2027 PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR
OPEN WHIP CRACKING CONTEST

CONTEST COMMITTEE: Putnam County Fair Youth Advisory Committee
Advisors: Christy Brauman & Mackenzie Carle

ENTRY DEADLINE: Sunday, **March 21, 2027**, 1:30 pm.

ENTRY FEE: **$5.00**

LOCATION: Putnam County Fairgrounds, Tilton Arena,
118 Fairgrounds Rd, E. Palatka, FL 32131

DATE/ TIME OF CONTEST: Sunday, **March 21, 2027** 2 pm.

DIVISIONS:
Pee Wee – 7 years old and under
Junior (8-10)
Intermediate (11-13)
Senior (14-18 or high school senior)
Adult (having graduated high school or 19 and older)
Whips & Tricks Division

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Contest is scheduled for Sunday, **March 21, 2027**, beginning at 2pm in the Arena.
2. Contestant **MUST** wear long pants and closed toed shoes to compete. Crocs and Hey Dudes are unacceptable.
3. Youth & Adult contestants will have 45 seconds to perform their whip cracking ability. Pee Wee will have 30 seconds.
4. Whips can be from 6 – 14 feet long.
5. In case of a tie, there will be a pop-off to determine the winner.
6. Judges will score on a scale of 1 – 10 (10 being highest score) based on most original, sharpness, loudness & best overall performance
7. **Contestant Conduct**: Any unbecoming behavior of contestant will be grounds for immediate disqualification and all awards, prizes and premiums will be forfeited.
8. ***Contestant will be disqualified if found cracking at ANY TIME other than in the Arena during the contest.***
9. For **Whips & Tricks Division:** This category is for whips of shorter lengths than allowed in general competition, along with "tricks" that a participant may have.
    - Routine is limited to 2 minutes.
    - NO OTHER HUMANS OR ANIMALS will be allowed to assist in the trick unless they are dueling whip cracking partners. If assistance is needed to set up, that is allowed. For example: if a participant wants to demonstrate target cracking, a person/animal cannot stand holding said target. **Please contact Christy Brauman @ 386-546-8603 with any questions or to clarify the logistics of your trick.**

AWARDS

*All contestants will receive the below along with the loudest applause of their lives!

Pee Wee will all receive a ribbon & a goodie bag

To be awarded in each **Youth Division (Junior, Intermediate & Senior)** and **Adult Division**
1st – New Whip
2nd – $60 premium
3rd – $25 premium

Whips & Tricks – 1st, 2nd & 3rd will receive an award. ($5 entry fee)