

2026 Youth Department

Exhibitors ages 18 and under.

SUPERINTENDENT: Cheryl Star

Assist. Superintendent:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 25, 2026. (Youth garden & flower registration deadline: July 10.)

On-line entry is available through our website www.ozarkempirefair.com.

Registration forms to mail in are available at www.ozarkempirefair.com or at the Ozark Empire Fair Office.

Exhibitor tags will be mailed in July to the name and address on the online registration or registration form.

Receive one (1) FREE admission ticket **if** a single exhibitor enters 15 or more paid entries (all departments combined).

YOUTH: \$1.00 per entry

Special Event entry: \$2.00

(Max. fee for any **youth** exhibitor=\$25 **if** you mail or walk-in a **PAPER** Registration Form.)

Total number of entries for mail or walk-in entries shall be limited to a total of 75.

(If you register online, EVERY entry will be charged \$1.00 with no upper limit.)

CHECK-IN:

Divisions 101-119: Saturday, July 18, 2026, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the **East Hall**.

Foods, Food Preservation and Garden: Divisions 120-122: Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the **East Hall**.

Contests held during the Fair: see Special Events Department

Check-in procedure will be sent with exhibitor tags in July. Exhibitor tags must be securely attached to exhibits before arriving at the Fairgrounds.

CHECK-OUT:

Exhibits in this department will be checked out after the Fair on **Sunday, August 9, 2026**, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. **No exhibit will be released prior to this time.**

A claim check (bottom of exhibitor tag) is required to check out each exhibit.

Any exhibit not claimed by August 14 will be considered abandoned and will become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair to be disposed of as necessary.

REGULATIONS:

1. All entries are governed by the Life & Arts Exhibits Rules and Regulations and the rules for this department.
2. **Exhibitor is limited to one (1) exhibit in a class.**
3. Division 101 is limited to exhibits made jointly by a family or other youth group. All other divisions are for exhibits made by individuals.
4. Classes without specified age groups will be open to all youth exhibitors ages 18 and under.
5. Open classes with a significant number of entries from both 10 and Under and 11-18 exhibitors may be sub-divided at the superintendent's AND director's discretion.

6. Articles that exhibited at any previous Ozark Empire Fair are not eligible for entry.
 7. Exhibits must have been completed within the last two (2) years.
 8. **Size of exhibits:** Unless otherwise specified in class descriptions, size of exhibits will be limited as follows.
 - a. For exhibits that hang, maximum size will be 24"x24" (or exhibit that can be folded to 24"x24"). Exceptions will be allowed for quilts.
 - b. Exhibits that do not hang (including collections and ceramics), maximum size is 12" front to back, 24" side to side.
 - c. Exceptions such as furniture depend on individual articles (contact Exhibits Office). Special arrangements for heavy items must be made in advance with Exhibits Office.
 9. **Display requirements:**
 - a. When more than one item is necessary to complete an exhibit, each item must be labeled with division, class, and exhibitor's number as shown on official exhibitor tag received from Exhibits Office.
 - b. Models must be firmly attached to a base and WITHOUT other decoration. Dioramas (scale models with decorations such as trees) must be firmly attached to a base. Locking Block constructions must be firmly attached to a base. *Maximum size of base for models, dioramas and locking blocks is 12" front to back, 24" side to side.*
 - c. Any framed or hanging exhibit MUST be equipped with a suitable hanging device.
 - d. Any plants used in craft exhibits must be artificial.
 10. Exhibit building will not be open to the public during judging for exhibits in this department.
 11. Exhibitor and the public are prohibited from handling exhibits in any manner or from helping remove exhibits on check-out day.
 12. Prize money will be paid to the number of places indicated for each class, if quality merits. Judges may occasionally award additional placings, but no prize money will be paid for these additional ribbons.
 13. Champion ribbons will only be awarded to divisions of **three** or more classes in which the average entry per class is **three** exhibitors with at least **one** entry per class and **three** 1st place ribbons awarded. Open divisions will only award one champion ribbon. Split age divisions will award a champion ribbon for 10 and Under and a champion ribbon for 11-18.
 14. In order to have this exhibit of as high quality as possible, the right is reserved to reject all unsuitable exhibits, to determine that all rules and regulations have been followed, and that no identification of the exhibitor in any form is displayed during judging.
 15. **Judging Guidelines:** see Judging Guidelines link.
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GRAND CHAMPION

There will be 2 Grand Champion Ribbons Awarded in this department.
(One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)

YOUTH SPECIAL EVENTS

These Youth contests held during the Fair are listed in the Special Events Department.

For the Birds	Thursday, July 30, 5 p.m.
Paint a Plate	Friday, July 31, 2 p.m.
King Arthur Baking Contest – Crisps and Cobblers	Sunday, August 2, 4 p.m.
Muffin Monday	Monday, August 3, 8 a.m.
Flowers Grown by Youth Exhibitors	Tuesday, August 4, 8 a.m.
Scrapbook Challenge	Tuesday, August 4, 2 p.m.
Red, White, and Blue Centerpieces	Tuesday, August 4, 4 p.m.
Creative Cupcakes	Wednesday, August 5, 2 p.m.
Crafty Cookies	Wednesday, August 5, 4 p.m.
Spaghetti Towers	Wednesday, August 5, 6 p.m.
Cream Cheesy	Thursday, August 6, 6 p.m.
Youth Cook's Challenge	Friday, August 7, 4 p.m.
Battle of the Boards	Friday, August 7, 6 p.m.

Complete information on these and other Special Event contests held during the Fair are available in the **Special Events Department**.

There will be daily **ON-THE-SPOT** contests open to anyone attending the fair each day. No pre-registration required. On-the-spot contests will be announced daily by grounds announcer, posted on Facebook, and daily contest schedule near our contest stage.

DIVISION 101 - GROUP PROJECTS

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Additional Information:

- a. Any craft or needlework project planned and constructed as a joint project of adult(s) and child or children.
- b. Names of all participants **MUST** be on registration form. Ages of each youth participant **MUST** be on registration form and exhibitor tag.
- c. Age of oldest participant in Youth Group will determine choice of class 2 or 3.

Class

- 1 Family Project: joint project of an adult family member (parent, adult sister or brother, grandparent, aunt, uncle) and youth family member (grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.)
- 2 Youth Group 10 and Under: joint project by member of an organized youth group (church, neighborhood, etc.) with an adult leader. (NOT Girl Scouts)
- 3 Youth Group 11-18: joint project by member of an organized youth group (church, neighborhood, etc.) with an adult leader. (NOT Girl Scouts)

DIVISION 102 - SPECIAL CONTESTS

CREATIVE CHALLENGE

Prize money: \$4 - \$3 - \$2

Put your creative talent to work! Create an original **wall hanging** using the following items.

Composition **MUST CONTAIN**:

- at least 2 stars
- exactly 5 Coke bottle caps or tabs
- exactly 18" of red, white, and blue ribbon (cannot be the hanger)
- exactly 1 US Flag picture, sticker, or symbol
- at least 6 colored popsicle sticks
- at least 2 marbles or dragon tears

Any other materials may be used in addition to these.

Maximum size 12"x18". Items may be any size, shape or color unless specifics are listed above.

Be sure all items are securely attached and that composition will hang on display wall.

Class

1 Ages 10 and Under

2 Ages 11-18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S.A. – PATRIOTIC

Prize money: \$4 - \$3 - \$2

Any craft item that celebrates the United States of America and her 250-year legacy. May be a craft item from any Youth division as long as it is patriotic in subject matter.

Class:

3 Ages 5 and under

5 Ages 11-14

4 Ages 6 - 10

6 Ages 15-18

DIVISION 103 – ARTWORK

There will be **2 Champion Ribbons** Awarded in this division.

(One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Additional information:

- a. Maximum size of paintings and drawings is 16"x20". Larger work may be shown only as space allows and only with permission of Exhibits Office.
- b. Framed work **MUST** have hook eyes and wire attached for hanging. **ANY FRAMED WORK SUBMITTED WITHOUT HOOK EYES AND WIRE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- c. Unframed work should be mounted on mat board or medium weight poster board. Mat may be stapled or tacked for display.
- d. **TAGS:** Placed on the lower left corner of any artwork that hangs. Placed on the bottom of the artwork which is freestanding so that the exhibitor name can be seen when displayed.

Class:

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| 1 | Painting, age 5 and under | 12 | Sculpture and three-dimensional assemblages, age 11-18 |
| 2 | Painting, age 6-10 | 13 | Mixed media, age 10 and under (painting and drawing in the same picture, etc.), collage (two dimensional) |
| 3 | Painting, age 11-14 | 14 | Mixed media, age 11-18 (painting and drawing in the same picture, etc.), collage (two dimensional) |
| 4 | Painting, age 15-18 | 15 | Miniature artwork. 2-dimension maximum size 8"x8". 3-dimension maximum size 8"x8"x8". Any subject. Any medium. Age 10 and under. |
| 5 | Drawing, age 5 and under | 16 | Miniature artwork. 2-dimension maximum size 8"x8". 3-dimension maximum size 8"x8"x8". Any subject. Any medium. Age 11-18. |
| 6 | Drawing, age 6-10 | | |
| 7 | Drawing, age 11-14 | | |
| 8 | Drawing, age 15-18 | | |
| 9 | Comic Book, age 10 and under , must be at least 2 pages. | | |
| 10 | Comic Book, age 11-18 , must be at least 2 pages. | | |
| 11 | Sculpture and three-dimensional assemblages, age 10 and under | | |

DIVISION 104 - CERAMICS, POTTERY

Champion: Ribbon

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional Information:

- a. Ceramics are from greenware. Pottery is made by hand (wheelthrown, coil, etc.) - no pre-molded pieces.
- b. **Felt or any other covering on the base of a piece will automatically disqualify the exhibit from judging.** Judge MUST be able to see base.
- c. Size of exhibit: see regulation 6 at the beginning of the department.
- d. DEFINITIONS: Stains - Non-fired color applied to ceramic bisque. Glazes - Color applied to ceramic bisque and fired. Underglazes - Translucent or opaque color applied to ceramic greenware or bisque and fired. Overglazes - Fired lusters or metals applied over a fired glaze and refired.

Class

- 1 Ceramics, **age 10 and under**, any item (stains, glazes, underglazes, overglazes, etc.)
- 2 Ceramics, **age 11-18**, any item (stains, glazes, underglazes, overglazes, etc.)
- 3 Pottery, **age 10 and under** (wheelthrown, coil, slab, etc.)
- 4 Pottery, **age 11-18** (wheelthrown, coil, slab, etc.)

DIVISION 105 - DECORATED CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

There will be **2 Champion Ribbons** Awarded in this division.

(One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional information:

- a. Clothing and accessories for holidays, see Holiday divisions.
- b. Jewelry made from nature items such as seashells, see Nature division.

Class

- 1 Clothing, **age 10 and under**, hand-painted or decorated with “jewels”, beads, lace, other decorations including iron-on transfers, etc.
- 2 Fashion accessory, **age 10 and under**, (NOT jewelry)
- 3 Jewelry, **age 10 and under**, made with purchased items such as beads, OR made with handmade items (such as paper beads, handmade clay shapes, etc.), OR made with “found” or collected items (such as antique buttons, etc.)
- 4 Clothing, **age 11-18**, hand-painted or decorated with “jewels”, beads, lace, other decorations including iron-on transfers, etc.
- 5 Fashion accessory, **age 11-18**, (NOT jewelry)
- 6 Jewelry, **age 11-18**, made with purchased items such as beads, OR made with handmade items (such as paper beads, handmade clay shapes, etc.), OR made with “found” or collected items (such as antique buttons, etc.)

DIVISION 106 - GARDEN ART

There will be **2 Champion Ribbons** Awarded in this division.
(One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Any plants used in exhibit must be artificial.

Class

- 1 Decorated flower pot, **age 10 and under**. Must be useable for potted plant.
- 2 Stepping stone, handmade, **age 10 and under**.
- 3 Any wind craft, **age 10 and under** – (wind chimes (handmade), windsock, windmill, etc.)
- 4 Decorated flower pot, **age 11-18**. Must be useable for potted plant.
- 5 Stepping stone, handmade, **age 11-18**.
- 6 Any wind craft, **age 11-18** – (wind chimes (handmade), windsock, windmill, etc.)

DIVISION 107 - HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Champion: Ribbon

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional information:

- a. Please briefly outline actual work done by exhibitor on back of tag. Examples: "hand carved and painted" or "painted purchased figurine"; "original design" or "pattern"; etc.
- b. Greeting cards: see Greeting Cards division or Computer division.

Class

- 1 Christmas tree ornament, painted or other, **age 10 and under**.
- 2 Christmas tree ornament, painted or other, **age 11-18**.
- 3 Any other Christmas decoration other than tree ornament, to hang on wall, door or window (wreaths, framed pictures, etc.)
- 4 Decoration for any holiday which occurs during the months of January through April
- 5 Decoration for any holiday which occurs during the months of May through August
- 6 Decoration for any holiday which occurs during the months of September through December, excludes Christmas (see class 1 and 2).

DIVISION 108 – FIBER ARTISTRY

There will be **2 Champion Ribbons** Awarded in this division.

(One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Highland Fiber Artists Guild will award \$25 to Sponsor's Choice.

Additional Information:

- a. Items may be machine or hand sewn.
- b. Clothing may be machine or handmade.
- c. Exhibitor must provide a suitable hanger for all garments.
- d. Mark exhibitor tag whether article is an original design or a pattern, painted canvas or kit.

Class

- 1 Sewn item – garment, **age 10 and under**
- 2 Sewn item – garment, **age 11 – 18**
- 3 Sewn item – stuffed animal or toy, **age 10 and under**
- 4 Sewn item – stuffed animal or toy, **age 11 – 18**
- 5 Sewn item – fashion accessory, household use item, etc., **age 10 and under**
- 6 Sewn item – fashion accessory, household use item, etc., **age 11 -18**
- 7 Crochet, any item
- 8 Knitting, any item
- 9 Embroidery, NOT counted cross stitch
- 10 Quilt or any other quilted item
- 11 Any other needlework technique – cross stitch, plastic canvas, weaving, hooking, etc.

DIVISION 109 - MODELS

There will be **2 Champion Ribbons** Awarded in this division.

(One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional information:

- a. Exhibit is ONE model only per class. Model must be made by exhibitor.
- b. Models must be firmly attached to a base and WITHOUT other decorations. Dioramas (scale models with decorations such as trees) must be firmly attached to a base.
- c. Maximum size of base will be 12" front to back, 24" side to side.
- d. If model is from a kit, write KIT on exhibitor tag. If model is customized from a kit, list modifications on exhibitor tag.

Class

- 1 Model diorama (with appropriate scenery) - **NOT** locking block models, **age 10 & under**.
- 2 Model any other - **NOT** locking blocks, **age 10 & under**.
- 3 Model diorama (with appropriate scenery)-locking blocks **ONLY** (Legos, etc.) **age 10 & under**.
- 4 Model any other - locking blocks **ONLY** (Legos, etc.) **age 10 & under**.
- 5 Model diorama (with appropriate scenery) - **NOT** locking block models, **age 11-18**.
- 6 Model any other - **NOT** locking blocks, **age 11-18**.
- 7 Model diorama (with appropriate scenery) - locking blocks **ONLY** (Legos, etc.), **age 11-18**.
- 8 Model any other - locking blocks **ONLY** (Legos, etc.), **age 11-18**.

DIVISION 110 - NATURE ARTS AND CRAFTS

Champion: Ribbon

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional information:

- a. Nature items may be collected or purchased, but must be decorated or arranged by exhibitor.
- b. Wood is an item from nature. Painting on driftwood or bark, for example, goes in this division. Painting on board or plywood shapes, however, goes in Painting division.
- c. Nature items decorated for holidays are exhibited in Holiday divisions.

Class

- 1 Egg (real egg), painted or other decoration
- 2 Gourd, painted or other decoration
- 3 Rock, any decoration or craft
- 4 Jewelry made from nature items (seashells, rocks, etc.)
- 5 Painting on any nature item not listed (leaf, bark, etc.)
- 6 Seed or crop art or craft - artwork or craft featuring dry seeds, beans, etc.
- 7 Other nature craft not listed

DIVISION 111 - GREETING CARDS

Champion: Ribbon

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional information:

- a. Entry is ONE card, no envelope.
- b. All cards must be ORIGINAL.
- c. Cards must be handmade without computer assist. They may be hand drawn and lettered, stamped, embossed, stickers, pasted cutouts, etc.
- d. Computer generated greeting cards: See Computer Division

Class

- 1 Holiday card, handmade
- 2 Birthday card, handmade
- 3 Any other card, handmade (Thank You, Thinking of You, other holiday, Get Well, etc.)
- 4 Hand drawn card – ONLY using markers, crayons, water paints, color pencil

DIVISION 112 - SCRAPBOOKS

Champion: Ribbon

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional Information:

- a. An exhibit is one page only - no complete albums.
- b. Page should be displayed in a clear page protector sleeve or clear zipper storage bag. NO frames, please. Sleeve may be stapled to hang page for display.

Class

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| 1 | Travel | 4 | School |
| 2 | Family, (past/present) | 5 | Any other subject |
| 3 | Holiday | | |

DIVISION 113 - WOOD ARTISTRY

Champion: Ribbon

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional information:

- a. Paintings on wood should be exhibited only in Painting division.
- b. Constructions made of toothpicks, popsicle sticks, etc. should be exhibited only in Other Crafts division.

Class

- 1 Household use item (storage box, tray, etc.)
- 2 Woodburning
- 3 Woodcarving, in the round or relief, any subject
- 4 Other wood craft not listed (scroll saw, inlay, turning, etc.)

DIVISION 114 - PHOTOGRAPHY

There will be **2 Champion Ribbons** Awarded in this division.

(One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)

ESLICK ENTERPRISES will award \$5 to Sponsor's Choice photograph in color and monochrome in both ages 10 & under and 11-18.

Prize money: \$4 - \$3 - \$2

Additional Information:

- a. Photographs, including digital photos, **MUST be 8"x10" prints matted to 11"x14"**.
- b. **An exhibitor is limited to a total of 10 photographs** (color, monochrome, and digital combined) with a limit of one photograph per class. **If more than 10 photographs are listed on Registration, only the first 10 will be accepted. NO refunds given for extras.**
- c. **MAT:**
 1. Use regular photo mat (single or double matted). Other types of mat board tend to fall from display rack. **DO NOT USE FOAM BOARD.**
 2. Double matted photos (one bottom mat and one top mat) may have a slight overlap of top mat but minimum size of **visible** photograph will be 7½"x9½". Photos will be measured before judging.
 3. Any color mat will be accepted.
 4. No decoration allowed on mat.
 5. Entries which do not meet the above criteria will NOT be accepted.
- d. **Creative Photography:** Classes 25-28 are intended for photos digitally manipulated in some way with computer programs such as Photoshop, Picture This, Microsoft Photo Editor, etc. **Any image created with the use of computer imaging software should be entered in Creative Photography.** (Photos taken with a digital camera and printed without altering it - or with minor alterations such as fixing red eye - enter in classes 1-24.)
- e. Exhibitor tags should be securely attached (with string fastened to back of mat) so tag hangs over UPPER left corner of mat.
- f. **Please note on exhibitor tag the location of scenic and nature photos for the benefit of fairgoers.**

COLOR PHOTOS

CLASS 1 – THEME – SUMMER’S BIGGEST PARTY – 90 Years of A Grand Ole Fair

Everyone has a fair story, memory or picture. Help us celebrate 90 Years of a Grand Ole Fair and take a picture of what you consider to be the best of the Ozark Empire Fair. Please indicate the location or activity when the photo was taken on the entry tag. Also, no digital manipulation, please.

CLASS 2: FOCUS ON THE OZARKS

Living in the Ozarks implies a connection with our rich heritage and a driving force behind a popular tourist destination. Share photos of those special places and events which help make memories not only for those of us who live here, but the hundreds of thousands of visitors we host each year. Please indicate the location and/or event where, in the Ozarks, the photo was taken on the entry tag. Also, no digital manipulation, please.

Class

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| 3 | Animals-pets, age 10 and under. | 12 | Animals-pets, age 11-18 |
| 4 | Animals-not pets, age 10 and under. | 13 | Animals-not pets, age 11-18. |
| 5 | Architecture, age 10 and under. | 14 | Architecture, age 11-18. |
| 6 | Nature, age 10 and under. | 15 | Nature, age 11-18. |
| 7 | Flowers, age 10 and under. | 16 | Flowers, age 11 – 18. |
| 8 | People, age 10 and under. | 17 | People, age 11-18. |
| 9 | Still Life (non-living objects ONLY);
fruits, vegetables, cut flowers permitted,
age 10 and under. | 18 | Still Life (non-living objects ONLY);
fruits, vegetables, cut flowers permitted,
age 11-18. |
| 10 | Transportation, past or present (train,
boat, car, hot air balloon, etc.; animal
permitted ONLY if in use for
transportation), age 10 and under. | 19 | Transportation, past or present (train,
boat, car, hot air balloon, etc.; animal
permitted ONLY if in use for
transportation), age 11-18. |
| 11 | City/Country – name the location on the
exhibitor tag (capture the flavor of a city
or of a country setting; photo must be
recognizable as being taken in the city or
country.), age 10 and under. | 20 | City/Country – name the location on the
exhibitor tag (capture the flavor of a city
or of a country setting; photo must be
recognizable as being taken in the city or
country.), age 11-18 |

MONOCHROME PHOTOS (includes black and white, sepia, etc.)

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| 21 | Animals (live), age 10 & under. | 26 | Animals (live), age 11-18 |
| 22 | City/Country – name the location on the
exhibitor tag (see city/country class 11
for restrictions) age 10 and under. | 27 | City/Country – name the location on the
exhibitor tag (see city/country class 19
for restrictions), age 11-18 |
| 23 | Nature, age 10 and under. | 28 | Nature, age 11-18 |
| 24 | People, age 10 and under. | 29 | People, age 11-18 |
| 25 | Still Life (non-living objects ONLY);
fruits, vegetables, cut flowers permitted,
age 10 and under. | 30 | Still Life (non-living objects ONLY);
fruits, vegetables, cut flowers permitted,
age 11-18 |

CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY: All images in classes 31-35 must begin as a photo capture. Then photos have been altered with:

1. Computer programs such as Photoshop, Picture This, Microsoft Photo Editor, etc.
2. Camera settings
3. Darkroom techniques

Major alterations such as changing background color or removing a tree **MUST** be entered in classes 31-35.

Class

- 31 Color alterations: any subject (change the sky to green, take color out of everything in the picture except the main object/person in the photo, etc.)
- 32 Content alterations: any subject - move a tree, delete or add a person or object, stitch two photos together (attach a small copy of the original to the exhibitor tag OR write a brief note on back of exhibitor tag listing alterations.)
- 33 Photo with text: any subject
- 34 Patriotic photo with text: USA inspired
- 35 Photo collage, 3 or more **DIFFERENT** images digitally arranged and printed as **ONE** print, with or without text
- 36 Photo with filter (use filter function on camera app)

DIVISION 115 - RECYCLING AND CONSERVATION

Champion: Ribbon

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional information:

- a. Any useful and/or decorative article made by recycling disposable items.
- b. Classes 2-3: Attach a 3"x5" card to exhibitor tag listing: Exhibitor number, class number, use or title of exhibit, item(s) recycled to make exhibit, method of construction (briefly).
- c. Judging will be based on use of recycling principles, workmanship, creativity, suitability of project to items recycled.

Class

- 1 Beverage Container art - any item, decorative or functional, made out of used beverage containers (aluminum cans, plastic bottles, solo cups, etc.)
- 2 Item for household use or decor made from recycled materials
- 3 Other item for personal use made from recycled materials (accessories, toys, etc.)
- 4 Any item for décor made from recycled materials (wall hanging, paperweight, etc.)

DIVISION 116 - WRITING

There will be **2 Champion Ribbons** Awarded in this division.
(One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Jean Williams Memorial Award: \$5 will be awarded to sponsor's choice in classes 2 and 5.

Additional information:

- a. All work must be completely original.
- b. All work must be suitable for family viewing.
- c. Must be legibly hand-written or typed by exhibitor on 8½"x11" white paper with 1" margins.
- d. Attach to 11"x14" light-weight poster board or heavy construction paper. If entry is more than one page, stack pages on top of each other, staple them at the top to the poster board.
- e. **MAXIMUM LENGTH:** Poem: must fit on one 8½"x11" page. Short Stories: maximum 750 words.

Class

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| 1 | THEME – Summer’s Biggest Party, 90 Years of a Grand Ole Fair – Narrative writing or short story about the Ozark Empire Fair (may be biographical or auto-biographical or fiction), age 10 & under. | 4 | THEME – Summer’s Biggest Party, 90 Years of a Grand Ole Fair – Narrative writing or short story about the Ozark Empire Fair (may be biographical or auto-biographical or fiction), age 11-18. |
| 2 | Original poem, rhyming or non-rhyming, age 10 & under. | 5 | Original poem, rhyming or non-rhyming, age 11-18. |
| 3 | Original short story, any subject, age 10 & under. | 6 | Original short story, any subject, Age 11-18. |

DIVISION 117 – YOUTH CLUBS

There will be **2 Champion Ribbons** Awarded in this division.

(One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional information:

- a. Any exhibitor registered with the following groups (or similar groups) may compete: AWANA, Boy Scouts, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Camp Fire, Royal Rangers, Trail Life, 4H.
- b. Girl Scouts has a separate department and should not be entered in this division.
- c. Please write the club represented in the upper right hand corner of the exhibitor tag.
- d. Every article must be the work of the exhibitor(s) who enters it.
- e. Detail any information the judges need to know about the exhibit on the back of exhibitor tag. Judges will not see registration forms.
- f. Classes labeled as “project” need to be displayed on a tri-fold presentation board with photos and/or the actual project, and explanations.
- g. Other exhibits should follow the rules for similar classes in the previous youth divisions.

Class

- 1 Essay Contest – **age 10 and under** – “What My Club Means to Me”
- 2 Essay Contest – **age 11 - 18** – “What My Club Means to Me”
- 3 Club in Action Photo(s) – **age 10 and under** – may be one or more photos mounted to 11” x 14” poster board that tells a “story” related to your club.
- 4 Club in Action Photo(s) – **age 11 - 18** – may be one or more photos mounted to 11” x 14” poster board that tells a “story” related to your club.
- 5 Uniform – **age 10 and under** – enter your uniform with all of your badges and emblems.
- 6 Uniform – **age 11 - 18** – enter your uniform with all of your badges and emblems.
- 7 Drawing, original, mounted – **age 10 and under**
- 8 Drawing, original, mounted – **age 11 - 18**
- 9 Painting, original, mounted – **age 10 and under**
- 10 Painting, original, mounted – **age 11 - 18**
- 11 Leather craft – **age 10 and under**
- 12 Leather craft – **age 11 - 18**
- 13 Metal craft – **age 10 and under**
- 14 Metal craft – **age 11 - 18**
- 15 Paper craft – **age 10 and under**
- 16 Paper craft – **age 11 - 18**
- 17 Recycling Project – **age 10 and under**

- 18 Recycling Project – **age 11 – 18**
- 19 Pinewood derby car – **age 10 and under**
- 20 Pinewood derby car – **age 11 – 18**
- 21 Raingutter regatta boat – **age 10 and under**
- 22 Raingutter regatta boat – **age 11 – 18**
- 23 Knot board, label knots – **age 10 and under**
- 24 Knot board, label knots – **age 11 – 18**
- 25 STEM project – **age 10 and under**
- 26 STEM project – **age 11 – 18**
- 27 Any other project or craft not listed in this department – **age 10 and under**
- 28 Any other project or craft not listed in this department – **age 11 - 18**

DIVISION 118 - OTHER CRAFTS

Champion: Ribbon

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional information:

- a. Holiday decorations should be exhibited in Holiday divisions.
- b. Locking blocks (Legos, etc.), see Models, Locking Blocks divisions.
- c. Wind crafts (wind chimes, wind socks, etc.), see Garden Art divisions.
- d. Size of exhibit: see regulation 6.
- e. Youth Leather craft exhibits – enter in Leather Artistry Department. See Leather Artistry Handbook for details.

Class

- 1 Animal, any construction except sewn and stuffed (see Home Arts division 109), may be decorated
- 2 Beadwork - any item NOT clothing or jewelry
- 3 Box, decorated (NOT giftwrapped) - paper box, wood box, metal box, etc. for use as a trinket box, recipe box, stationery box, etc. - decorated by painting; addition of “jewels”, buttons, beads’, decoupage, etc.
- 4 Computer Art – Any art or craft created on a computer (digital painting, card, poster, etc.)
- 5 Dough art
- 6 Shadow Box – any subject
- 7 Jazzy jar - quart canning jar decorated by decoupage, addition of “bling”, buttons, beads, etc. May be decorative or functional (vase, pencil jar, spare change jar, etc.)
- 8 Mosaic
- 9 Native American theme craft (dream catcher, Kachina doll, etc.)
- 10 Paint by number
- 11 Pioneer craft (handmade soap, candles, etc.)
- 12 Sand art
- 13 Craft made with preformed materials - popsicle sticks, toothpicks, clothespins, straws, etc.
- 14 Painting on glass or plastic (including china painting)
- 15 Painting on wood
- 16 Painting on any other surface not listed in this or other divisions
- 17 Any paper craft – such as: paper folding (origami, tea bag folding, etc.), 3-D paper craft (paper mache piggy bank or piñata), handmade paper, paper cutting, decorated notepaper with envelope, quilling, twist paper, etc.
- 18 Coloring Page – preprinted image colored by the exhibitor

- 19 Diamond Painting (may be pattern or original design – indicate on exhibitor tag)
- 20 Craft not listed above - made of glass, wood, metal or other non-flexible construction
- 21 Craft not listed above - made of cloth or other soft construction

DIVISION 119 - CHALLENGED YOUTH

There will be **2 Champion Ribbons** Awarded in this division.
 (One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)
 Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

Additional Information:

- a. Competition in this division is open to youth who are challenged physically, mentally or developmentally.
- b. Exhibitor CANNOT enter the same type item in this division and any other division. Example: if you enter a paint by number in this division, you cannot enter another paint by number in Division 117.
- c. Regular department rules apply. Example: if you enter embroidery, Home Arts division rules (size, etc.) apply.

Class

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Ceramics, 1 piece, age 10 & under. 2 Paint by number, age 10 & under. 3 Artwork - painting, drawing, etc.
(Division 103 rules apply), age 10 & under. 4 Photograph (Division 103 rules apply), age 10 & under. 5 Coloring Page – preprinted image colored by exhibitor, age 10 & under. 6 Craft not listed above, age 10 & under. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Ceramics, 1 piece, age 11-18. 8 Paint by number, age 11-18. 9 Artwork - painting, drawing, etc.
(Division 103 rules apply), age 11-18. 10 Photograph (Division 114 rules apply), age 11-18. 11 Coloring Page – preprinted image colored by the exhibitor, age 11-18. 12 Craft not listed above, age 11-18. |
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DIVISION 120 - FOOD PRESERVATION

Champion: Ribbon
 Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

CHECK-IN: Tuesday, July 28, 2026
 All Youth Foods Preservation will be checked in **Tuesday, July 28, 2026** between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Foods Department in the **EAST HALL.**

Additional information:

- a. *All dehydration and canning regulations in adult Foods Department apply.*
- b. Age MUST be shown on registration form and front of exhibitor tag.
- c. Exhibits must be the work of the youth exhibitor.

Class

- 1 Any dehydrated fruit, vegetable or herb (specify type)
- 2 Any canned fruit (specify type)
- 3 Any canned vegetable (specify type)
- 4 Any pickle, relish, sauce (specify type)
- 5 Any jam, jelly, preserves, etc. (specify fruit used)

DIVISION 121 - COOKIES

There will be **2 Champion Ribbons** Awarded in this division.

Each champion will also receive \$40.

(One for youth ages 10 and under. One for youth ages 11-18)

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

CHECK-IN: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Exhibits in Youth Foods will be checked in **Tuesday, July 28, 2026** between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Foods Department in the **EAST HALL**.

Additional information:

- a. Age **MUST** be shown on registration form and front of exhibitor tag.
- b. Exhibits must be the work of the youth exhibitor and made from scratch.
- c. Exhibit must be on a **6"-7"** sturdy white disposable foam plate or cardboard base with exhibitor tag attached to plate, not wrapper.
- d. Submission of recipe is required for all classes in the Cookies division. The recipe should be typed on **8½"x11" paper**. Exhibitor number and class number must be included on recipe.
- e. No exhibits which need refrigeration.
- f. Check-out day: Food items will be disposed of. Only ribbons will be returned.

Class

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| 1 | Chocolate chip cookies, 4, age 10 & ↓ . | 9 | Chocolate chip cookies, 4, age 11-18 . |
| 2 | Oatmeal cookies, 4, age 10 & under . | 10 | Oatmeal cookies, 4, age 11-18 . |
| 3 | Sugar cookies, 4, age 10 & under . | 11 | Sugar cookies, 4, age 11-18 . |
| 4 | Any other baked cookie, 4, age 10 & ↓ . | 12 | Any other baked cookie, 4, age 11-18 . |
| 5 | Bar cookies, 4, age 10 & under . | 13 | Bar cookies, 4, age 11-18 . |
| 6 | Brownies, 4, age 10 & under . | 14 | Brownies, 4, age 11-18 . |
| 7 | No-bake cookies, 4, age 10 & under . | 15 | No-bake cookies, 4, age 11-18 . |
| 8 | Decorated cookies, 4 any subject, 10 & ↓ | 16 | Decorated cookies, 4 any subject, 11-18 |

****More food contests are in the Special Events Department!**

DIVISION 122 - FOODS

Champion: Ribbon and \$40

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

CHECK-IN: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Exhibits in Youth Foods will be checked in **Tuesday, July 28, 2026** between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Foods Department in the **EAST HALL**.

Additional information:

- a. Age **MUST** be shown on registration form and front of exhibitor tag.
- b. Exhibits must be the work of the youth exhibitor and made from scratch.
- c. All entries are required to submit a recipe with your entry. The recipe should be typed on **8½"x11" paper**. Exhibitor number, division and class number must be included on recipe.
- d. Decorated cakes may be cardboard mold or combination of cake and cardboard. Maximum size, including decorations: 32" high, 30" wide, 20" front to back.
- e. Exhibit must be on a sturdy white disposable foam plate or cardboard base with exhibitor tag attached to plate, not wrapper.
- f. No exhibits which need refrigeration.
- g. Check-out day: Food items will be disposed of. Only ribbons will be returned.

Class

- 1 Fruit/nut loaf, ½ loaf
- 2 Vegetable quick bread, ½ loaf (zucchini, pumpkin, etc.)
- 3 Biscuits, 5
- 4 Cornbread, 5
- 5 Cake, layer or sheet, any flavor, iced, ½ or whole
- 6 Fudge, 5 pieces
- 7 Yeast bread, ½ loaf (specify type), NOT bread machine
- 8 Pie (no custard or cream pies)
- 9 Mix tricks – created with a commercial mix as base but with significant alterations. May be cake mix, cookie mix, muffin mix, or brownie mix. Number to enter same as categories above.
- 10 Decorated cake – may be made of cardboard mold or combination of cake and cardboard. Cakes will not be cut.

NOTE: Muffin and cupcake classes have moved to the Special Events Department.

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**YOUTH GARDEN HAS BEEN COMBINED WITH ADULT GARDEN.
PLEASE REFER TO THE GARDEN HANDBOOK.**

NO ENTRY FEE for Garden Department