

**Junior Division - Forestry
Department E**

Entries Accepted: Thursday, October 19, 2023, 12:00 p.m. to 5:30p.m.

Exhibit release date: Monday, November 13, 2023, 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

1. All exhibits must have been prepared since the State Fair of the preceding year. **NO PREVIOUSLY ENTERED EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
2. Exhibitors must mount leaves in a conventional loose leaf notebook binder or similar ringed folder.
3. Exhibits should include only the species from the official "Trees of Louisiana" list produced by the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.
4. Leaf collections can be submitted as mounted specimens or digitally. Classes 1 and 3 are for mounted leaf collections, while Classes 2 and 4 are for digital collections.

A. Mounting of tree leaf collections in a notebook shall be as follows:

- Each specimen shall be dried and individually mounted on 8 1/2" x 11" and displayed in a loose-leaf notebook binder or similar ringed folder. Specimens may be mounted on pressure-sensitive, self-adhering transparent plastic sheets or other similar material. Specimens may also be glued to heavy duty paper or light cardboard.
- Junior exhibitors (9 to 13 years of age) should identify the specimen in the lower right hand corner of the display sheet, using the common name only.
- Senior exhibitors (14 to 18 years of age) must put a 2 1/2" x 3" label in the lower right hand corner of the display sheet. **The label must contain the scientific name, common name, location collected, date collected and collector's name.**
- For large compound leaves, a single leaflet may be used. However, it must be labeled as a leaflet. A description of the identifying characteristics of the leaf must also be included. (i.e., compound leaf, 6 to 12 inches, 7 to 9 leaflets) This information should be put to the left of the label.

B. Digital collections will consist of digital photos that can be used to identify trees as follows:

- Two to four photos will be provided for each specimen. One will be a close up of an individual leaf. The others can be any other features that help distinguish the species such as the leaf arrangement on a twig, the bark, fruit or flowers, the overall tree form or other distinguishing characteristics.
- Photos should actually be taken by the exhibitor and should be of trees that are growing in Louisiana.
- Each photo should contain a small reference tab with the 2023 Louisiana State Fair logo and the exhibitor's name (see sample tab below). This can be on a small piece of paper, held by the exhibitor or stuck to the specimen. See example below.



- The two to four photos will be inserted on an 8 1/2” X 11 “piece of paper. Each photo should have a brief description of what is being shown. (Examples – winged seed, opposite leaves, smooth trunk, etc.)
 - Junior exhibitors (9 to 13 years of age) should identify the specimen by its common name in the lower right hand corner of the display sheet.
 - Senior exhibitors (14 to 18 years of age) must put a label in the lower right hand corner of the display sheet. **The label must contain the scientific name, common name, location collected, date collected and collector's name.**
 - The entire collection, including the front cover page, index page and specimen pages will be turned in on a CD or thumb drive, as a word document or pdf *and*
 - The exhibitor will also select and print the cover page and his or her favorite 10 specimen sheets and put them in a 3-ring binder to be used as an exhibit. See 5 and 6 for directions on the cover page and index page. The CD with the entire collection can be put in a sleeve in the binder or attached to the binder.
5. For both mounted and digital leaf collections, the front cover page of the notebook must have "Tree Leaves of Louisiana" typed or printed on it. The exhibitor's name, address, age, 4-H Club or FFA chapter, and parish must also be typed or printed on this page.
 6. For both mounted and digital leaf collections, the notebook must have an index page with the specimen identified by common name. The index should list the specimens in the order in which they appear in the notebook.
 7. Judges will subtract two (2) points from the score for each specimen incorrectly identified.
 8. More complete and specific instructions for making collections are in the 4-H Forestry books.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00 & Blue Rosette	Red Rosette	White Rosette

Grand Champion - \$30

(highest score of all leaf collections)

Reserve Champion - \$20

(second highest score of all leaf collections)

Exhibitors 9 to 13 Years of Age as of December 31 of Current Year; Leaf Collections must contain 25 or more leaves

- CLASS 1 Collection of forest leaves (25 or more leaves)
- CLASS 2 Digital leaf collection (25 or more)

Exhibitors 14 to 18 Years of Age as of December 31 of Current Year; Leaf Collections must contain 40 or more leaves

- CLASS 3 Collection of forest leaves (40 or more leaves)
- CLASS 4 Digital leaf collection (40 or more)



White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

**Pictures taken in MyTown, LA
in 2019 by My Name and 4-
H/FFA Club**

Examples of displaying the current year Fair logo. Once the logo has been chosen the entrant can copy the image from official website or Facebook website. It then needs to be printed on a piece of paper along with the entrant's name, and the year and held in frame while the photo of the tree is taken. For smaller details, the logo can be added as shown above.



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Examples of displaying the entrant's name and year of photo collection on each photo with the current year State Fair Logo displayed on the photo mounting page.

