

General Information

Competition is open to everyone unless otherwise stated.

A **First Aid Station** will be maintained in the Cass County Sheriff's Building located at the south end of the grounds in front of the Grandstand.

The Public: The management will consider it a great favor if the guests report any mistreatment or extortion practiced by an employee, exhibitor or concessionaire to the CEO. Please do not wait until the Fair is over to file a complaint, do so immediately.

Advertising: Under NO circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place advertising matter anywhere on the grounds, nor is anyone permitted to distribute advertising without prior approval.

Hours of Operation

Ag Education Building	11 am – 8 pm
All Other Buildings	11 am – 9 pm
	Sunday July 17 th 11am – 8pm
Midway	1 pm – Close (Mon. – Thurs)
Midway	12 Noon – Close (Fri – Sun)
Outdoor Exhibits	11 am – 9 pm or longer

Gates and Parking

The following rules will be in force in regards to gate entry and parking:

Commercial Vendors*	Gate 4
Delivery Vehicles	Grandstand before 9:00 am
Horse Exhibitors	Gate 4
Livestock Exhibitors**	Gate 4

*Commercial Vendor Parking is on the North side of the Horse Arena.

**Livestock Exhibitor Parking is on the North side of the Horse Barns or in the tie-out area South of the Horse Barns weather permitting. Please Enter & Exit Through Gate 4.

The Fair management and board reserve the right to remove from the Fairgrounds any person(s) at any time.

NO LIABILITY

1. Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to the public, concessionaires and exhibitors at the Red River Valley Fair. N
2. either the Board, nor the Fair shall be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals, or equipment in case of fire, theft or loss from any other cause.
3. The Red River Valley Fair Association, its board, agents, or employees shall not be held liable in case of injury to exhibitors, concessionaires, or the public on the grounds or in the buildings from any cause whatsoever while on the Red River Valley Fairgrounds.
4. Items entered for judging will be touched/handled.

SHOW & JUDGING RULES

1. The Superintendent and their assistants will be in charge of the exhibits in their departments. Requests and complaints should be made through the Superintendent.
2. Judges need not make awards in classes where competition is lacking.
3. In classes where there is only one entry, placing will be awarded at the discretion of the judge(s).
4. **Competent and non-partial persons will be secured to act as judges in all departments. At no time will a judge be allowed to judge their own entry or an entry submitted by a member of their immediate family.**
5. The Superintendent of each department will have information as to the time and place judging will be take place. Exhibitors will be expected to secure this information from their Superintendent.
6. The rules and instructions laid down for the judges are printed elsewhere in this Premium Book and exhibitors should read them carefully.
7. The judges have strict instructions regarding attempts at interference on the part of exhibitors or others. Please read the rules carefully.
8. Any person attempting to interfere with or influence the judge(s) while performing their duties, or at any time while on the grounds of the Fair use contemptuous or abusive language, shall forfeit their right to any premiums they may have won, and may be removed from the grounds. Judges are requested to report any infraction of this rule.
9. All exhibits must be the work of the individual and must have been completed within the past year. Do not enter projects under your name if you did not do all the work. If the project was worked on by more than one person, all names must be included.
10. If more than one medium is used (i.e., machine and hand work), that information must be included.
11. Any exhibit removed from the Fair early shall forfeit ribbon and prize money.
12. **Every precaution will be taken for the safekeeping of articles after they are placed in the building, but the Fair Association will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.**
13. **Judging result book is final!**

Protests

1. All protests must be made in writing to Fair Management within twenty-four hours of the time the award is made. An award is made when the notation of the judge's decision is entered in the department award book.
2. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article will be considered by Fair Management or the Board of Directors.
3. Protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, with specific charges and recital of facts relied upon by the rule violated, naming witnesses and their addresses by whose proof is to be made.
4. All questions in dispute or differences not covered by these rules shall be referred to the governing Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

STATIC ENTRIES BUTLER ARENA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5 3pm - 8pm All Entries Due in Butler Arena	6 Judging Day No One Allowed in the Building	7	8
<div style="border: 2px solid lightblue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Please Pre-Enter Online by July 1, 2023</p> </div>						
9	10	11	12	13 4pm Homemade Pie Contest	14 2pm Pasta Contest	15 2pm Salsa Contest
16	17	18 All Entries Must Be Picked Up in in the Butler Arena between 4pm-7pm	19	20	21	22

- We are encouraging pre-entries. Please complete and return the entry sheet by June 23, 2023, or enter online by July 1, 2023 and bring your entries to Butler Arena on Wednesday July 5, 2023 from 3pm – 8pm.
- If you need to drop them off the week prior June 26 - June 30, 2023, please bring items to the Fair Office between 9am – 3pm.

General Rules for Static Departments

- Please bring completed entry sheet with your items.
- **Entries:** will be received in Butler Arena on Wednesday July 5, 2023; 3:00pm – 8:00pm.
- **Entries:** if you need to drop them off the week prior June 26 – 30, 2023 please bring items to the Fair Office between 9am – 3pm
- An exhibitor may enter any number of items, in as many divisions as they wish, but only one entry per class number is allowed.
- **Judging:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 – No one is allowed in the building on judging day.
- All awards/plaques may not be awarded; judge's decisions are final.
- All Entries in this department may be picked up after in Butler Arena on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.
- Articles not picked up by August 1, 2023 become property of the Red River Valley Fair Association.

Age Groups: You may only exhibit in one age group in each Department.

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| • Division E - Expert - This Exhibitor has sold items in the department in which they are exhibiting, and/or has won a grand or reserved champion, 2 years in a row. | Buff |
| • Division S - Senior - Exhibitor is 62 & over | Blue |
| • Division A - Adult - Exhibitor is 19 – 61 | White |
| • Division J - Junior - Exhibitor is 15 – 18 | Green |
| • Division Y - Youth - Exhibitor is 11 – 14 | Yellow |
| • Division C - Children – Exhibitor 10 – Under | Pink |
| • Division SN - Special Needs | Lavender |

Premiums for Static Division:					
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Grand	Reserve	Best of Department
\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$10.00



SPECIAL CONTESTS & AWARDS

ALL CONTESTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

COLORING CONTEST

Go on-line @ redrivervalleyfair.com
for Children's entry sheet
and Advanced entry sheets

Entries: Can be brought to the Fair any time before
July 1, 2023
, M- F 9am - 3pm.

or mailed to:
Red River Valley Fair
1805 Main Avenue West
West Fargo, ND 58078

Age Categories: 0 to 3 years old 6 to 8 years old
4 to 5 years old 9 to 11 years old
Advanced Junior Division Ages 12-18
Advanced Adult Division Ages 19 and up

How to enter for Children:

1. All entries must be completed by a child or adult in the age categories listed.
2. Coloring sheets may be obtained through the Red River Valley Fair office or downloaded on-line.
3. Coloring sheets will be on display during the Red River Valley Fair in Butler Arena.
4. All Children receive ribbon stickers on their coloring sheet.
5. Advanced will receive 1st – 3rd ribbons in both Divisions.

No Entries will be returned, and become the property of the Fair

DAKOTA GROWERS' PASTA CONTEST SPONSORED BY:



Entries: Must be dropped off before 1:30pm on Friday, July 14, 2023 in the Butler Arena

Judging: Friday July 14, 2023 - 2:00 pm Butler Arena

Judged by: TBD

Contest Description: Create your favorite pasta dish. Entries can be either hot or cold, side dish or main dish using Dakota Growers Pasta.

In addition, all participants will receive Dakota Growers Pasta Company products. Recipes will be judged based on taste appeal (40%), appearance (25%), originality of recipe (25%), and ease of preparation (10%). The decision of judge(s) will be final.

Contest Rules:

- Create your favorite pasta dish using any Dakota Growers Pasta product.
- There will be a Grand, Reserve, 1st and 2nd place winner.

- Type or print the recipe and your name, address and phone number on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper.
- Attach the Dakota Growers Pasta label to the recipe and submit with the entry.
- Dakota Growers and the Red River Valley Fair have the right to publish or advertise the recipes and the names of the contestants without compensation.
- Observe food safety guidelines in preparing and transporting foods to the Fair.
- Pasta samples will not be offered to the public; tasting will be limited to judges only

SALSA CONTEST SPONSORED BY:



Entries: Must be dropped off any time before 1:30 pm on Saturday, July 15, 2023 in Exhibition Hall

Judging: Saturday, July 15, 2023 - 2:00 pm Butler Arena

Judged by: Guest Celebrities

Contest Rules:

- All contestants must be considered "amateurs". Entries must be homemade and not produced or packaged in any way.
- There will be one Grand & Reserve Champion overall. There will also be a 1st & 2nd place winner for each class.
- Salsa must be made from scratch, no mixes, by the entrant and submitted in a glass jar (at least 1 pint).
- Recipe with name, address and phone number must accompany product.
- Only one entry per salsa class per person is allowed (Mild, hot, inferno and misc.).
- The Red River Valley Fair has the right to publish or advertise the recipes and the names of the contestants without compensation.
- Do not put any labels or marking on the jar or lid.
- All safe food handling processes must be followed.
- Salsa can be fresh or canned.
- Salsa samples will not be offered to the public; tasting will be limited to judges only.

Entries will be judged on:

- Flavor
- Consistency
- Balance of Flavors
- Appearance

Classes:

- Mild Salsa
- Hot Salsa
- Inferno Salsa
- Miscellaneous Salsa

Those participating in the Pasta, Salsa or Homemade Pie Contest; please enter through Gate 3 on the North end of the Fairgrounds. There will be no gate admittance charge for exhibitor's dropping off entries for these contests.

HOMEMADE PIE CONTEST
SPONSORED BY:



Entries: Must be dropped off before 3:30 pm on Thursday, July 13, 2023 in Butler Arena

Judging: Thursday, July 13, 2023 – 4:00 pm, Butler Arena

Judged by: Deaner's Dinner

Entries will be judged on:

- Taste - Appearance - Consistency

Classes:

- Fruit Pie
- Cream or Custard Pie
- Specialty Pie (i.e., Chicken Pot Pie, Minced Meat Pie, etc.)

Contest Rules:

- All contestants must be considered "amateurs". Entries must be homemade and not produced or packaged in any way.
- There will be one Grand & Reserve Champion overall, and a 1st and 2nd place winner for each class.
- Pies must be made from scratch, no mixes.
- Full Pie must be entered.
- Recipe with name, address and phone number must accompany the pie.
- The Red River Valley Fair has the right to publish or advertise the recipes and the names of the contestants without compensation.
- All safe food handling processes must be followed.
- Pie samples will not be offered to the public; tasting will be limited to judges only.

LEGO CONTEST
SPONSORED BY:



Lego Contest is in Butler Arena Sunday July 16, 2023

You will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes to assemble your Lego creation. You will be given table space to work and Legos or Duplos to use. There will be judges observing you and asking questions as you work. Prizes will be awarded in each age class, 1st - 4th place ribbons or trophies will be awarded. Awards will be based on creativity and originality. The public is invited to come and watch the creations being built.

We ask that you PRE-REGISTER (entry form online) TO RESERVE A SPOT BEFORE SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023, Kids Division starts at 3pm, the Adult Division at 4pm.

ALL LEGOS & DUPLOS WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH CONTESTANT COURTESY OF: PARK CO. REALTOR, SHIRLEY MOEN & PARK MORTGAGE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN LEGOS & DUPLOS!

Classes:

- Ages 3 through 5: using Duplos
- Ages 6 through 9: using Legos
- Ages 10 through 14: using Legos
- Ages 15 and up: using Legos

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
Sponsored By

Miss Red River Valley Fair



Theme: "Buildings"

Entries: Wednesday July 5, 2023 in Butler Arena, 3pm – 8pm each day.

Judging: Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality and effectiveness in expressing contest theme.

Contest Rules:

- All contestants must be considered "amateurs". Photo's must be taken by person that is entering the photos.
- Adult Division places 1st – 3rd
- Youth Division places 1st – 3rd
- All pictures must be attached to foam core or heavy cardboard (no poster board). They must be covered in a clear see-through material. (No frames).

2024 Theme: Mailbox

2025 Theme: Agriculture

PHOTOGRAPHY

Superintendent: Nancy Ollenburger

In addition to the General Rules found on pages 2 & 6, the following will apply to this department:

- All entries must have been exposed/developed during the current project year and must be the work of the exhibitor.
- All prints must be attached to foam core or heavy cardboard (no poster board). They must be covered in a clear see-through material. (No frames)
- No matting or borders allowed.
- Prints may not be smaller than 5 x 7 or larger than 8 x 10.
- Please place a title in the lower left-hand corner.
- An exhibitor may enter in only one age group.
- All prints will be exhibited as space permits.
- Prints previously exhibited at this fair will not be accepted.
- Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen from each class.
- **An exhibitor may enter up to 3 items per class, maximum of 36 items.**
- Please put your name on your exhibit, have it on the back or at the bottom of the piece.
- All awards/plaques may not be awarded.

DEPARTMENT 50: PORTRAITS

CLASS:

5001. All Portraits are judged in one class

DEPARTMENT 51: SCENIC/NATURE

CLASS:

5101. Outdoor/Nature
5102. Urban Landscapes
5103. Sunsets
5104. Seascapes/Waterfront
5105. Cityscapes
5106. Farms
5107. Any other photo not above

DEPARTMENT 52: COLLAGE

CLASS:

5201. All Collages are judged in one class.

DEPARTMENT 53: ANIMALS

CLASS:

5301. Birds
5302. Cats
5303. Dogs
5304. Farm Animals
5305. Insects
5306. Wild Animals
5307. Any other photo not above

DEPARTMENT 54: ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

CLASS:

5401. All Elements of Design photos are judged in one class

DEPARTMENT 55: DIGITAL DARKROOM

CLASS:

5501. All Digital Darkroom photos are judged in one class

DEPARTMENT 56: TRAVEL & PLACE

CLASS:

5601. Landscapes
5602. Cityscapes
5603. Historical Places
5604. Zoos
5605. Amusement Parks
5606. Any other photo not above

DEPARTMENT 57: FLOWERS

CLASS:

5701. All Flower photos are judged in one class

DEPARTMENT 58: DETAILS & MACRO

CLASS:

5801. People
5802. Animals
5803. Inanimate Objects
5804. Black & White
5805. Any other photo not above

DEPARTMENT 59: BLACK & WHITE

CLASS:

- 5901. People
- 5902. Animals
- 5903. Places
- 5904. Any other photo not above

DEPARTMENT 60: PANORAMIC

CLASS: (maximum size 8 x 24 inches) All other rules apply

- 6001. Outdoor/Nature
- 6002. Urban Landscapes
- 6003. Sunsets
- 6004. Seascapes/Waterfront
- 6005. Cityscapes
- 6006. Farms
- 6007. Historic Places
- 6008. People
- 6009. Animals
- 6010. Any other photo not above

Final Thoughts:

The contests are open to all photographers, regardless of skill level.

In the end, a photo may fit into more than one department. For example, a landscape with strong lines leading you to a person, that you Photographed in Tibet, might reasonably get categorized in Scenic and Nature, People, Elements of Design or the Travel & Places. You could place the photography in any one of these department.

Thank you to Our Building Sponsors!

Miss Red River Valley Fair



STATIC EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM



Mail-in Entries Closes: **June 23, 2023**
 Online Entries Closes: **July 1, 2023**
 On Line Entries: www.redrivervalleyfair.com and follow the links



Mail pre-entries to: Phone: (701) 282-2200
 Red River Valley Fair – Entry Department
 1805 Main Avenue West
 West Fargo, ND 58078
 Email Entries: emily@redrivervalleyfair.com

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE ENTRY BLANK FOR EACH DEPARTMENT
 (Please circle Department)

Agriculture Ceramics Fine Arts & Crafts Needlework Photography

Please accept the entries indicated below, subject to the rules and classifications governing exhibits as published in your Premium Books of the current year, by which I hereby agree to be governed in exhibiting the same and declare that all statements made in connection with said entries are true. I hereby release the Red River Valley Fair from any liabilities for loss, damage or injury to exhibits or other property, while the same are on the fairgrounds, or at any other time or place.

Please Print: (If your address is not complete and readable, you may not receive your premium.)

Name of Exhibitor: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Check here if Jr. Division _____ Age: _____

DIVISION (circle age group): (A) Adult (C) Child (E) Expert (J) Junior (S) Senior (SN) Special Needs (Y) Youth

More spaces on back, use additional pages as needed with information in following format

Department #	Class	Description of Article (Use exact wording from Premium Book)

