

# YOUTH CONTESTS & SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

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**Entry Deadline: April 26<sup>th</sup>**

***Late Entries: Available ONLINE only through May 12<sup>th</sup> -- \$5.00 Per Entry***

***Same Day Entry May 19<sup>th</sup> & May 20<sup>th</sup>: \$10 Per Entry  
(must bring printed entry form along with entry and payment during delivery periods)***



## CONTEST & SPECIAL COMPETITIONS DELIVERY & RELEASE SCHEDULE

Category	Online Entry Deadline	Delivery Information	Release Information
Special Craft Competitions	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Grandstands *NEW LOCATION* Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Building C—South Door Tues. July 11 <sup>th</sup> 12-8 p.m.
Decorated Tree	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Building C—North Door Wednesday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> 12-7 p.m.	Building C—South Door Tues. July 11 <sup>th</sup> 12-8 p.m.
Mix It Up-Tricks With a Mix Follow That Recipe	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Building C—North Door Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> 6-10 a.m. (Enter Gate 12 on Valley)	Building C—South Door Tues. July 11 <sup>th</sup> 12-8 p.m.
My Family's Favorite Cookie Contest	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Saturday, June 17 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest
Pinterest Inspired Recipe Contest	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Sunday, June 18 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest
Lego Model Building Contest	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Country Plaza Friday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 12:00 p.m.	Release immediately after contest
Lego Mechanism Building Contest	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Country Plaza Friday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1:15 p.m.	Release immediately after contest
Guittard Chocolate Contest	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Saturday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest
Cell Phone Photo Scavenger Hunt	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Saturday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m.	Release immediately after contest
Cheesecake Contest	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Sunday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest
Big Green Race	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Country Plaza Sunday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.	Release immediately after contest
King Arthur Flour Mystery Cookie S'mores No More	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Building C—North Door Wednesday, June 28 <sup>th</sup> 6-10 a.m. (Enter Gate 12 on Valley)	Building C--South Door Tues. July 11 <sup>th</sup> 12-8 p.m.
Honey, This is a Dessert Contest	June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Saturday, July 1 <sup>st</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest
Storybook Character Contest	June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Country Plaza Saturday, July 1 <sup>st</sup> 3:00 p.m.	Release immediately after contest
My Family's Favorite Pie Contest	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Sunday, July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest
Cupcake Contest	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Saturday, July 8 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest
My Favorite Potluck Recipe Contest	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Sunday, July 9 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest

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## YOUTH RULES

### Fiber Arts, Fine Arts, Handcrafts, Science & Technology

Please read competition guidelines: Changes are made each year.

- 1) Eligibility:
  - a) Open to residents aged 9-17 years as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Must be a resident of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, or Solano County.
  - b) The exhibitor must home prepare all entries within one year of the opening date of the fair. Items that have been shown at previous Alameda County Fairs are not eligible and will be disqualified.
  - c) The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or to refuse to display any entry considered not to be in the best interest of the Fair.
  - d) No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which they will exhibit.
  - e) For projects made in school, please enter under the education department.
- 2) Entry Limits:
  - a) Please note all division and class limits.
  - b) All entries will be accepted unless the exhibitor is otherwise notified
  - c) Entry fees will not be refunded.
  - d) Entries which have a Special Competition category (duct tape art, loom art, perler beads, etc.) must be entered into those Special Competitions and will be transferred into those divisions when necessary.
- 3) Presentation & Display:
  - a) The Fair will provide an exhibit tag. Please enter with the exhibitor's name as you wish it to appear.
  - b) Items that are soiled or showing wear will not be accepted or displayed.
  - c) Exhibits are displayed to interest the public and showcase the exhibits. The Alameda County Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibit.
  - d) Displays change every year. While entries will be secure, most items will be not displayed behind glass or in cases.
  - e) All Quilts and Wall hangings must have a sleeve.
  - f) All flat paper items must be mounted on card stock or matte board.
  - g) Only canvas artwork may be framed and must be ready to hang with picture wire.
  - h) **Fine art items may not be larger than 26 x 32" including frame.**
  - i) Creative writing should be submitted on 8 ½ x 11" paper in a page protector and is limited to 2 pages.
  - j) Weight of entry is not to exceed 25 pounds without prior approval from [entries@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@alamedacountyfair.com).
- 4) Handling:
  - a) Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Management, Alameda County Fair Association, and the County of Alameda will not be held liable for loss, theft or damage of any kind from any cause. Submission of any work constitutes an agreement to this effect.
  - b) No one but the judges and departmental personnel will be allowed to handle exhibits.
- 5) Judging:
  - a) Entries (with the exception of special competitions) are judged using the Danish System of Judging where exhibits are judged against a scorecard. There is the availability of multiple 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Every entry will receive a ribbon. All 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in a class will compete against each other for the Best of Class and all Best of Class within a division will then compete against each other for Best of Show.
  - b) Exhibits are judged by age group as well as by group (4-H vs. Open Youth vs. Other Youth Organization). There is a Best of Show available for each classification and age group within the division.
  - c) Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
  - d) Judging results will not be given out by phone, mail, or email.
- 6) Ribbons:
  - a) Ribbons will be handed out at the time of entry pick up. When your exhibit tag indicates that a ribbon has been won, the ribbon is often not displayed—any ribbons won will be waiting for you when you pick up your item.
- 7) Entry Pick-Up
  - a) Exhibits may not be removed prior to the release day(s).
  - b) Exhibits may be picked up by anyone who has your claim check.
  - c) Exhibits not picked up on the release day(s) will be retained at the Exhibit Office at the owner's risk. There is a storage fee per exhibitor. The Fair Association will not be responsible for unclaimed exhibits and may dispose of remaining items at the start of the Labor Day Weekend.
- 8) Sponsored Awards:
  - a) Sponsored awards for all categories can be found on the youth sponsored awards page. Sponsored awards are chosen from eligible entries in the award categories. No special entry is required.
  - b) The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Sponsored special premiums and awards as they are secured in good faith.
  - c) Awards will be handed out at the Youth & Creative Living Awards ceremony. Award winners will be notified prior to the ceremony.
- 9) Definitions:
  - a) 4-H (Members of an Alameda County 4-H Club currently enrolled in this project).
  - b) Youth (Entries made by youth independent of 4-H or other youth organizations).
  - c) Other Youth Organizations (Scouts, YMCA, AWANA, etc.)

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## Division 1549: Youth Bling Something! Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Any Wearable Item
2. Any Non-Wearable Item

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Use your imagination to Bling Something! A purse, cell phone case, shoe, or anything else you can think of!
- Include a photo of the original item along with your finished product.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$4.00

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## Division 1550: Youth Crafting Trends Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

- Youth Crafting Trends Special Competition

### **REQUIRED TRENDS:**

*(Must incorporate at least 3 trends from this list)*

Chalk Paint	Ombre
Coloring Books	Peacocks
Googly Eyes	Succulents
Monograms	Wood Burning

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Make a craft using current crafting trends!
- Open to exhibitors ages 9 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- You must use at least 3 of the crafting trends on the list above.
- Regular glue, glue sticks, and scotch & masking tape do not hold well.
- Size limits: 24" x 36".
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
10% Compliance  
 100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

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## Division 1551: Youth Decorate A Tree Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Any Youth Holiday Themed Tree
2. Any Youth Non-Holiday Themed Tree

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Open to exhibitors ages 9 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The fair will provide a 3 foot tall artificial tree for you to decorate.
- Exhibitors will provide lights and all decorations. Decorations may be purchased or handmade.
- Entries are limited. Exhibitors will NOT be contacted. Once capacity has been reached, we will disable the online entering for this contest. If you have successfully registered for the contest, then you have a tree.
- Exhibitors will come to the fair on the delivery date listed above and will decorate their tree.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

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## Division 1552: Youth Duct Tape Craft Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Youth Duct Tape Crafts (flowers, toys, ect.)

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Enter your duct tape creation and show us what you can make with duct tape!
- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Entries must be made of 100% duct tape.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

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## Division 1565: Youth Egg Carton Craft Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Youth Egg Carton Craft

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Show us what you can make with an egg carton!
- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years or older as of January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Please mount entries so they are free standing (leave no more than 1" undecorated perimeter).
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
10% **Compliance**  
 100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
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## Division 1553: Fair Theme Poster Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class  
**Theme:** Best. Summer. Ever.

### CLASS:

1. 5-8 Year Old Exhibitors
2. 9-11 Year Old Exhibitors
3. 12-14 Year Old Exhibitors
4. 15-17 Year Old Exhibitors

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Design a poster for the 2017 Alameda County Fair!  
The fair theme is Best. Summer. Ever.
- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Create your poster on white 9 x 12 to 11 x 17" paper using chalk, watercolor, pencil, markers, etc.
- Entries other than specified size may be marked down during judging.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

#### Judging Standards:

25% **Appearance**  
 20% **Creativity & Originality**  
 10% **Difficulty Appropriate for Age**  
 35% **Representation of Fair Theme**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00  
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## Division 1554: Fair of the Future Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. 9-11 Year Old Exhibitors
2. 12-14 Year Old Exhibitors
3. 15-17 Year Old Exhibitors

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Show us your ideas for a future fair! What new food, activity or entry category would you like to see at a future fair?
- Contest open to exhibitors 9 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Create your entry on white 9 x 12 to 11 x 17" paper using chalk, watercolor, pencil, markers, etc.
- Entries other than specified size may be marked down during judging.
- Entry must include an illustration of your idea as well as a written explanation of your idea.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

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 35% **Representation of Fair Theme**  
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#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

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## Division 1555: Youth Handprint & Footprint Art Special Competition

Entry Fee: \$2.00  
 Limit: 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Any Handprint or Footprint Art

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Show us what you can make with your hand & foot prints!
- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Entries must be matted with or mounted on card stock or mat board.
- Items may be flat or 3-Dimensional
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

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## Division 1566: Youth Literature Based Art Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Dr. Seuss Inspired Art
2. Eric Carle Inspired Art
3. J.K. Rowling Inspired Art

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Create an arts & crafts entry based on the work of Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, or J.K. Rowling.
- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Regular glue, glue sticks, and scotch & masking tape do not hold well.
- Size limits: 24" x 36".
- Items may be flat or 3-Dimensional.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

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## Division 1556: Loom Art Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Original Bracelet
2. Kit Bracelet
3. Any Other Loom Art

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Make a loom bracelet to enter in the fair.
- Entries may either be original or use a kit.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

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## Division 1557: Youth Mystery Craft Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

- Youth Mystery Craft

### **REQUIRED ITEMS:**

*(Must use at least 4 items from this list)*

Buttons	Glitter
Cardboard Tube	Mason Jar
Coffee Filter	Paint Chips
Corks	Plastic Silverware
Craft Sticks	Ribbon
Clothespin	Washi Tape

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Make a Mystery Craft!
- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Make a craft using at least 4 of the required items on the list above.
- You may add additional crafts supplies such as glue, paint, paper, etc.
- Regular glue, glue sticks, and scotch & masking tape do not hold well.
- Size limits: 24" x 36".
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00**  
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## Division 1558: Youth Origami Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Individual Item
2. Scene

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Contest open to exhibitors 9 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Finished entries must be at least 4" in size.
- Please mount entries so they are free standing (leave no more than 1" undecorated perimeter).
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

Judging Standards:  
 20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

Cash Prizes Per Class:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00  
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## Division 1559: Paper Plate Craft Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Animal
2. Any Other (Specify)

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Enter your paper plate creation and show us what you can make with a simple paper plate!
- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Regular glue, glue sticks, and scotch & masking tape do not hold well.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **\$8.00**  
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## Division 1560: Perler Bead Art Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Individual Item
2. Scene

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Enter your Perler Bead Art and show us what you can make with perler beads!
- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If this is an original design, please attach a note to the entry at the time of delivery.
- Items may be flat or 3-Dimensional.
- Finished entry must be at least 2" in size and entered on cardstock or matte/poster board with no more than 1" undecorated border.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

Judging Standards:  
 20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
10% **Compliance**  
 100%

Cash Prizes Per Class:  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
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## Division 1561: Pinterest Patriotic Craft Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Pinterest Patriotic Craft

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Search for Patriotic crafts on Pinterest. Find your favorite, add your own creative twist, and submit it!
- Contest open to exhibitors 9 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Regular glue, glue sticks, and scotch & masking tape do not hold well.
- Include a print out of the idea from Pinterest and show how you have modified it.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

Judging Standards:  
 20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

Cash Prizes Per Class:  
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## Division 1567: Pipe Cleaner Craft (Chenille Stem) Special Competition

Entry Fee: \$2.00  
Limit: 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Individual Item (animal, flower, ect.)
2. Scene

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Enter your pipe cleaner (chenille stem) creation and show us what you can make with a simple pipe cleaner!
- Contest open to exhibitors 9 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Regular glue, glue sticks, and scotch & masking tape do not hold well.
- Please mount entries so they are free standing (leave no more than 1" undecorated perimeter)

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
40% **Workmanship**  
15% **Difficulty Factor**  
15% **Creativity**  
10% **Compliance**  
100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

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## Division 1562: Recycle It! Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Recycle It! Special Competition

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Make a craft using common recyclable items.
- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Finished entry must be no larger than 24" x 36".
- Regular glue, glue sticks, and scotch & masking tape do not hold well.
- Include a photo of the original item along with your finished product.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

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## Division 1563: Repurpose It! Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

### CLASS:

1. Repurpose It! Special Competition

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Start with one item and transform it into something new!
- Contest open to exhibitors 9 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Regular glue, glue sticks, and scotch & masking tape do not hold well.
- Include a photo of the original item along with your finished product.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

Judging Standards:  
 20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
 10% **Compliance**  
 100%

Cash Prizes Per Class:  
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**BEST. SUMMER. EVER.**

**Division 1564: Shoebox Float Special Competition**

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00  
**Limit:** 2 per Class

**CLASS:**

1. Animal
2. Fair Theme – Best. Summer. Ever.
3. Any Other



**SPECIAL RULES:**

- Everybody loves a parade...float!
- Contest open to exhibitors 5 years and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Your float must be made from a traditional cardboard shoebox no larger than 9" x 13" and limited only by your imagination.
- Regular glue, glue sticks, and scotch & masking tape do not hold well.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

Judging Standards:  
 20% **Appearance**  
 40% **Workmanship**  
 15% **Difficulty Factor**  
 15% **Creativity**  
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# YOUTH CULINARY ARTS

Please read competition guidelines: Changes are made each year.

- 1) Eligibility:
  - a) Open to residents aged 9-17 years as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Must be a resident of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, or Solano County.
  - b) The exhibitor must home prepare all entries within one year of the opening date of the fair. Items that have been shown at previous Alameda County Fairs are not eligible and will be disqualified.
  - c) The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or to refuse to display any entry considered not to be in the best interest of the Fair.
  - d) No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which they will exhibit.
- 2) Entry Limits:
  - a) Please note all division and class limits.
  - b) If allowed, and entering more than one recipe per class, the recipes must be different.
  - c) Within any year, each recipe may only be entered once.
  - d) Food entries do not need to be baked or preserved from an original recipe (unless otherwise specified), but must be handmade by the entrant from scratch and must not use any prepared mixes. All baked foods must be entered with a complete recipe at time of delivery.
  - e) Entry fees will not be refunded.
- 3) Presentation & Display:
  - a) The Fair will provide an exhibit tag. Please enter with the exhibitor's name as you wish it to appear.
  - b) All Period 1 baked food items will be discarded prior to Period 2 delivery. Items may be discarded prior to that time if they become deteriorated. This is at the discretion of fair personnel. When possible, the exhibit tags of discarded food will be displayed on the wall outside the office in Building C for the duration of the fair.
  - c) Exhibits are displayed to interest the public and showcase the exhibits. The Alameda County Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibit.
  - d) Whenever possible (with the exception of pies which should be entered in a glass pie plate) baked food entries should be delivered in non-returnable, disposable containers, plates or wraps.
  - e) Baked goods will be displayed on plates provided by the fair. Unless otherwise specified, plate presentation has no effect on judging results.
- 4) Handling:
  - a) Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Management, Alameda County Fair Association, and the County of Alameda will not be held liable for loss, theft or damage of any kind from any cause. Submission of any work constitutes an agreement to this effect.
  - b) No one but the judges and departmental personnel will be allowed to handle exhibits.
- 5) Judging:
  - a) Entries are judged using the Danish System of Judging where exhibits are judged against a scorecard. There is the availability of multiple 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Every entry will receive a ribbon. All 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in a class will compete against each other for the Best of Class and all Best of Class within a division will then compete against each other for Best of Show.
  - b) Exhibits are judged by age group as well as by group (4-H vs. Open Youth vs. Other Youth Organization). There is a Best of Show available for each classification and age group within the division.
  - c) Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
  - d) Judging results will not be given out by phone, mail, or email.
- 6) Ribbons:
  - a) Ribbons, judge's comment cards, and recipes will be available for pick up in the office of Building C any time the fair is open beginning Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will also be available for pickup on the exhibit release day, Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 12-8 p.m. Ribbons, comment cards, and recipes will not be mailed.
  - b) Unclaimed ribbons, comment cards and recipes will be held at the Exhibit Office until Labor Day. At that point, they will be discarded.
- 7) Sponsored Awards:
  - a) Sponsored awards for all categories can be found on the youth sponsored awards page. Sponsored awards are chosen from eligible entries in the award categories. No special entry is required.
  - b) The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Sponsored special premiums and awards as they are secured in good faith.
  - c) Awards will be handed out at the Youth & Creative Living Awards ceremony. Award winners will be notified prior to the ceremony.
- 8) Definitions:
  - a) 4-H (Members of an Alameda County 4-H Club currently enrolled in this project).
  - b) Youth (Entries made by youth independent of 4-H or other youth organizations).
  - c) Other Youth Organizations (Scouts, YMCA, AWANA, etc.)

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## Division 1508: Youth Follow That Recipe

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class

### CLASS:

1. Follow That Recipe



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Follow that recipe! We have provided the basic recipe, but you get to decide the specific ingredients (such as type of baking chip, extract, & type (and consistency) of nuts) to make your recipe the best!
- Entries must include all ingredients provided in the recipe. Due to the different effects of add-in options, adjustments in measurements may be made to achieve proper consistency and texture.
- Open to all youth 9 years & older.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*
- All entries MUST be submitted with a detailed recipe with complete instructions.

### Cookie Recipe:

**1 cup butter, softened**  
**1 ½ cups sugar (may use multiple kinds)**  
**1 teaspoon baking soda**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**2 large eggs**  
**2 ¼ cups flour**

**Add-ins:**  
**Baking Chips**  
**Extract**  
**Nuts**

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine dry ingredients in small bowl. Beat butter & sugar(s) until creamy. Add one egg at a time and beat well after each egg. Stir in extract.
2. Gradually beat in flour until blended.
3. Stir in add-ins.
4. Drop by rounded tablespoon on ungreased baking sheets.
5. Bake at 375 degrees approximately 9-11 minutes or until done. Cool slightly on baking sheets before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

**Enter 7 Cookies.**

### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 20% **Texture**  
 40% **Flavor & Taste**  
 10% **Creativity & Originality**  
 10% **Recipe**  
 100%

### Cash Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
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**Division 122: King Arthur Flour Brownie Special Competition**

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Exhibitor



**Special Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$75 gift certificate to the Baker's Catalogue/ [kingarthurfLOUR.com](http://kingarthurfLOUR.com), Sponsored by King Arthur Flour  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$50 gift certificate to the Baker's Catalogue/ [kingarthurfLOUR.com](http://kingarthurfLOUR.com), Sponsored by King Arthur Flour  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: King Arthur Flour Logo Canvas Tote Bag, Sponsored by King Arthur Flour

***Choose your favorite  
 King Arthur Flour Brownie Recipe from the King Arthur Flour Website!  
Sponsored by King Arthur Flour***

**CLASS:**

1. King Arthur Flour Special Competition

**SPECIAL RULES:**

- Contest is open to amateur youth and adult exhibitors 9 years and older.
- **Entries must use only King Arthur Flour.**
- **All contestants must use a King Arthur Flour Brownie recipe found on the King Arthur website <http://www.kingarthurfLOUR.com/recipes/cookies-bars-and-candy/brownies-and-bars>**
- **Recipe and proof of purchase of King Arthur Flour must accompany your entry.**
- Please submit 7 pieces.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class.*

**Judging Standards:**

50% **Flavor**  
 25% **Texture**  
 25% **Appearance**  
 100%

**Baked Food Sweepstakes:**

(Divisions 103-124)  
**Based on points earned:**  
 (1<sup>st</sup>=5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup>=3 points, 3<sup>rd</sup>=1 point)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$30  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$25  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$20  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place: \$15  
 5<sup>th</sup> Place: \$10

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**Division 1509: Youth Mix It Up! Tricks With A Mix**

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

***Take a prepackaged mix and transform it into something new!***

**CLASS:**

1. Cake
2. Cookies
3. Any Other Dessert (specify)

**SPECIAL RULES:**

- Use your favorite pre-packaged mix and make it into something new.
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*
- Enter: 1 Whole Cake, Pie, or Bread.  
7 Cupcakes, Cookies, Candies, Brownies, or Muffins.

**Judging Standards:**

20% **Appearance**  
20% **Texture**  
40% **Flavor & Taste**  
10% **Creativity & Originality**  
10% **Recipe**  
100%

**Cash Prizes Per Class:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
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**Division 1511: Youth Mystery Cookie**

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Exhibitor



**CLASS:**

1. Mystery Cookie

**SPECIAL RULES:**

- Entrant must use **all** ingredients from the “Required” List of ingredients as well as **at least 3** of the items on the “Additional” Ingredients list.
- Only items listed on either the Required or Additional ingredients list may be used. Ingredients not listed may NOT be used in the recipe.
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*
- Enter: 7 Cookies.

**REQUIRED INGREDIENTS:**

Flour  
 Salt  
 Sugar  
 Baking Powder and/or Baking Soda  
 Butter and/or Oil  
 Egg

**ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS:**

(Must use at least 3)  
 Applesauce  
 Baking Chips (chocolate, mint, peanut butter, etc.)  
 Caramel  
 Cinnamon, Cloves, and/or Ginger  
 Coffee  
 Cookie or Cracker Crumbs  
 Cream Cheese  
 Extract (coconut, mint, vanilla, etc.)

**Judging Standards:**

20% **Appearance**  
 20% **Texture**  
 40% **Flavor & Taste**  
 10% **Creativity & Originality**  
10% **Recipe**  
 100%

**Cash Prizes Per Class:**

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## Division 1510: S'mores No More

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Entries Per Exhibitor

*Take the ingredients of S'mores and transform them into something new!*

### CLASS:

1. S'mores No More



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Use the ingredients of S'mores (graham crackers, chocolate, & marshmallow) and create a new dessert that retains the flavor of s'mores.
- Enter: 1 Whole Cake, Pie, or Bread, 7 Cupcakes, Cookies, Candies, Brownies, or Muffins.
- All entries MUST be submitted with a recipe with complete instructions.
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- *Competition is judged using the American System of Judging where there is only one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.*

### Judging Standards

20% **Appearance**  
 20% **Texture**  
 40% **Flavor & Taste**  
 10% **Creativity & Originality**  
 10% **Recipe**  
 100%

### Cash Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$4.00**

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**Division 1604: Cheesecake Contest**

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Exhibitor

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.**  
**CLASS:**



1. Cheesecake

**SPECIAL RULES:**

- Show us your best cupcake!
- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment).
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Entry may not include any prepackaged toppings or mixes.
- Garnishes should be edible.
- Enter 7 Cupcakes.
- All entries **MUST** be submitted with a recipe with complete instructions.
- Please include a brief anecdote, tips, tricks, and/or lessons learned about this particular recipe and why this recipe was selected for this contest.
- Exhibitor must be present to win additional \$25 for best overall cupcake.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

**Judging Standards:**

20% **Appearance**  
 30% **Texture**  
 40% **Taste**  
10% **Creativity**  
 100%

**Special Prizes Per Class:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$30**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$20**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10**

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## Division 1605: Cupcake Contest

- Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry
- Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor
- Special Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$20 Cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$15 Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10 Cash  
\$25 Awarded to Best Overall Cupcake (*Must be present to win*)

**Sponsored by Oh Cake!**

**Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

### CLASS:

1. Adult--Filled Cupcake
2. Adult--Unfilled Cupcake
3. Youth—Filled Cupcake
4. Youth—Unfilled Cupcake



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Entry may not include any prepackaged mixes or toppings.
- Entry must be a dessert pie.
- Enter 1 Whole Cheesecake.
- Bring two copies of your recipe, including instructions (typed or printed): one with the recipe & your name, address & phone number in the upper right hand corner, and the other with just the recipe.
- Please include a brief anecdote, tips, tricks, and/or lessons learned about this particular recipe and why this recipe was selected for this contest.
- All recipes become the property of the Alameda County Fair and any contest sponsor and may be used by the media and for publication.
- After preliminary judging on appearance, the exhibitor will plate one sample for each judge for tasting.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. Exhibitors will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**

30% **Texture**

40% **Taste**

10% **Creativity**

100%

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## Division 1602: Guittard Chocolate Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 1 Entry Per Class, Per Exhibitor

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

Sponsored By:

### CLASS:

1. Cakes, Cupcakes, Pies
2. Cookies, Bars & Candy
3. Any Other (pudding, mousse, etc.)



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth aged 9 and over. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Enter any chocolate creation using at least 10 ounces of any combination of the following Guittard Chocolate products: Guittard Baking Chips (Guittard Semi sweet Chocolate Chips, Guittard Real Milk Chocolate Chips, Guittard Extra Dark Chocolate Chips, Guittard Fair-Trade Certified Akoma or Guittard Super Cookie Semisweet Chocolate Chips) Guittard Baking Bars (64% Cacao Semisweet Chocolate, 70% Cacao Bittersweet Chocolate or 100% Cacao Unsweetened Chocolate), Guittard Baking Wafers (31% Cacao White Chocolate, 38% Cacao Milk Chocolate, 61% Cacao Semisweet Chocolate, 72% Cacao Bittersweet Chocolate) or Guittard Cocoa (Cocoa Rouge or Grand Cacao). In addition, the following Guittard products may be used if one of the chocolate products listed above is also used in the required amount: Guittard non-chocolate; Guittard Choc-Au-Lait Vanilla Milk Chips, Guittard Butterscotch Chips or Guittard Green Mint Chips.
- **Guittard packages MUST accompany your entry.**
- Entry may not include any prepackaged mixes (i.e. cake, frosting, pudding, or topping mixes).
- Entry must be the **ORIGINAL** recipe of the exhibitor (never previously published) and may not have been entered AND won in any other competition.
- Bring two copies of your recipe, including instructions, typed or printed on **5"X8" cards**: one with the recipe & your name, address & phone number in the upper right hand corner, and the other with just the recipe.
- Please include a brief anecdote, tips, tricks, and/or lessons learned when developing the recipe and the reason for selecting the type(s) of chocolate to include in the recipe.
- All recipes become the property of the Guittard Chocolate Company.
- Enter:
  - 1 cake, 1 pie, 6 cupcakes, 6 servings of mousse & puddings, 6 cookies, 6 bars, 6 pieces of candy.
- After preliminary judging on appearance, the exhibitor will plate one sample for each judge for tasting.
- The previous year's First Place winner is not eligible to compete in the winning class of the current year's contest.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 30% **Texture**  
 40% **Taste**  
 10% **Creativity**  
 100%

#### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$50.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$25.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$15.00**

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## Division 1603: Honey, This Is A Dessert Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 1 Entry Per Class, Per Exhibitor

### **Sponsored By: Alameda County Beekeepers Association**

*(The Oldest Beekeepers association west of the Mississippi, celebrating 101 years in operation)*

**Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

### CLASS:

1. Cakes (cakes, cupcakes, tortes, etc.)
2. Cookies
3. Any Other Dessert (pies, candies, confections, etc.)



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Entry may not include any prepackaged mixes or toppings.
- **Entry must contain at least ½ cup pure honey.**
- Enter 1 whole cake, pie, or torte & 6 cupcakes, candies, or cookies.
- Bring two copies of your recipe, including instructions (typed or printed): one with the recipe & your name, address & phone number in the upper right hand corner, and the other with just the recipe.
- All recipes become the property of the Alameda County Beekeepers Association and may be used by the media and for publication.
- After preliminary judging on appearance, the exhibitor will plate one sample for each judge for tasting.
- Please include a brief anecdote, tips, tricks, and/or lessons learned about this particular recipe and why this recipe was selected for this contest.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 30% **Texture**  
 40% **Taste**  
 10% **Complexity**  
 100%

#### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$30.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$20.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10.00**

**Grand Prize: Honey Gift Basket  
 for Best Overall Entry**

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## Division 1607: My Family's Favorite Cookie Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

### CLASS:

1. Drop Cookie
2. Any Other Cookie



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Entry may not include any prepackaged mixes or toppings.
- Enter 7 cookies.
- Bring two copies of your recipe, including instructions (typed or printed): one with the recipe & your name, address & phone number in the upper right hand corner, and the other with just the recipe.
- All recipes become the property of the Alameda County Fair and may be used by the media and for publication.
- After preliminary judging on appearance, the exhibitor will plate one sample for each judge for tasting.
- Entry must include a written explanation that includes why this recipe is special to your family and/or a favorite memory or tradition associated with the recipe.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 30% **Texture**  
 40% **Taste**  
 10% **Creativity**  
 100%

#### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$20.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$15.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10.00**

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## Division 1606: My Family's Favorite Pie Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

**Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

### CLASS:

1. One Crust Pie
2. Two Crust Pie
3. Savory Pie



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Entry may not include any prepackaged mixes or toppings.
- Enter 1 Whole Pie.
- Bring two copies of your recipe, including instructions (typed or printed): one with the recipe & your name, address & phone number in the upper right hand corner, and the other with just the recipe.
- All recipes become the property of the Alameda County Fair and may be used by the media and for publication.
- After preliminary judging on appearance, the exhibitor will plate one sample for each judge for tasting.
- Entry may not have been entered and won in a previous My Family's Favorite Pie Contest.
- Entry must include a written explanation that includes why this recipe is special to your family and/or a favorite memory or tradition associated with the recipe.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 20% **Crust**  
 30% **Texture**  
 30% **Taste**  
 10% **Creativity**  
 100%

#### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$20.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$15.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10.00**

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## Division 1608: My Favorite Potluck Recipe Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

**Sponsored By: Minerva's Restaurant & Catering**

**Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

### CLASS:

1. Hot Dish (Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish etc.)
2. Cold Dish (Appetizer, Salad, Side Dish, etc.)



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Everyone has a go-to Potluck Recipe. Show us yours!
- No dessert entries, please.
- Entry must involve some sort of baking, cooking, and/or mixing.
- Open to all non-professional adults and youth (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment).
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Enter 6 Servings.
- Please include a brief anecdote, tips, tricks, and/or lessons learned about this particular recipe and why this recipe was selected for this contest.
- All entries **MUST** be submitted with a recipe with complete instructions.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### Judging Standards:

25% **Appearance**

25% **Texture**

40% **Taste**

10% **Creativity**

100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$25.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$15.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10.00**

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## Division 1609: Pinterest Inspired Recipe Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

*Put your own twist on a recipe from Pinterest!*

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

### CLASS:

1. Savory
2. Sweet

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Entry may not include any prepackaged mixes or toppings.
- Enter 7 servings.
- Bring two copies of your recipe, including instructions (typed or printed): one with the recipe & your name, address & phone number in the upper right hand corner, and the other with just the recipe.
- All recipes become the property of the Alameda County Fair and may be used by the media and for publication.
- After preliminary judging on appearance, the exhibitor will plate one sample for each judge for tasting.
- **Entry must include a written explanation that includes why this recipe was chosen and what twist was added by the contestant and the reason for adding the twist.**
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
 30% **Texture**  
 40% **Taste**  
 10% **Creativity**  
 100%

#### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$20.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$15.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10.00**

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## **Division 1620: Big Green Race (Gone Tech)**

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

### ***Coordinated By: The Alameda County Fair***

Grab your friends and create a team for the very popular **AND VERY FUN Big Green Race**. You just need a few friends and a smart phone!

The adventure will take you all over the fairgrounds for fun and entertaining physical and mental challenges. New challenges are created every year.

**Parent teams welcome this year! Race against your kids!**

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

### **CLASS:**

1. 8-11 Year Olds
2. 12-18 Year Olds
3. Parents/Adults

### **SPECIAL RULES:**

- Youth must be 8 Years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible.
- The number of teams will be limited. Teams will be accepted based on the date of registration.
- Each team must have at least one cell phone and be willing to download a special app
- More information will be provided to teams in June after all teams have been registered and accepted.
- Teams will be required to submit names of all participants and ages of youth participants at least 48 hours prior to the race.
- Tickets will be placed at the will call booth on Pleasanton Avenue (beginning the first day of the fair) after the complete list of participant names and ages has been received. The tickets will be placed under the name in which the team is registered. Teams will need to coordinate the distribution of the tickets.
- Teams of 8-11 year olds can consist of up to 4 members plus one adult. Only one adult per team please.
- Teams of 12-18 year olds may consist of up to 4 members with no adult over 18.
- Parent/Adult teams may consist of up to 4 members.
- Teams report for orientation at 1:30 p.m. Race start time is 2:00 p.m.
- Winners are selected based on time to complete the race and sportsmanship.

### **Special Prizes Per Class**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: TBD**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: TBD**

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## Division 1615: Lego Model Building Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor



*Prizes Sponsored & Provided By: **Play-Well TEKnologies***

**Friday, June 23<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.**

***Design your favorite stationary model – Building, Character, Statute, Boat, ect.***

### CLASS:

1. 5-6 Year Olds
2. 7-9 Year Olds
3. 10 Years & Older



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Youth must be 5 Years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible.
- Limit—1 Entry Per Exhibitor
- You must supply all of your own materials.
- Legos must be separated. All construction must be done during the contest.
- Exhibitors 6 years and under may use no more than 300 pieces.
- Exhibitors 7 years and over may use no more 500 pieces
- Finished product must be no larger than 18" x 18" x 18".
- You may make design plans/instructions or take photos of your creation at home and use them while constructing during the contest.
- Plans may be adapted from kits, but must be exhibitor's original interpretation.
- Judging will be on appearance, creativity, and degree of difficulty for age.
- Exhibitors may not use Mindstorm or WeDo kits in this contest.
- Finished product should not include any moveable parts – wheels, pulleys, levers, etc.
- Exhibitor RSVP is required by emailing [entries@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@alamedacountyfair.com) between 24 & 72 hours prior to the start of the contest. Once RSVP has been received, an admission ticket per exhibitor and one admission ticket and parking pass per family will be placed under the exhibitor's name at the Will Call Booth on Pleasanton Avenue. If no RSVP is received, the exhibitor may still participate in the contest, but no admission or parking passes will be given.
- If an exhibitor will not be attending the contest, please inform us by emailing [entries@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@alamedacountyfair.com).

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## Division 1616: Lego Mechanism Building Contest



**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

*Prizes Sponsored & Provided By: **Play-Well TEKnologies***

**Friday, June 23<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m.**

***Use your imagination and design a moving creation!  
It can be handpowered but have something that moves (wheels, levers, pulleys, etc) or  
automatic using motors or battery packs. Technic pieces are a good base.  
No robots or programmed creations!***

### CLASS:

1. 5-6 Year Olds
2. 7-9 Year Olds
3. 10 Years & Older



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Youth must be 5 Years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible.
- Limit—1 Entry Per Exhibitor
- You must supply all of your own materials.
- Legos must be separated. All construction must be done during the contest.
- Exhibitors 6 years and under may use no more than 300 pieces.
- Exhibitors 7 years and over may use no more 500 pieces
- Exhibitors 10 and older must demonstrate at least 2 engineering principles in their design.
- Finished product must be no larger than 18" x 18" x 18".
- You may make design plans/instructions or take photos of your creation at home and use them while constructing during the contest.
- Plans may be adapted from kits, but must be exhibitor's original interpretation.
- No robots or programmed creations such as Mindstorm or WeDo.
- Judging will be on appearance, creativity, functionality and degree of difficulty for age.
- Exhibitor RSVP is required by emailing [entries@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@alamedacountyfair.com) between 24 & 72 hours prior to the start of the contest. Once RSVP has been received, an admission ticket per exhibitor and one admission ticket and parking pass per family will be placed under the exhibitor's name at the Will Call Booth on Pleasanton Avenue. If no RSVP is received, the exhibitor may still participate in the contest, but no admission or parking passes will be given.
- If an exhibitor will not be attending the contest, please inform us by emailing [entries@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@alamedacountyfair.com).

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**Division 1612: Cell Phone Photo Scavenger Hunt**

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

***Sponsored By: The Alameda County Fair***

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**

**CLASS:**

1. 9-12 Year Olds
2. 13-18 Year Olds



**SPECIAL RULES:**

- Youth must be 9 Years old to be eligible.
- Limit—2 Entries Per Exhibitor
- Registered contestants will be emailed the scavenger hunt list and detailed instructions (including the Instagram hashtag) prior to the opening of the fair on the day of the contest.
- Contestants will have until 3:30 p.m. to take 10 photos of the things on the list on the fairgrounds using their cell phone and upload them to Instagram. (Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to post as they go rather than waiting until the end to begin posting).
- Any photo posted after 3:30 p.m. will not qualify for judging.
- We will be using Instagram for photo judging. Exhibitors using their own Instagram account must have the account on the public setting, not private. Exhibitors who cannot create their own Instagram account can use a fair-created account.
- Photo content must support the fair’s family atmosphere. Photos with objectionable content will be disqualified. All photos will become property of the Alameda County Fair and may be used for publication.
- Photos will be judged on subject and composition. Bonus points may be awarded for originality, impact and/or superior photo quality.
- Exhibitor RSVP is required by emailing [entries@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@alamedacountyfair.com) between 24 & 72 hours prior to the start of the contest. Once RSVP has been received, an admission ticket per exhibitor and one admission ticket and parking pass per family will be placed under the exhibitor’s name at the Will Call Booth on Pleasanton Avenue. If no RSVP is received, the exhibitor may still participate in the contest, but no admission or parking passes will be given.
- If an exhibitor will not be attending the contest, please inform us by emailing [entries@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@alamedacountyfair.com).

**Special Prizes Per Class:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$6.00**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$4.00**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$3.00**

Entry Deadline is **April 26<sup>th</sup>!** (See individual pages for Baked/Decorated Food & Contest entry deadlines)

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## Division 1614: Storybook Character Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

### **Celebrating fantasy characters!**

#### **Dress the part or bring props and have a great time!**

*Do you like to read? Have you sometimes wanted to be your favorite storybook character? Here's your chance! Pick a fantasy character from your favorite book. Be prepared to meet the judges and talk about your favorite storybook character.*

**Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

#### **CLASS:**

1. 5-11 Year Olds
2. 12-17 Year Olds

#### **SPECIAL RULES:**

- Must be 5-17 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> to enter.
- Costume must represent character and time period.  
Costume items do NOT need to be handmade.
- If choosing the option to not dress up and bring props, please bring at least 2 props representing the character.
- Judging will be in 2 parts:
  - Appearance and creativity of costume/props
  - Ability to talk and answer questions about the character
- Participants 12-17 years old must also bring a paragraph describing 2 things that surprised them about their character.
- Characters must represent the family atmosphere of the fair.
- Character and literary source must be identified at the time of contest RSVP.
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#### **Special Prizes Per Class:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
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