

2023  
**Department 66**  
**Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge**  
**Saturday, September 30, 2023, 6:30 pm**

As we continue to plan for The Big E fair to be held September 15 through October 1 of 2023 our **exhibitor handbooks and schedules are subject to change** and we suggest you request to be added to the email lists of the departments you are entering, follow the department Facebook page, or check our website frequently for updates.

Email [CreativeArts@TheBigE.com](mailto:CreativeArts@TheBigE.com) to request to be added to be added to our email list.

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Do you love the challenge of putting puzzles together? How quickly can you put them together? Enter the Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge and race other teams to see who can claim the honor of being named the fastest Big E Puzzle Team for 2023.

All exhibitors are required to read and comply with the GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS of the Creative Arts Department.				
<b>Entry Form Due</b>	September 22	Online entry: <a href="https://TheBigE.fair-wire.com">https://TheBigE.fair-wire.com</a>	Email <a href="mailto:Creativearts@TheBigE.com">Creativearts@TheBigE.com</a> Fax (413) 205-5104 Mail Eastern States Exposition Creative Arts – Puzzle 1305 Memorial Avenue West Springfield MA 01089	
<b>Entry Limit</b>	1 entry per Team of 1-4 people. Please have one person register for your team. Upon acceptance, you will be contacted for your team name, names of participants and their addresses. The Big E has a right to restrict the total number of entered teams. Team acceptance will be based on entry receipt date			
<b>Classes</b>	E: All Ages			
<b>Premiums</b>	First \$100	Second \$50	Third \$25	
<b>Check in</b>	Saturday, September 30, 5:30-6:15 pm	New England Center		
<b>Contest Time</b>	Saturday, September 30, 6:30-8:00 pm	New England Center		
An exhibitor registration received by the due date (in chart above), accepted for the contest and meeting all the rules of the contest may receive reimbursement for one (1) entry ticket per team member and \$10 for parking per team upon table assignment the evening of the contest. Exhibitors must be present for reimbursement. Reimbursement will be provided at the end of the contest.				
After November 1, all unclaimed items become the property of Eastern States Exposition and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.				
For additional Information, please contact Creative Arts at <a href="mailto:Creativearts@TheBigE.com">Creativearts@TheBigE.com</a> or call (413) 205-5015.				

**Division 6601 Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge****Rules**

1. Each team receives the same 500-piece puzzle
2. No one gets to see the puzzle until the timer begins – the puzzle boxes are placed face down before the competition starts
3. Individuals or teams try to put the puzzle together the fastest. Placing is based on the fastest time.
4. If there is no declared winner by 8:15 PM, the winner is chosen by the remaining number of loose pieces for each team.
5. In the event of a tie, individuals or teams can be given an additional five minutes to work on the puzzle
6. There are no devices or outside assistance permitted while working on a puzzle
7. Individuals and teams are not allowed to distract or approach team tables when the competition is in progress
8. Contestants must purchase a pass into the Fair as well as parking. An exhibitor registration received by the due date (in chart above), accepted for the contest and meeting all the rules of the contest will receive reimbursement for one (1) entry ticket per team member and \$10 for parking per team upon table assignment the evening of the contest. Exhibitors must be present for reimbursement. Reimbursement will be provided at the end of the contest.
9. Premiums are paid per team, not per individual.
10. By participating, you accept all contest rules and agree to be bound by the judges' decision, which will be final.
11. Taxes are the responsibility of the winner.
12. Eastern States Exposition and Creative Arts Staff may limit the number of teams entered.



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