
SECURITY

You are encouraged to enter your best work. The Competitive Exhibits team (staff, superintendents, judges & volunteers) recognize the value these hold & all effort is made to provide for their security. Each building has a team of volunteers to watch over the exhibits & to make sure they are not handled or stolen, but because of the volume of entries we get each year, we cannot guarantee the safety of each exhibit.

QUESTIONS

We have tried to create a class for everything, but if you cannot find an appropriate class in which to enter an item, please contact the Department Superintendent. They can help you in selecting a class, or can add any classes as needed. Superintendents' names and telephone numbers are listed in the Exhibit Guide. Be sure to contact them before Entry Day.

If you are unable to reach the superintendent, the Fair Office is here to help. Call us anytime between the hours of 9 am & 5 pm, Mon.—Fri., **452-3750** or email exhibits@tvsfa.org

ENTRY RULES CONTINUED

exhibits, and want to offer you every opportunity to enter them!

- **Pick your Best:** You may enter only one exhibit per class. Note any other entry restrictions listed in the Exhibit Guide.
- **Know your** entry days & pick-up days.
- Prepare your entry: Read the paragraph on preparation & presentation and present your exhibit in the best way possible.
- **Tell us about your entry:** If a division has special instructions, be sure to include this information on a 3" x 5" card attached to your entry.

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DEPARTMENT 20A

Welcome to the world of Competitive Exhibits! As an exhibitor at the fair, you are entering into a long standing tradition of education & competition that began in the Tanana Valley in 1924.

Your primary source of information about entering an exhibit is through the Exhibit Guide, available online or at the Fair Office. This handbook will provide you with some additional information as well as judging criteria and sample judging sheets.

ENTRY RULES

Sign up for **ONLINE ENTRIES** for the Tanana Valley State Fair at <https://www.tvsfa.org/>

- **Fill out the easy-to-follow entry forms** for all your entries, review the information, and follow the check-out instructions (no online payment needed). Print your receipt, and bring it with you on entry day – or download the ShoWorks Passport app from the Apple Store or on Google Play and check in from your mobile device, just like you can check in at the airport!
- **If you need assistance** with the entry process, or if you don't have a computer/printer, you can stop by the Events Office on the fairgrounds during open hours to receive help. We are looking forward to seeing your

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Pick your Best: You may enter only one exhibit per class, so choose that item which best demonstrates your skill or knowledge;

Prepare your entry: Read the paragraph on preparation & presentation and present your exhibit in the best way possible. Don't wait until the last minute - know what you will enter & have your exhibit tags ready well before entry day;

Tell us about your entry: If your department has special instructions, be sure to include this information on a 3" x 5" card attached to your entry.

PREPARING YOUR ENTRY

Your exhibit must be entered in the grade level you were in when the work was completed. You must state on the exhibit tag your age at the time the work was done. Choose the best of the work you completed this past school year.

Divisions AA - GG are junior divisions open to exhibitors in Preschool through Twelfth grades.

Division A is for adults open to educators and others interested in education.

The Tanana Valley State Fair seeks to highlight and enhance appreciation for Interior Alaska by showcasing competitive & commercial exhibits. The Fair educates and entertains all participants by providing opportunities to share a rich variety of individual and community endeavors. The Fair encourages and welcomes involvement by all.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging in this department is based on the following:

Preparation (neatness and appearance);

Accuracy & correctness

Quality (appropriateness for grade level, adherence to theme, organization, content, fitting length, use of visuals);

Creativity (originality, design, layout, adaptation).

See the sample judging sheet.

JUDGING AT THE FAIR

Judging at the Tanana Valley State Fair is accomplished through a network of volunteers. Judges are recruited & chosen for their expertise in a particular area, and it is through their generous donation of time & knowledge that we are able to showcase your achievements. Judges are trained by the superintendent & through the Fair Office to follow the guidelines set down by the Fair Association. They are expected to:

- be fair & consistent in their judging;
- provide positive comments & constructive criticism to the exhibitor;
- follow the Fair Association's mission to educate participants through their evaluation.

Each exhibit must have a completed score sheet. These score sheets are for the

education of the exhibitor only & are not for public view. An exhibitor may request to see a score sheet for any of their entries by asking the exhibit attendant on duty, asking the superintendent, or requesting assistance through the Fair Office.

SAMPLE JUDGING SHEET

**Department 20A
Education Showcase**

WEN# _____ Division _____ Class _____
Judge's Initials _____

	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
PREPARATION	20	_____
ACCURACY	15	_____
QUALITY	50	_____
CREATIVITY	15	_____
TOTAL (100 = perfect score)		_____
COMMENTS	_____	
