



News Release: April 5, 2016
Contact: Angel Moore, Marketing 925-426-7565
amoore@alamedacountyfair.com

Alameda County Fair 2016 Competitive Exhibits ENTER YOUR BEST

Make, Take, Grow or Show it -- enter your best at the Alameda County Fair by **April 27, 2016**

Pleasanton, Calif. -- Whatever your hobby, passion or distraction, there's likely a contest for it at the Alameda County Fair. Crafty types of all ages and ability levels are encouraged to enter their best work in any of the Fair's many youth or adult competitions.

Contest categories include Culinary Arts, Fiber Arts, Garden & Floral, Handcrafts, Hobby Collections and Science & Technology.

Popular categories:

- Baking
- Cake/Cupcake Decorating
- Ceramics
- Crochet/Knit
- Dolls
- Garden & Produce
- Homebrew
- Flowers/Herbs
- Floral Arrangements
- Jams/Salsas
- Jewelry Making
- Livestock
- Metal Work
- Needlework
- Fine Art
- Photography
- Pinewood Derby
- Poetry
- Quilting
- Scrapbooking
- Sculptures
- Sewing
- Small Animals
- Stained Glass
- Table decoration
- Video
- Website
- Window Box Decorating
- Wine (amateur & commercial)
- Woodworking
- Wool & Fleece Show
- Wood Carving

Youth contests also include categories for school projects and performing arts. Visit www.acfairexhibits.com for more information.

Continued:

The Fair also offers a variety of contests for specialized talents including:

- Christmas Tree Decorating
- Duct Tape Art
- Egg Carton Art
- Bling Something
- Origami
- Repurpose or Recycle It!
- Shoe Box Float
- Beef is King
- Mystery Cookie
- Many more

Divisions accommodate all ages and ability levels, including physically and/or mentally challenged.

The Fair also offers a variety of fun daily contests for all ages:

- Diaper Derby (babies)
- Cell phone photo scavenger hunt (youth)
- Photo at the Fair
- Poems at the Fair
- Plein Air Painting
- Soap Carving (youth)
- Opening Race Weekend Hat Contest (adult & youth)
- National Anthem singers (selected in advance, must submit video)

For a complete list of contests, entry information & rules, visit:
www.acfairexhibits.com.

The deadline for general entries is **Wednesday, April 27, 2016**.

Some competitions are judged in advance of the Fair and require earlier entry deadlines including wine, homebrew, and national anthem. Visit website for details.

2016 Alameda County Fair Information

Dates: June 15 – July 4 (Open Tuesday – Sunday, plus Monday, July 4th)

Hours: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily

Carnival Hours: Tues -Thurs, 12 p.m. to closing, Fri-Sun, 11 a.m. to closing

Horse Racing: June 16 - 19, June 23 --26, and July 1 – 4.

Continued:

Big O Tires FREE Concerts: 8 p.m. – 9:15 p.m., nightly. Special effects fireworks show with video celebrating local youth immediately following concerts.

Monday, July 4th: Blues Festival, 1-9 p.m., Fireworks Spectacular featuring Oakland East Bay Symphony, 9:30 p.m., Budweiser Grandstand

Gate Admission*:

- Adults (13-61) -- \$12
- Seniors (62+) -- \$10
- Kids (6-12) -- \$10
- Children under 6 – FREE
- Carnival wristbands – Tues–Thurs, \$30, Fri-Sun, \$35

*Purchase in advance (before June 14) and save up to 33%

Special Pre-Fair Pricing (until 6/14/15):

- Adults (13-61) --\$10
- Seniors (62+) --\$8
- Kids (6-12) --\$8
- Carnival Wristbands --\$25
- Season Pass (admission for all 17 days) - -\$36
- Fun Pack (4 general admission tickets and 1 parking pass) - \$40

Special Days (ALL SPECIAL PRICING ENDS AT 5 P.M.):

- Military Appreciation, FREE Fair admission with valid Military ID – ALL DAY, EVERYDAY
- Opening Day: June 15 -- \$1 Admission & \$1 Rides, UNTIL 5 p.m.
- \$2 Tuesdays: June 21 & 28 -- Enjoy \$2 admission and \$2 samples of select Fair treats, UNTIL 5 p.m.
- Seniors FREE Thursdays (62+) – June 16, June 23, & June 30, UNTIL 5 p.m.
- Kids FREE Fridays (12 and under) – June 17, June 24, & July 1, UNTIL 5 p.m.
- Feed the Need Food Drive & \$1 Rides, benefitting Alameda County Food Bank. (Bring 4 non-perishable food items and receive FREE admission) – June 22, UNTIL 5 p.m.
- Drop Zone Drive & \$1 Rides: June 29 (Support our troops: Bring 2 items from donation list and receive FREE admission) – UNTIL 5 p.m.

Continued:

Big O Tires Presents - Concert Series Preview:

- 6/15 – Cinderella's Tom Kiefer
- 6/16 – Tony! Toni! Tone!
- 6/17 – Queen Nation
- 6/18 – Con Funk Shun
- 6/19 – Eric Burdon & The Animals
- 6/21 – Paperback Writer – The Beatles Experience
- 6/22 – Joe Nichols
- 6/23 – Tower of Power
- 6/24 – Great White
- 6/25 – Smash Mouth
- 6/26 – LeAnn Rimes
- 6/28 – Journey Revisted
- 6/29 – BJ Thomas
- 6/30 – Kool & The Gang
- 7/1 – Expose
- 7/2 – The Guess Who
- 7/3 – Crystal Gayle
- 7/4 – Red, White & Blues Festival (1 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

The Alameda County Fair is operated by the non-profit Fair Association without any tax funding from the government. It is ranked one of the Top 50 North American Fairs and the 7th largest Fair in California. The Fairgrounds is home to the Oldest One-Mile Race Track in America.