR REQUIREMENTS:

Fruits and Vegetables: Clear glass, wide or narrow mouth jar

Jellies: Clear glass, standard jars to be pints or one-half (1/2) pints.

Jams: Clear glass, pint or one-half (1/2) pint fruit jars.

Attach your own labels to the bottom of your jars.

1. Name
2. Division # / Class #
3. Phone #

DIVISION 937:
PRESERVED FOOD – 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 938:
PRESERVED FOOD – FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 939:
PRESERVED FOOD – AGES 4– 8

DIVISION 940:
PRESERVED FOOD – AGES 9 – 12

DIVISION 941:
PRESERVED FOOD – AGES 13 – 18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Butter Spreads
2. Canned Fruit and/or Vegetable
3. Dried Fruit, Herb or Vegetable
4. Jams
5. Jelly
6. Pickled Vegetable
7. Salsa
8. Sauce
9. Special
10. Special Dietary Restrictions - MUST label both servings
11. Special Needs Youth, any project
12. Any other not listed

TABLE DECORATING

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- Setup time: Monday, September 16, 4 pm - 7 pm
- Menu Card must be displayed. The menu should reflect the setting.
- Centerpiece must be made by exhibitor. It may not be pre-made or purchased, although items with it may be purchased to enhance overall design.
- Management is not responsible for loss or breakage. Please do not include valuable items.
- No sharp knives may be displayed
- No alcohol allowed on the menu
- Everyone will be allowed 30 minutes to set up their area.
- No exhibitor may be on a phone during setup
- Parent/Adults may not be near the table decorating area
- Limited to first 20 exhibitors to register (No more than 2 groups per organization.)
- All tables are judged according to Emily Post's book of Etiquette.

MEASUREMENTS:

Single Place Setting: 21" wide x 25" deep

Dinner for Two Setting: 21" wide x 42" long

Group Entry Setting: 42" x 42"

DIVISION 942:

TABLE DECORATING - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 943:

TABLE DECORATING - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 944:

TABLE DECORATING - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 945:

TABLE DECORATING - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 946:

TABLE DECORATING - AGES 13 - 18

(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Single Place Setting (21" wide x 25" deep)
2. Dinner for Two (21" wide x 42" long, 1-2 people)
3. Group Entry (42" x 42", 3 - 5 people working on the table)

**Group entries must be made under 1 team/club name, not as individuals*

FLORICULTURE

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- Must be waterproof container or have a waterproof saucer under them.
- No soft drink, fruit or vegetable cans, paper or plastic fast-food containers will be accepted.
- Containers should be planted with plant material that will last the entire fair.
- If container cannot be carried, you must provide a movable base that will remain during the fair.
- Gardens need to contain plants and accessories.
- Exhibitor must make arrangements for watering plants and flowers.
- Live Plant/Garden may be re-entered from previous fair, must have planting date & show growth

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

DIVISION 947:

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 948:

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 949:

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 950:

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 951:

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS - AGES 13-18

(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Carnation Celebration (primary use of carnations)
2. Fun with Foliage (primary use of foliage)
3. Garden Party
4. Holiday
5. Mum Madness (primary use of mums)
6. Petite Floret (not to exceed 6")
7. Shabby Chic (unique container with matching arrangement)
8. Tropical Paradise
9. Bud Vase (3 flowers, greenery, and 2 accessories)
10. Flowers used as Jewelry
11. Going to Prom (corsage and boutonniere set)
12. Hair Accessories
13. Wreath or Swag
14. Artificial Floral arrangements, no live plants
15. Special Education Youth, any project

PLANTS AND GARDENS

DIVISION 952:
PLANTS + GARDENS – 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 953:
PLANTS + GARDENS – FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 954:
PLANTS + GARDENS – AGES 4 – 8

DIVISION 955:
PLANTS + GARDENS – AGES 9 – 12

DIVISION 956:
PLANTS + GARDENS – AGES 13 – 18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Any potted plant
2. Collection (5 or more plants in 1 container)
3. Fairy Garden (must contain live plants)
4. Miniature Garden (not to exceed 8")
5. Succulent/Cactus
6. Terrarium or Aquarium Garden
7. Unusual Container Garden
8. Special Education Youth, any project
9. Any item not listed above

HORTICULTURE

*MAY HAVE UP TO 4 ENTRIES PER CLASS

DIVISION 957:
HORTICULTURE – 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 958:
HORTICULTURE – FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 959:
HORTICULTURE – AGES 4 – 8

DIVISION 960:
HORTICULTURE – AGES 9 – 12

DIVISION 961:
HORTICULTURE – AGES 13 – 18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Fruit
2. Vegetables
3. Unusual Produce
4. Pumpkin
5. Herbs
6. Eggs
7. Honey
8. Seeds
9. Nuts
10. Painted Pumpkin - Must use a real pumpkin, no cut or punctured pumpkins will be accepted.
11. Scarecrows - If scarecrow needs to sit, please bring appropriate chair, bike, etc. The exhibitor will be asked to set up the exhibit for judging. Scarecrows must be self-supporting. (A Scarecrow division is also available in the Adult Horticulture Department. There is a "Family or Group" classes available.)
12. Special Needs Youth, any project
13. Any item not listed above

MECHANICAL SCIENCE

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- Judged on workmanship
- Entries must be freestanding or have a stand built for display
- There are also Lego | K'NEX divisions in the Hobby Department, in Building 4. Exhibitors 17 and under may NOT enter into both departments, you must choose one or the other.
- Lego | K'NEX Contest on Saturday, September 28th, is open to all exhibitors (see rules in Hobby Department)
- Robotics must have moving parts and provide directions to operate
- No engines allowed on rockets

DIVISION 962:
MECHANICAL SCIENCE - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 963:
MECHANICAL SCIENCE - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 964:
MECHANICAL SCIENCE - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 965:
MECHANICAL SCIENCE - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 966:
MECHANICAL SCIENCE - AGES 3-18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. K'NEX
2. Lego - 500 pieces or less
3. Lego - 501 - 1,000 pieces
4. Lego - 1,001 pieces or more
5. Model made from a kit, include picture (car, train, plane, etc.)
6. Model made from scratch (car, train, plane, etc.)
7. Robotics Kit
8. Robotics, Group Project
9. Rocketry
10. Special Needs Youth, any project
11. Any item not listed above

TRADE SKILLS

*MAY HAVE UP TO 4 ENTRIES PER CLASS

DIVISION 967:
TRADE SKILLS - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 968:
TRADE SKILLS - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 969:
TRADE SKILLS - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 970:
TRADE SKILLS - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 971:
TRADE SKILLS - AGES 13 - 18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Concrete, any project
2. Electrical, any project
3. Pipe Fitting, any project (PVC, galvanized copper, etc.)
4. Engineering - models with blueprints
5. Engineering - Blueprints with CAD Design (drawings)
6. Completed, knotted projects (macrame)
7. Group of 2 or more exhibitors, single entry
8. Special Needs Youth, any project
9. Any other than listed above

SMALL METAL PROJECT

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Items must be made by exhibitor. <https://www.kerncountyfair.com/p/livestock/livestockinfo>

DIVISION 972:
SMALL METAL PROJECT - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 973:
SMALL METAL PROJECT - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 974:
SMALL METAL PROJECT - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 975:
SMALL METAL PROJECT - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 976:
SMALL METAL PROJECT - AGES 13 - 18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

SMALL METAL PROJECTS

LIMIT (2) PER CLASS PER EXHIBITOR

Exterior dimension (length + width + height)
119" or less

CLASS:

1. Boxes
2. Tool Tray
3. Shelves
4. Artistic Project
5. Forge Tools - must be homemade
6. Horseshoe Artistic Project
7. Recycled - include before picture
8. Group Project, 2 or more exhibitors working on a single project
9. Special Needs Youth, any small project
10. Any item not listed above

LARGE METAL PROJECT

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DIVISION 977:
LARGE METAL PROJECT - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 978:
LARGE METAL PROJECT - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 979:
LARGE METAL PROJECT - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 980:
LARGE METAL PROJECT - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 981:
LARGE METAL PROJECT - AGES 13 - 18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

LARGE METAL PROJECTS *LIMIT (2) PER CLASS PER EXHIBITOR*

Exterior dimension (length + width + height)
120" or more

CLASS:

1. Utility Racks / Feeders
2. Shop table
3. Trailer
4. Furniture
5. Picnic table
6. Swing
7. BBQ Grill
8. Fire pit
9. Recycled - must include before picture with entry
10. Group Project, 2 or more exhibitors working on a single entry
11. Special Needs Youth, any large project
12. Any item not listed

SMALL WOODWORKING PROJECT

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DIVISION 982:
SMALL WOODWORKING - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 983:
SMALL WOODWORKING - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 984:
SMALL WOODWORKING - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 985:
SMALL WOODWORKING - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 986:
SMALL WOODWORKING - AGES 13 - 18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

SMALL WOODWORKING PROJECTS

LIMIT (2) PER CLASS PER EXHIBITOR

Exterior dimension (length + width + height)
119" or less

CLASS:

1. Birdhouses
2. Pinewood Derby Car
3. Coat Rack
4. Boxes
5. Tool Trays
6. Shelves
7. Recycled, include before picture
8. Group Project, 2 or more people working on project
9. Special Needs Youth, any small project
10. Any item not listed

LARGE WOODWORKING PROJECT

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DIVISION 987:
LARGE WOODWORKING - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 988:
LARGE WOODWORKING - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 989:
LARGE WOODWORKING - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 990:
LARGE WOODWORKING - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 991:
LARGE WOODWORKING - AGES 13 - 18
(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

LARGE WOODWORKING PROJECTS

LIMIT (2) PER CLASS PER EXHIBITOR

Exterior dimension (length + width + height)
120" or more

CLASS:

1. Book Shelves
2. Cabinets
3. Chair
4. Bench
5. Picnic Table
6. Furniture Table
7. Patio Set
8. Recycled, include before picture
9. Group Project, 2 or more people working on project
10. Special Needs Youth, any large project
11. Any item not listed

BACKYARD CLUBHOUSE CONTEST

NEW CATEGORY FOR THE 2025 FAIR

PREMIUMS

1st: \$2,000 • 2nd: \$1,500 • 3rd: \$1,000

Entries are FREE, but a \$100 refundable deposit is required to reserve space. Deposit is returned upon delivery of entry to the 2025 Kern County Fair.

RULES + GUIDELINES:

In this construction competition, each high school team will design, plan, and build a 48 sq. ft. Club House structure. Judging focuses on quality workmanship, innovation, and presentation. This project is to be completed during the 2024–2025 school year, with final touches allowed in fall 2025 before delivery to the Fair.

ENTRY INCLUDES:

- Blueprints: Detailed architectural drawings
- Plans & Materials List: With dimensions and pricing
- Cut Schedule: Assembly and cut instructions
- Design Project Presentation: Representative must present during judging

REQUIREMENTS:

- Size Limit: Must not exceed 6'x8' (48 sq. ft.) and must be built on a movable platform
- Budget: Max budget is \$2,000, including decor
- Utilities: No power or plumbing connections
- Building Codes: Must comply with California building codes
- Theme: No required theme—participants have full creative freedom
- Delivery: Entrants are responsible for transportation and offloading
- For Sale Option: Entrants may post a “For Sale” sign with Club House details and price
- Limit: Max two entries per school; limited space available

ELIGIBLE EXHIBITORS:

- Open to all high school-aged students. Graduating seniors may still participate. Projects can be done individually or as a team. A credentialed or licensed advisor must be listed and sign off on the project.
- Premiums will be paid to the FFA School, 4-H Advisor, or Club.

SCORECARD

<i>Plans</i>	10%
<i>Construction</i>	60%
<i>Quality & Creativity</i>	20%
<i>Presentation (verbal & visual)</i>	10%

DIVISION 992: BACKYARD CLUBHOUSE CONTEST

CLASS:

1. Backyard Clubhouse

AUTHOR'S CORNER

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- Entries must be typed, minimum 12pt Font,
- Must be typed on one side of an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet(s).
- Entries must be mounted on 11"x17" construction paper. If entry is on more than one page, mount them side by side on the 11"x17" construction paper. The construction paper can be any color and decorated. The Fair will mount emailed entries on any color construction paper available.
- Title must be on top of your entry. Name, address, and phone must be typed on back side of your entry.
- Entries will be judged on originality and form structure.
- You may email entry to: entry@kerncountyfair.com by Thursday, September 11 or bring in on receiving day.

DIVISION 993:

AUTHOR'S CORNER - 4H MEMBER

DIVISION 994:

AUTHOR'S CORNER - FFA MEMBER

DIVISION 995:

AUTHOR'S CORNER - AGES 4 - 8

DIVISION 996:

AUTHOR'S CORNER - AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 997:

AUTHOR'S CORNER - AGES 13 - 18

(CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL)

CLASS:

1. Poetry
2. Short Story - Topic is Writers choice
(minimum 750 to 1000 maximum words)
3. Write About: How you "Create your Moment" at the Kern County Fair. (maximum 300 words)
4. Special Needs Youth, any project

ENVIRONMENTAL

ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITS

Environmental entry forms are due on take-in day for each department.

See rule 3 below.

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10 - Environmental Ribbons
1 -1 Sweepstakes Award With KCPW Swag Bag

METHOD AND TERM OF ENTRY

1. The item must be functional or decorative.
2. The item must be made from materials that might otherwise be thrown away.
3. Enter your exhibit in the appropriate division, then fill out an Environmental Exhibit form available on take in day in the department where item is entered.

ELIGIBLE EXHIBITORS: Kern County Resident of all ages and Kern County Classrooms (Item must be entered in a Division in Fair to be judged)

JUDGING: Wednesday, September 17th

Pick up entry forms on take in day in all departments

Judging will be based on:

1. Use of interesting "Trash".
2. Appearance and stability of the final product.
3. How well the item works for intended purpose.
4. The effort and thought it took to put it together.

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