

# 2026 YOUTH DROP OFF DATES

## EVERGREEN HALL

### Floriculture

Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Wednesday/Cut Flowers Show

Wednesday, August 12 from 7 am - 8 am

### Friday/Cut Flowers Show

Friday, August 14 from 7 am - 8 am

## NORTHERN MINES

### 4-H Stills

Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### 4-H Baked Foods

Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Agriculture

Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Arts & Collectibles

Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Baked Foods

Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Clothing & Textiles

Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Community Hero

Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm



### Community Service

Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Eggs

Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Preserved Foods

Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Science & Technology

Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Sculpture

Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Photography

Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Posters, Poetry & Prose

Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

## SUGAR PINE LODGE

### Ag Mechanics

Monday, August 3 from 12 pm - 6 pm



# PICK UP ENTRIES

**Tues, Aug 18  
12 pm - 6 pm**

**Entries must be picked up on the designated day.  
Those not picked up will be discarded.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Each entry in these divisions shall have been made, collected or produced by the exhibitor not more than one year prior to opening day of the Fair.
2. State, local rules and score cards apply to all entries in corresponding Adult Departments and shall be used unless otherwise specified in the Youth Department.
3. All exhibitors must be at least five (5) years old by January 1, 2026.
4. No Entry Fee (unless specified). Ribbons Only.
5. Exhibitors must check carefully for size restrictions and any other "Rules:s" particular to a division.
6. Responsibility: Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Association, its staff and department personnel will not be held liable for loss, theft or damage of any kind from any cause. Submission of entry constitutes an agreement to this effect.



## JUDGING SYSTEMS

1. Danish system will be used for exhibitors under 12 years of age in still exhibits. The judging process is to compare each exhibit on its own merit against a recognized standard and award as many first place, second place, etc...as merited The following guidelines shall be used by the judge(s):

<u>Quality</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Ribbon</u>
1st Place-Superior	90%-100%	Blue
2nd Place-Good	80%-89%	Red
3rd Place-Average	70%-79%	White

2. American system will be used for exhibitors over the age of 13. In this system, the exhibits are ranked with only the top few receiving a ribbon. The exhibits are compared directly with each other to choose the best one as first place, second place, third place and so on. Only one ribbon of each color is awarded in each class.
3. Best of Division Awards in the Youth Department will only apply to Divisions that are sponsored and that are judged American system.
4. Judging **CLOSED** to the general public.

## 4-H Still Exhibits



**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Rules:** Nevada County 4-H members.

- "4-H Age" is the age of the exhibitor as of Dec. 31 of the program year.
- State and Local Rules in the Junior Department also apply to this department.
- To enter, must be a 4-H member AND enrolled in one project listed below.

### ARTS & COLLECTIBLES, CLOTHING, PRESERVED FOODS, TEXTILES & QUILTING

**Drop off:** Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Division 250 - Primary, ages 5 through 8**

**Division 251 - Junior, ages 9 through 10**

**Division 252 - Intermediate, ages 11 through 12**

**Division 253 - Senior, ages 13 through 19**

#### Classes

1. Arts & crafts
2. Clothing
3. Preserved foods
4. Quilting
5. Textiles

### BAKED FOODS

**Drop off:** Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Division 250 - Primary, ages 5 through 8**

**Division 251 - Junior, ages 9 through 10**

**Division 252 - Intermediate, ages 11 through 12**

**Division 253 - Senior, ages 13 through 19**

#### Class

6. Baked foods

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## AGRICULTURE

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off:** Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- A variety of produce must be adequately and correctly labeled. Exhibitor must specify variety or type in classes listed as “any other.”
- Uniformity of size is important (market size unless otherwise stated).
- The Fair will furnish all containers and plates for displays.
- Any crop maturing after August 5, 2025 may be entered in the 2026 Fair.
- Exhibit the number of produce requested in each particular class.

**Division 260 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 261 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 262 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Beans, snap, green - 12 pods
2. Beets, topped to 1” - 5
3. Berries, all of one type, specify, standard berry basket
4. Carrots, topped to 1” - 5
5. Corn, sweet, husked, ends trimmed - 3 ears specify
6. Cucumbers, any type, specify - 3
7. Fruit, all of one type, specify - 3
8. Herbs, all of one type, specify, not over 12” trimmed - 3
9. Onions, unskinned, topped to 1” - 5
10. Peppers, bell type - 4
11. Peppers, hot type - 4
12. Pumpkin - 1
13. Squash, summer type, specify - 3
14. Squash, largest, any type - 1
15. Sunflower - 1, head only
16. Tomatoes, cherry, with stems - 6
17. Tomatoes, any other, with stems - 4
18. Longest vegetable
19. Oddest vegetable
20. Any other, specify



## EGGS

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off:** Monday, August 1 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- One entry per class per exhibitor.
- Submit one dozen clean eggs in a clean egg carton.
- Eggs must be fresh.
- Eggs must be from hens cared for by the exhibitor and gathered, selected and cleaned by the exhibitor.
- All entries will be disposed of after the duration of the fair.
- Eggs may be broken by the judge to assess quality and freshness.
- Judging may include evaluation of egg cleanliness, shape, texture, size, color and freedom from defects.
- Eggs will not be sold in the Junior Livestock Auction.

**Division 263 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 264- Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 265 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Brown Chicken Eggs
2. White Chicken Eggs
3. Farmer's Rainbow Eggs - assortment of natural colors
4. Any other poultry eggs, specify

## PRODUCE CHARACTERS

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off:** Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- Rules: one entry per class per exhibitor.
- Produce characters must be reinforced and placed on a strong and disposable base not to exceed 12” x 16”.
- All materials used to create and support the character must be natural, such as toothpicks and bamboo sticks. No metal is allowed.

**Division 266 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 267 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 268 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Transform produce into a character from the Fair poster
2. Any other, specify character

## YOUTH AGRICULTURE AWARDS

**Proud Tradition**

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**Best of Division**

**Agriculture - Division 262**

Sponsored by Advanced Auto Towing

## ARTS & COLLECTIBLES

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off:** Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- All hanging items must be brought in ready for hanging.
- Mounted items must be securely fastened down.
- Flat-mounted items must be fitted for hanging.
- Artwork maximum border is 1" around the picture.
- No frames or Glass.
- Can not enter items that have been previously entered in the Fair
- Maximum size 16" x 16" x 16" unless otherwise specified.
- *Class projects:* may not exceed 16" x 16" x 16"
- *Painted Rocks:* Max height 5" x 5" and weight max 3lbs
- *Origami:* A project using folding paper into different shapes.
- *Recycle Art:* Must have at least 60% recycled materials.
- *Scrapbook:* One or two pages of a themed spread in a protective sleeve from a scrapbook. Do not submit the whole book.
- *Shoe Box:* Scene in box not exceed 12" x 12" x 12"
- *String Art:* Not to exceed 12" x 12" x 12", wrapping string around pins or nails, use string and paint to create a picture, or create a 3D sculpture with string, liquid starch, and balloons.

## Art

**Division 269 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 270 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 271 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Chalk or chalk pastel
2. Crayon melt
3. Drawing- charcoal, pencil, pen & ink, felt pens or colored pencils
4. Oil, alkyd, acrylic
5. Other: batik, woodblock, engraving, etching, serigraphy, non-canvas surface
6. Watercolor or tempera
7. Any other, specify
8. Fair theme "Blue Ribbons & Fair Traditions"



## Ceramics & Pottery

**Division 272 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 273 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 274 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Hand-built article
2. Molded
3. Wheel-thrown article
4. Any other, specify

## Collections

**Division 275 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 276 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 277 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

*Maximum size : 16" x 16" x 16" and must be mounted.*

### Classes

1. Bugs
2. Dolls, specify
3. Horses
4. Movie theme
5. Sea shells
6. Sports cards
7. Stickers
8. Toy animals
9. Any other, specify

## Cosplay Anime Art

**Division 278 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 279 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 280 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Black & White drawing/sketches
2. Color drawings
3. Any other, specify

## Crafts

**Division 281 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 282 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 283 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Beadwork
2. Birdhouse
3. Blue jean art
4. Bookmark
5. Bottle caps
6. Button art
7. Christmas items, specify

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8. Coasters (set of 4)
9. Collage Blue Ribbons Collage
10. Decoupage, specify
11. Duct tape art
12. Gourds
13. Jewelry
14. Legos
15. Macramé
16. Masks
17. Mason jar vases, decorated
18. Models
19. Mosaics
20. Perler bead
21. Pipe Cleaner Crafts
22. Tie dye items
23. Tin can/Coffee can craft, painted, decorated
24. Toothpicks
25. Wind Chimes - any other, specify
26. Wood, handmade
27. Any other, specify



## Paint A Rock

**Division 284 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 285 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 286 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Animal or Bugs
2. Fair theme "Blue Ribbons & Fair Traditions"
3. Flowers
4. Inspirational sayings
5. Any other, specify

## Origami

**Division 287 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 288 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 289 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Animals
2. Flowers
3. Ninja stars
4. Any other, specify

## Recycled Art

**Division 290 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 291 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 292 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Boxes
2. Cans
3. Any other, specify

## Scrapbook

**Division 293 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 294 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 295 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Scrapbook, any theme
2. Fair theme "Blue Ribbons & Fair Traditions"

## Sculpture

### **RULES:**

- Sculpture should not exceed 20 pounds and not wider or deeper than 12" nor higher than 24".
- Work must be original.
- May not be a reproduction.

**Division 296 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 297 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 298 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Class

1. Any other, specify medium

## Shoe Box Art/Diorama

**Division 299 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 300 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 301 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Animals
2. Fair theme "Blue Ribbons & Fair Traditions"
3. Fantasy
4. Nature
5. Science fiction
6. Any other theme, specify

## String Art

**Division 302 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 303 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 304 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. String art with nails and pins
2. String art with paint and paper
3. String art with balloons

## SPECIAL FRIENDS ARTS & CRAFTS

**Division 305 - Special Friends Arts & Crafts Youth**

*For youth 17 and younger with disabilities. Judging: Danish system*

### Classes

1. Arts
2. Ceramics
3. Crafts
4. Any other, specify

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## YOUTH ARTS & COLLECTIBLES AWARDS

### Proud Tradition

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### Best of Division

#### Art - Division 271

Sponsored by Plumbline Learning Center

#### Ceramics and Pottery - Division 274

Sponsored by Eric & Debby Comendant

#### Crafts - Division 280

Sponsored by Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation

#### Paint A Rock - Division 283

Sponsored by Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation

#### Recycled Art - Division 289

Sponsored by Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation

#### Sculpture - Division 298

Sponsored by Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation



## PRESCHOOLERS CRAFTS

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off Crafts:** Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off Baked:** Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Division 306 - Preschooler Crafts

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- Participants younger than five (5) years old, with the help of friends, family or preschool teachers, create fun crafts.
- One entry per class per exhibitor
- No plants, flowers, or vegetables.

#### Classes

1. Baked Cookies, frosted - 6
2. Baked Cookies, unfrosted - 6
3. Ceramic
4. Drawings/painting
5. Egg carton art
6. Fingerpainting
7. Hand puppet
8. Hand & footprint art
9. Jewelry
10. Paper plate art
11. Stick Puppet
12. Any other, specify

## CLOTHING & TEXTILES

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off:** Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- All items must be clean and pressed.
- Entries will be displayed on equipment furnished by the Fair.

### Clothing

**Division 307 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 308 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 309 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

#### Classes

1. Apron
2. Dress or skirt
3. Shirt
4. Shorts
5. Wearable art
6. Any other, specify

### Textiles

**Division 310 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 311 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 312 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

#### Classes

1. Afghan
2. Christmas item, specify
3. Counted cross stitch, any type
4. Crocheted item
5. Dolls
6. Embroidered item, any type
7. Knitted item
8. Latch hooked, any other, specify
9. Pillow
10. Pillowcase
11. Quilt, blanket
12. Quilt, block
13. Quilt, wall hanging
14. Textile painting, any item, specify
15. Textile project done by a group, club, class.
16. Toys, stuffed
17. Any other, specify



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## SPECIAL FRIENDS CLOTHING & TEXTILES

### Division 316 - Youth & Teens

For youth 17 and younger with disabilities. Judging: Danish system.

#### Classes

1. Any clothing item, specify
2. Any textile item, specify

## CLOTHING & TEXTILE AWARDS

### Proud Tradition

Sponsored by "In memory of Marianne Curry"

### Best of Division

#### Clothing- Division 303

Sponsored by Wearable Art Expression

#### Textiles - Division 306

Sponsored by Deidre Campbell

#### Wool & Woven - Division 309

Sponsored by Foothill Fibers Guild

## EDUCATION IN THE CLASSROOM

Enter a project made during the school year of an educational subject - a written paper, model, diagram, poster, etc.

### Division 319 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8

### Division 320 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12

### Division 321 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17

#### Classes

1. Book report
2. Culture
3. Geography
4. Health
5. History
6. Math
7. Science
8. Writing
9. Any other, specify
10. Group projects, specify



## EDUCATION IN THE CLASSROOM AWARD

### Proud Tradition

Sponsored by Nevada County Fairgrounds

### Best of Division

#### Education In The Classroom - Division 321

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## COMMUNITY HERO

Entry Forms Due By: Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

Drop off: Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

Drop off entries: **NORTHERN MINES BUILDING**

Closed judging

Pick up entries: Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- Total size not to exceed 11" x 17" on cardstock.
- Must include a photo or hand-drawing as well as writing
- Place the name on the back of the exhibit.

### Division 322 - Community Hero

Write a short story describing who your "hero" is and why. Some entries may be posted on Fairgrounds' social media sites.

#### Class

1. Community hero

## COMMUNITY HERO AWARDS

### Proud Tradition

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### Best of Division

#### Community Hero - Division 322

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Entry Forms Due By: Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

Drop off: Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

Drop off entries: **NORTHERN MINES BUILDING**

Closed Judging

Pick up entries: Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- Maximum entry display no larger than 24" x 24" x 24", depicting activity and the impact of the project.

*Definition:* Any service performed for the good of a community, an organization or an individual in need.

### Division 323 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8

### Division 324 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12

### Division 325 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17

#### Class

1. Community Service

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### Proud Tradition

Sponsored by Nevada County Fairgrounds

### Best of Division

#### Community Service - Division 325

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## FLORICULTURE

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

Drop off: Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

Drop off entries: EVERGREEN HALL

Closed Judging

Pick up entries: Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- The Fair does not assume responsibility for any article that is lost, stolen or damaged.
- Owner's name must be on the bottom of containers/ accessories.
- In all artistic design classes, including table settings but not dry arrangements, design must contain fresh plant material. Use of accessories or dressing (beads, spray paint, figurines, etc.) should be minimal and anchored securely. No artificial silk, fruits, vegetables or flowers. No bird nests, stuffed birds, butterflies, insects, fish or other animals may be used.
- Maximum width for standard arrangements is 30".
- Miniature arrangements no more than 6" x 6" x 6".

## Dry Arrangements

**Division 330 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 331 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 332 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

*Create an arrangement according to the title specified.*

### Classes

1. Miniature Arrangement - "Blue Stars Blazing"
2. Standard Arrangement - "Blue Ribbon Traditions"
3. Swag
4. Wreaths

## Potted Plants

**Division 333 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 334 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 335 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Potted plant flowering, 6" pot or under
2. Potted plant flowering, over 6" pot
3. Potted plant foliage, 6" pot or under
4. Potted plant foliage, over 6" pot
5. Potted plant foliage, unusual, 6" pot or under, specify
6. Potted plant foliage, unusual, over 6" pot, specify
7. Succulents, miniature container under 5", clay pot
8. Succulents, miniature container under 5", any other, specify



## Fairy Garden

**Division 336 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 337 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 338 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Fairy garden in a basket
2. Fairy garden - Fair theme "Blue Ribbons & Fair Traditions"
3. Fairy garden, any other

## Floral Arrangements

**Division 339 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 340 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 341 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

*Create an arrangement inspired by the title specified.*

### Classes

1. Miniature Arrangement - "Blue Ribbon Blooms"
2. Standard Arrangement - "Fair Flower Fantasia"

## Table Settings

*Exhibition Table Setting - An artistic design without practical considerations. Stands and backdrops acceptable as long as they do not exceed 24"w x 18"d x 42"h. Omit silverware.*

*Functional Table Setting - Along with flower arrangement, table setting should include dish, glassware, linens and napkin. Accessories are optional. Omit silverware. No paper products. not to exceed 4"w x 18"d x 42"h.*

**Division 342 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 343 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 344 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

*Create an arrangement according to the title specified.*

### Classes

1. Exhibition Table Setting - Fair theme "Blue Ribbons & Fair Traditions"
2. Functional Table Setting - Fair theme "Blue Ribbons & Fair Traditions"
3. Functional Table Setting - Favorite Holiday Dinner

## Division 345 - Companion Art

*Design a hanging Blue Ribbon for your artwork, then create a fresh or dried floral arrangement to go with it. Artwork need not be drawn by the exhibitor. The entire display not to exceed 24" w x 24" d x 48" h. Exhibitor may freshen the arrangement if needed.*

### Class

1. Companion Art

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## WEDNESDAY SHOW CUT FLOWERS

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off:** Tuesday, August 11 from 2 pm - 4 pm

**Drop off entries:** EVERGREEN HALL

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Friday, August 14 from 7:30 am - 8:30 am

*Refer to the Adult section for specific rules regarding the Wednesday and Friday Cut Flower shows.*

### Division 346 - Cut Flower - Wednesday Show

## FRIDAY SHOW CUT FLOWERS

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off:** Friday, August 14 from 7:30 am - 8:30 am

**Drop off entries:** EVERGREEN HALL

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### Division 347 - Cut Flower - Friday Show

#### Classes

1. Cosmos - 3
2. Dahlia - 1
3. Daisy - 3
4. Geranium - 3
5. Gladiolus - 1
6. Hydrangea - 1
7. Marigold - 3
8. Petunia - 3
9. Rose - 1
10. Sunflower - 1
11. Zinnia - 3
12. Any other, specify - 3

## YOUTH FLORICULTURE AWARDS

### Proud Tradition

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### Best of Division

#### **Dry Arrangements - Division 320**

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#### **Fairy Garden - Division 326**

Sponsored by Chicago Park Garden Club

#### **Floral Arrangements - Division 329**

Sponsored by Chicago Park Garden Club

#### **Table Settings - Division 332**

Sponsored by Chicago Park Garden Club

#### **Companion Art - Division 333**

Sponsored by Chicago Park Garden Club

## FOODS - BAKED

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off:** Monday, August 10 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- All entries must be home prepared by exhibitor.
- No package mixes unless specified.
- All exhibits should be brought in on disposable paper plates or pans enclosed in a Ziploc® or tied clear plastic bag. Do not label.
- Exhibitors must enter any size whole cake or loaf (bread), however, only a small portion of the entry may be exhibited. Exhibits brought to the Fair become property of the Fair. After being exposed to the public for five days, they are not suitable for human consumption and the Health Department has advised that the exhibits not be returned to the exhibitor. Space for food requiring refrigeration is very limited. Unless specified, bring in one item to be judged.

### Division 350 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8

### Division 351 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12

### Division 352 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17

#### Classes

1. Banana bread
2. Pumpkin bread
3. Zucchini bread
4. Bread, any other, specify
5. Cupcakes, frosted - 3
6. Cupcakes, unfrosted - 3
7. Carrot cake
8. Chocolate layer cake, frosted
9. Decorated cake
10. Devil's food cake, layer, frosted
11. Cake, any other, specify
12. Brownies, chocolate - 6
13. Bar cookies, specify - 6
14. Chocolate chip cookies - 6
15. Chocolate chip oatmeal cookies - 6
16. Decorated cookies - 3
17. Decorated candy - 3
18. Drop cookies, dark - 6
19. Drop cookies, light - 6
20. Muffins - 3
21. Oatmeal cookies - 6
22. Peanut butter cookies - 6
23. Snickerdoodle cookies - 6
24. Sugar cookies - 6
25. Cookies, any other, specify - 6
26. Pie, two-crust, specify
27. Any other baked foods, specify

# YOUTH DEPARTMENT

## Confection

Division 353 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8

Division 354 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12

Division 355 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17

### Classes

1. Divinity - 6
2. Fudge - 6
3. Any other, specify - 6

## Giant Cookie

*Cookie must be baked, must be one piece, and must be placed on a firm base. Judging based on taste, creativity, decorative appeal and size. One entry per class per exhibitor.*

Division 356 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8

Division 357- Exhibitors age 9 through 12

Division 358 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17

### Class

1. Giant Cookie



## Ugliest Decorated Cake Contest

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- One entry per class per exhibitor.
- Judged Danish.
- Cakes should be decorated as ugly as possible.
- Cakes that are considered to be in bad taste (visually) will not be displayed.
- Judged on looks only, but maybe tasted by the judges.
- No live animals (such as worms and bugs) may be incorporated into the cake.

Division 359 - Exhibitors age 5 through 17

### Classes

1. Ugliest decorated cake by an individual
2. Ugliest decorated cake by a group

## YOUTH BAKED FOOD AWARD

### Proud Tradition

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### Best of Division

**Baked Food - Division 342**

Sponsored by Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation

**Confection - Division 345**

Sponsored by Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation

**Giant Cookie - Division 348**

Sponsored by Advanced Auto Towing

## FOODS - PRESERVED

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off:** Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- Each entry provided to the fair will consist of two clean, identical home canning jars, one for the judges to evaluate and one for display. Jar rings and lids should be clean and free of rust, dust and food. Dried products must have a minimum of 1/2 cup in each jar.
- All canning entries shall follow USDA-accepted methods for home canning. For information about these methods, go to the National Center for Home Food Preservation (NCHFP) at <https://nchfp.uga.edu/>. One-piece lids or paraffin seals will be disqualified.
- Jars and jar lids shall be clean of any added decoration unless otherwise specified.
- The jar opened by the judge must be picked up by the exhibitor on *Friday, July 24 between 1 pm and 4 pm* at the Administration office or it will be discarded.
- **LABELING: Of the two jars entered, the tasting jar shall have a label 1" x 2-5/8" or smaller placed on the lid ONLY. The label must only state name of product, day/month/year canned and method used (WB=Water bath canning, SC = Steam canner, PC=Pressure canner) Open kettle or inversion methods are not acceptable and will be disqualified. The exhibitor's name MUST NOT be on the label.**
- All entries must have been made within one year of the opening date of the fair and prepared at home.

## Preserved Food

Division 360 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8

Division 361 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12

Division 362 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17

### Classes

1. Dried fruit, specify
2. Fruit canned, specify
3. Jams, specify
4. Jelly, specify

## YOUTH PRESERVED FOODS AWARDS

### Proud Tradition

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### Best of Division

**Preserved Food - Division 352**

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# YOUTH DEPARTMENT

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Entry Forms Due By: Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

Drop off: Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

Drop off entries: NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

Closed Judging

Pick up entries: Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- Exhibitors may use camera or cell phone.
- All entries must be mounted on poster board no larger than 12" x 18" with a 1" border
- **Cell phone photo entries** must not exceed 4" x 6" and must be mounted on black paper
- No mats, frames and/or glass.
- Prints must be either black and white or color, any size print and any number of prints per board.

**Division 363 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 364 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 365 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Astro
2. Fair photo - picture taken at any previous Nevada County Fair.
3. Man-made structures and objects
4. Nature, animals, birds, insects, reptiles
5. Nature, plant life
6. People
7. Scenic
8. Cell phone photo(s) (see above rules)

## Pet Look-Alike

**Division 366 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 367 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 368 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

*Enter a photo of you and your Look-Alike Pet which shows how you best look alike. All entries must be mounted on posterboard no larger than 12" x 18". No frames or glass.*

### Class

1. Pet Look-Alike Contest Photo

## YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

**Proud Tradition**

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**Best of Division**

**Photography - Division 355**

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**Pet Look A Like - Division 358**

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## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Entry Forms Due By: Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

Drop off: Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

Drop off entries: NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

Closed Judging

Pick up entries: Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- All items must be handmade and ready for hanging.

## Digital Projects

**Division 369 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 370 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 371 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. **Computer Assisted Drawing** - Exhibits will be judged on presentation, layout, design quality and originality. Submit on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
2. **Graphic Design** - May include brochures, newsletter, flier or advertisement. Submit a "hard copy" that is mounted for hanging in a display.
3. **3-D Design Printed Object** - Object made with 3-D printer or other similar additive process. Design must be significantly done by the exhibitor. Describe the process, material, machine and software to help the public understand how the object was created.
4. **Minecraft** - Screenshot of your best room or building/structure and explain why it's your best.

## Wind craft

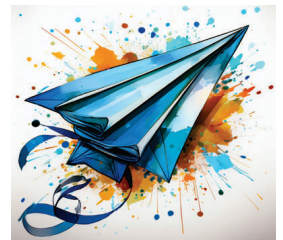
**Division 372 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 373 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 374 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Paper airplane
2. Any other, specify



## YOUTH SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARD

**Proud Tradition**

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**Best of Division**

**Digital Project - Division 361**

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# YOUTH DEPARTMENT

## POETRY, PROSE & POSTERS

**Entry Forms Due By:** Monday, July 20 by 4 pm

**Drop off:** Tuesday, July 28 from 12 pm - 6 pm

**Drop off entries:** NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

**Closed Judging**

**Pick up entries:** Tuesday, August 18 from 12 pm - 6 pm

### RULES:

- All entries must be the original work of the exhibitor, completed since the 2024 Fair.
- Name should be affixed to the back of entry.
- Submit on one 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper (one side only).
- May be configured in any way on the paper.
- All entries must be mounted on 9" x 12" construction paper (for display purposes).

## Poetry

**Division 375 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 376 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 377 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Fair theme "**Blue Ribbons & Fair Traditions**"
2. Haiku
3. Humorous
4. Jingles/Limericks
5. Any other poetry

## Prose

**RULES:** Nevada County residents only.

- All entry sheets must be numbered and mounted separately on 9" x 12" construction paper.
- Prose entries may not exceed 1,000 words.
- Total number of words must be on the back of the exhibit.
- All entries must be the original work of the exhibitor.
- Submit typed, double-spaced 8 ½" x 11" sheets of white paper (one side only), 10 pt or larger font with 1" margins or more.
- Each sheet must be numbered and mounted separately.
- Place name on back of exhibit.

**Division 378 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 379 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 380 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Classes

1. Fair theme "**Blue Ribbons & Fair Traditions**"
2. Any other short story

## Posters for Peace

Using 1/2 sheet of posterboard (14" x 22") create a poster promoting peace. It may be within the individual, the family, the community, the nation or the world. Any medium may be used - words, drawing, painting, etc. Posters cannot be too heavy to hang.

**Division 381 - Exhibitors age 5 through 8**

**Division 382 - Exhibitors age 9 through 12**

**Division 383 - Exhibitors age 13 through 17**

### Class

1. Posters for Peace

## YOUTH POSTER, POETRY & PROSE AWARD

### Proud Tradition

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### Best of Division

**Poetry - Division 370**

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**Prose - Division 373**

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**Posters for Peace - Division 376**

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