

## Judging

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 superintendents & 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.

Although our judges work hard to provide a positive experience for the exhibitor, sometimes there can be discrepancies or inconsistencies. If so, the exhibitor is encouraged to contact the superintendent who can investigate the problem. If necessary, the exhibitor may file a protest through the Exhibit Office. A \$25 fee must accompany any protest filed. Please refer to the Exhibit Guide for more information regarding this procedure.

## Security

You are encouraged to enter your best work. The Competitive Exhibits team (staff, superintendents, judges and volunteers) recognizes the value these hold and every effort is made to provide for their security. Each building has a team of volunteers to watch over the exhibits and to make sure they are not handled or stolen. However, 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. He or she can help you in selecting the appropriate class, or add 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's Exhibit Office is here to help. Call between 9am and 5pm Mon.—Fri. - 452-3750 or email [exhibits@tananavalleyfair.org](mailto:exhibits@tananavalleyfair.org).



## TANANA VALLEY STATE FAIR

1800 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709

Phone: 907-452-3750

Fax: 907-456-7971

E-mail: [Exhibits@tvsfa.org](mailto:Exhibits@tvsfa.org)

## TANANA VALLEY STATE FAIR



## Department 23 Exhibitor's Handbook

*Welcome to Competitive Exhibits!*

*As an exhibitor at the Fair, you are entering into a long-standing tradition of education and 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.*

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

## Entry Guidelines

**PICK YOUR BEST.** You are invited to enter several exhibits in the *Reduce Reuse Recycle!* Department. However, each exhibit must be in a separate class (general fair rules state that you may enter only one exhibit per class). Choose items which best demonstrate your skill and knowledge.

**PREPARE YOUR ENTRY.** Present your exhibit in the best way possible. Select the items you are going to enter and have your exhibit tags ready well before entry day.

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR ENTRY.** Exhibits in the *Reduce Reuse Recycle!* Department are required to have an attached card or piece of paper that explains the entry. On this card, please list all the materials in your exhibit that reduce waste or that have been re-used or recycled from other items. For example, if you are submitting a song you have written about recycling aluminum cans, your card of explanation might look like this:

### EXPLANATION CARD

**Items that are recycled in my exhibit:**  
My song encourages people to recycle aluminum cans.

**Items that are re-used in my exhibit:**  
My song is written on the back side of a colorful piece of cardboard that was previously used to advertise a garage sale.

## About This Department

The *Reduce Reuse Recycle!* Department is housed in the Kiwanis Agricultural Hall. We encourage exhibitors to make innovative entries. Entries may be actual items, or they may be models, pictures, essays, plans or proposals. This department was designed to get your creative juices flowing, and to tap into your imaginations and talents. Share your ideas, your inventions, and your viewpoints. Show with words or with examples how Alaskans can *reduce, reuse and recycle!*

# REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE

## Specific Division And Class Instructions

**Division A – Reduce!** To *reduce* means to use fewer things and produce less waste. *Reduce* by repairing broken items rather than buying new. *Reduce* by using a durable object instead of a disposable one. *Reduce* by coming up with a plan to use less energy.

**Division B – Reuse!** To *reuse* means to use something again and again instead of throwing it away. *Reuse* an item by using it again for its original purpose, or by inventing a new use for it.

**Division C – Recycle!** To *recycle* means to break down an item into its original components, which are then reconstructed into something useful. You *recycle* old paper when you blend it with water and glue to make new paper, or when you compost yard waste into new soil. You might aid recycling efforts by making a collection bin, or inventing something new to be made from recycled materials.

All Classes - Follow the general instructions provided to you by the class number you wish to enter. For example, you might choose to enter a class that asks you to “write an essay, song, poem, or story.” Your essay or song may be as long or as short as it needs to be in order to present your ideas and thoughts effectively. Maybe you will choose to enter a class that asks you to create an item from reused materials, or that requires you to invent an item made from recycled materials. You are free to use whatever methods and materials you choose! *Use your imagination!!!*

## Nine-Lives!

What are 9 ways that 1 item can be reused?

Division B Class 9 is category designed to challenge your creativity! Think about *nine* different ways that *one* item might be re-used. Create a poster or display, or write a report about your ideas.

If you feel stuck, or if you need help in deciding which class your entry best fits, please contact the Department Superintendent. He or she can aid you in selecting the appropriate class, or might add classes as needed. Superintendents' names and telephone numbers are listed in the Exhibit Guide.

## Judging Criteria

Exhibits will be judged on ingenuity and originality; quality; and amount of content that reduces, reuses or recycles. A card that explains the exhibit should be attached to each entry. This card should list all the materials in the exhibit that reduce waste or that have been reused or recycled from other items.

## Sample Score Sheet:

Tanana Valley State Fair  
DEPARTMENT 23 - REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

WEN# \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Ingenuity and Originality										
(cleverness and freshness of concept or design):										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Quality										
(degree of excellence of craftsmanship):										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Amount reduced/reused/recycled by item or idea:										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Low					medium				high	
Did exhibitor attach a card that sufficiently explains the entry?										
+	-									
yes	no									

TOTAL SCORE:

Perfect score = 30+