4-H & FFA SHOP DIVISION

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 13, 2023

ENTRY FEE - $20 per exhibitor/team member

DELIVERY TO SHOW GROUNDS – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2023

JUDGING – 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 10th and Saturday, March 11th

AWARDS – 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 11th

RELEASE OF ITEMS – 7:00 a.m., Friday, March 17th and Saturday, March 18th

The purpose of this division is to encourage greater use of the shop in making implements for home/farm use and to display to the general public, through exhibits, some of the values of agricultural science training.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ASTs, 4-H CLUB MANAGERS, A PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN, REPRESENTATIVE OR A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE CAN TURN IN PROJECTS. THIS PERSON MUST HAVE A PROJECT REGISTRATION SHEET FOR EACH PROJECT HE/SHE IS ENTERING. These forms can be downloaded from our website, www.rgvls.com. You will also note that a 4x6 photograph of the project with the exhibitor(s) must be attached to the Shop Project Registration Form. This applies to all entries.

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide active member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school. Exhibitors must have been enrolled in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. Exhibitors must reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties. Exhibitors must be under twenty (20) years of age as of January 1, 2023.

2. All projects must be constructed in a home or school shop under the supervision of an AST, 4-H Club manager or county agent, and must be constructed within the current school year that they are exhibited.

3. Projects previously exhibited at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be eligible to be entered. Projects which have been refinished or build from kits will not be eligible to enter. The only exception will be trailers that may be built from kits.

4. There will be 3 Judges/Classifiers at the time of check in

5. Projects without a record book will NOT be judged. Record books must contain student made drafts and plans, materials list, cost of purchases list and photos of student(s) working on the project, in all stages, beginning, middle and final. Exhibitor(s) must be present with their record book.

6. There will be NO SUBSTITUTION of projects or exhibitors. The item entered on the entry application must be the item brought to the Show

7. Entries must be made in the name of one person only on entry application. The exception will be projects that are team built. For example, squeeze chutes, livestock trailers, bedroom

furniture, etc. All team member names appear on the entry application and the Project Registration Form.

8. An exhibitor may enter two (2) projects. They can be wood, metal or a combination of both. A separate entry application must be completed for each entry and a $20 entry fee paid for each. All blanks on entry application must be completed. A description of the project must be included on the entry application. The project brought to the Show must fit the description of the project entered on the entry application or it may be rejected and held ineligible to be shown. The Shop Committee will have final discretion to reclassify any project.

9. All vehicles pulling or hauling entries to the Show must be removed from the area next to the Exhibit Hall after entries are unloaded. If exhibitor and his/her club cannot load and unload the project, it cannot be brought to the showgrounds. RGVLS staff will not assist in loading or unloading.

10. Any unfinished project with workmanship not up to standards may be sifted from the Show by the 4-H and FFA Shop Committee. No paining or finishing of projects will be allowed in the exhibit hall. Any project with wet paint or finish must remain outside the exhibit hall until the finish is dry. Judges will be advised to disregard minor blemishes, scratches, etc. that may occur during transporting project or assembly on grounds

11. After the judging is completed, judges will give reasons as to their placing, suggestions to improve projects, etc. This will occur at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 11, at which time awards will be announced and presented. No advisors or parents in the Youth Center while shop projects are being judged. Only one project per exhibitor can be in the live auction.

12. Projects will be judged based on the following:
    a. 20% Workmanship
    b. 20% Degree of Difficulty
    c. 20% Design and Balance
    d. 20% Utility/Functionality
    e. 10% Originality/Creativity
    f. 5% Record Book
    g. 5% Interview

13. Immediately after judging, butane bottles on any project must be removed and taken out of the exhibit hall

14. Failure to comply with rules will result in forfeiture of awards

15. Exhibitors of the overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion projects will participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023

16. Description of project must include physical dimensions. For example, in the case of a BBQ pit, include length, depth and/or diameter. Include if a firebox is attached and if multiple pieces are included as well. Similar information should be included for other projects

17. Please be advised that due to the growing number of projects, items in Classes B, E, F, O and P, along with hunting blinds and larger items in classes A, D and K, shall be displayed along the south wall of the Youth Center

18. Decorations shall be confirmed to only the project exhibited. No decorations may be placed near or around the floor area of projects at any time during the Show

FARM & RANCH DIVISION

CLASSES

A. LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT – Squeeze chutes, feeder, mineral boxes, head gates, show boxes

B. FARM MACHINERY & CONVENIENCES – Mowers, shredders, packers, fertilizer distributors, headache racks, bale movers, bumpers, winches, grill guards, electrical machinery, gates, pickup racks, etc.

C. SHOP EQUIPMENT – Worktables, drill stands, weld testers, welding tables, shop lights, storage bins, anvils, etc.

D. WILDLIFE EQUIPMENT – Game feeders (both stationary and mobile), hunting blinds (without the support legs which could be too tall to fit inside the building), portable and stationary hunting seats (including tripods), game trapping and loading devices (such as used by Texas Parks and Wildlife Departments) and game hanging devices

E. TRAILERS 10’ BOX AND UNDER – All trailers must meet Texas DOT Regulations. Include description of trailer

F. TRAILERS 10’ BOX AND OVER – All trailers must meet Texas DOT Regulations. Include description of trailer

G. BAR-B-QUE PITS – BBQ pits generally with rubber tires, single or tandem axle, 10’1” box and over and designed to be pulled on roads by vehicles, including BBQ pit with other accessories on trailers. Trailers must meet Texas DOT Regulations

H. BAR-B-QUE PITS – BBQ pits generally with rubber tires, single or tandem axle, 10’ box and under and designed to be pulled on roads by vehicles, including BBQ pit with other accessories on trailers. Trailers must meet Texas DOT Regulations

I. SMALL WILDLIFE EQUIPMENT – Filet boards, fishing rods, lures, scabbards and holsters, knives, small gun holders, rod racks

HOME & GARDEN DIVISION

CLASSES

J. HOME FURNITURE & CONVENIENCES – Bookshelves, gun cabinets, household tables, electrical conveniences and other items designed for use inside the home

K. HOME INTERIOR & CONVENIENCES SMALL – Measurements restrictions 36”x36”x36”

L. TABLETOP CUTTING BOARD – No legs

M. YARD FURNITURE & CONVENIENCES – Shop and storage buildings, greenhouses, playground equipment, yard and porch swings, electrical conveniences and other items designed for use outside the home (not in any other category)

N. PICNIC TABLES – Picnic tables, patio tables, other outdoor tables

O. BAR-B-QUE PITS – All sizes of BBQ pits with lids

P. BAR-B-QUE PITS – BBQ pits with smokers and/or fireboxes

Q. TAXIDERMY

R. METAL ART

S. HOME INTERIOR & CONVENIENCES – Medium size. Measurement restrictions over 36” and less than 60” in any dimensions

T. FIRE PITS, FISH FRYERS, COOKERS

4-H & FFA SHOP DIVISION JUDGING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

G. BBQ Pits 10'1" and Over Box Trailer Mounted
C. Shop Equipment
S. Home Interior & Conveniences
T. Fire Pits, Fish Fryers, Cookers, etc.

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

J. Home Furniture & Conveniences
B. Farm Machinery & Conveniences
N. Picnic Tables
Q. Taxidermy

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

A. Livestock Equipment
D. Wildlife Equipment
M. Yard Furniture & Conveniences
I. Small Wildlife Equipment

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

E. Trailers 10' and Under
F. Trailers 10'1" and Over
K. Home Furniture & Conveniences Small
O. BBQ Pits – All Sizes of BBQ Pits with Lids

11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

L. Tabletop Cutting Boards
R. Metal Art
P. BBQ Pits – BBQ Pits with Smokers and/or Fireboxes
H. BBQ Pits – BBQ Pits 10' Box and Under Trailer Mounted

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Champion Drive
Select Division Champions, Reserve Champions
Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion
General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

AWARDS

- Superior Projects – Purple Ribbon
- Excellent Projects – Blue Ribbon
- Good Projects – Red Ribbon

In addition to the above awards, the following prizes will be awarded in each of the twenty categories. Only purple (Superior) ribbon projects will be eligible to compete.

- 1st place - $30 and Rosette
- 2nd place - $25 and Rosette
- 3rd place - $20 and Rosette
- Champion Farm & Ranch Project - $150 and Plaque
- Reserve Champion Farm & Ranch Project - $50 and Plaque
- Champion Home & Yard - $150 and Plaque
- Reserve Champion Home & Yard - $50 and Plaque
- OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION – Buckle & Banner
- OVERALL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION – Buckle & Banner

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award. All first place winners, Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions will receive special tool awards.
The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

SPECIAL 4-H CLUB/FFA CHAPTER AWARD

This award will be made to the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter whose members score the most points.

- Special 4-H club or FFA Chapter Award – Banner

Points will be given as follows:

- Superior Ribbon (purple) – 3 points
- Excellent Ribbon (blue) – 2 points
- Good Ribbon (red) – 1 point

In addition, points will be awarded in each category for:

- Champion of Division – 5 points
- Reserve Champion of Division – 3 points
- 1st place – 5 points
- 2nd place – 4 points
- 3rd place – 3 points
- 4th place – 2 points
- 5th place – 1 point