



# Williamson County Fair

## 2026 HAY BALE DECORATING CONTEST

Fair Theme: “As American as Apple Pie”

**NO FEE TO ENTER!**

Round Hay Bale Decorating Contest Prizes:      1<sup>st</sup>      2<sup>nd</sup>      3<sup>rd</sup>  
   \$300    \$200    \$100

### Rules For Contest:

1. Entry should be made as a team or group project.
2. All entry forms should be emailed to [pkesposito@msn.com](mailto:pkesposito@msn.com) no later than Friday, July 24, 2026. Late entries will not be accepted. All entrants will be notified by e-mail if they have been selected to participate and further instructions will be given at that time.
3. Entries must be creative, family friendly designs that are decorated with a good, clean, wholesome nature and fitting with the overall atmosphere of a county fair. They may be fair theme related, but the theme is not required. No vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed.
4. There will be ten (10) round hay bales available for decorating, one (1) for each participating team/group. The Fair Association will place the hay bales on the fairgrounds Tuesday, August 4, 2026, and decorating may begin any time on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. All decorating must be completed by 8:00 pm CDT on Thursday, August 6, 2026. Entries will be judged on Friday, August 7, 2026. The on-site address is 4215 Long Lane, Franklin.
5. Bales can be placed lying on their side or standing on end. A maximum of five (5) square bales for decoration, feet, or props etc. are allowed, and must be provided by entrants. Placement position of round bale, and additional bale usage, **MUST BE** stated on the entry form. The area for the bale and additional items must not exceed a 10' x 10' space. For safety purposes round bales will not be stacked on top of each other.
6. **NO** commercial signage, advertisements or political party signs of **ANY KIND** are allowed. Signage must be limited to 2' x 2' in size and affixed to the hay bale design.
7. Latex paint may be used. **NO** oil based or toxic materials can be used.
8. **DECORATIONS SHOULD BE WEATHER AND WIND-PROOF.**
9. Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, creativity, use of materials and the fair theme.
10. Bales will stay decorated and on display August 7 – 15, 2026. **Decorations may not be removed from bales before 11:00 am CDT, Sunday, August 16, 2026. Decorations not removed by 2:00 pm CDT on Monday, August 17, 2026, will be discarded. The Fair Association is not responsible for any decorations!**

**E-mail your entry form to:**

[pkesposito@msn.com](mailto:pkesposito@msn.com)

# 2026 Hay Bale Decorating Contest Entry Form

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Organization/Team/Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Leader Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Placement Position of Hay Bale (check one):

Option 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Option 3 \_\_\_\_\_



\*Hay bales vary in size from 5'h x 4'w to 6'h x 5'w

By submitting this entry form I agree that I have reviewed the Contest Rules and agree to abide by these rules as provided by the Williamson County Fair Association, Inc. ("WCFA"). I, the undersigned, grant permission to the WCFA. to use my name, likeness, voice and words, and the name, likeness, voice and words of the any minor (if a minor is participating as part of the team or group) in television, radio, films, newspapers, magazines and other media, and in any form not heretofore described for the lawful purposes and activities of the Williamson County Fair, including but not limited to advertising and appealing for funds to support the fair. I understand that I will not receive any compensation for the use of my name or likeness. I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the WCFA, its officers, directors, agents, volunteers, or employees, and any sponsors from any liability for any injury or damage I may sustain while participating in the Hay Bale Decorating Contest at the Williamson County Fair.

**Team Members:**

	Signature	Printed Name	Date
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
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8.	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____