

## REQUIREMENTS

- This is a competition for amateurs. Commercial enterprises or businesses are not eligible to enter.
- Winner and/or mentor may not win two years in a row.
- Four photographs of child participating in the birdhouse making process.
- Open to Youth Ages 9-17. Adult Mentors Ages 18 years+.
- An informational sheet must accompany the birdhouse entry indicating the following:
  - You must name your birdhouse.
  - Identify native Wisconsin bird type for which the birdhouse is built.
  - Dimensions
  - List one thing that you learned from this project.
- Provide a sketch drawing or photo of what you based your birdhouse design.
- Not to exceed \$100 value of material used in constructing birdhouse.
- No personal identifying names, initials, or signatures on the birdhouse.
- All entries must be original construction. No kits allowed. No purchased birdhouses will be allowed.
- Birdhouses must be designed for native Wisconsin birds; such as, house wrens, bluebirds, tree swallows, finches, etc. For the "Birdhouse Build Off" contest, a "birdhouse" mimics a hole-in-tree environment; a "house-like" box.
- Birdhouses are limited in size to a maximum of 18" x 18" x 18" and must be the appropriate floor size, entry hole, entry hole above floor and interior depth. No perches or multiple holes are allowed since they encourage non-native birds and predation.
- All birdhouses must be ready for installation and use outdoors.
- No bird boxes; ie, "bird boxes" are boxes that have an "open" platform, perch, or shelf.
- Safety first. Use appropriate safety equipment; such as, goggles, gloves, masks, or ear plugs. All power tools are to be used under adult supervision. Follow the safety directions listed in the owner's manual and on the equipment.
- Birdhouses will be judged on the following included but not limited to:
  - Functionality
  - Quality of build
  - Construction materials
  - Tools used
  - Creativity/Originality
  - Overall appearance for use outdoors
- One entry will be selected as the contest winner.
- The decision of the judges will be final.
- Youth contest participant must be present at contest judging date, time, and location to win.
- One \$5000 cash prize will be awarded in the form of a check solely payable to YOUTH contest winner and must be picked up at the Fair Office. Cash prize redemption requires completion of an IRS W-9 form by contest winner prior to cash prize distribution.
- All exhibits must remain on display throughout the duration of the Walworth County Fair and may be picked up on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM CST at the North Hall on the Fairgrounds.

**GOOD LUCK, PARTICIPANTS! THANK YOU, TANIS CONSTRUCTION!**