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Alameda County Fair 2017 Competitive Exhibits ENTER YOUR BEST

Make, Take, Grow or Show It!
Enter by **April 26, 2017**

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
- Decorative Doors
- 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
- 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.

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

- Honey, This is a Dessert Contest – NEW!
- 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 26, 2017**.

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

2017 Fair Information Below

2017 Alameda County Fair Information

Dates: June 16-July 9 (Closed June 19, 20, 26, 27)

Hours: 11AM-11PM daily

Carnival Hours: Wed-Thurs 12PM to closing, Fri-Sun 11AM to closing, July 3 & 4 11AM to closing

Horse Racing: June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 4 & July 7-9

Big O Tires FREE Concerts: 8PM-9:15PM nightly. Fireworks show immediately following at Concert Lawn.

Tuesday, July 4th: Blues Festival, 1-9PM, Fireworks Spectacular featuring Oakland East Bay Symphony, 9:30PM at Budweiser Grandstand

Gate Admission*:

- Adults (13-61) -- \$15
- Seniors (62+) -- \$10
- Kids (6-12) -- \$10
- Children under 6 -- FREE
- Carnival wristbands -- Wed-Thurs \$30, Fri-Sun and July 3 & 4, \$35

*Purchase in advance (before June 15) and save up to 33%

Special Pre-Fair Pricing (until 6/15/17):

- Adults (13-61) -- \$12
- Seniors (62+) -- \$8
- Kids (6-12) -- \$8
- Unlimited Carnival Wristbands -- \$25
- Season Pass (admission for all 20 days) -- \$40
- Fun Pack (4 general admission tickets and 1 parking pass) -- \$50

Special Days (ALL SPECIAL PRICING ENDS AT 5PM):

- Military Appreciation — One FREE Fair admission with valid Military ID, ALL DAY, EVERYDAY
- Opening Day: June 16 – Kids FREE Friday, UNTIL 5PM
- \$2 Taste of the Fair: June 22 & 29, July 6 — \$2 samples of select Fair treats, UNTIL 5PM
- Seniors FREE Thursdays (62+): June 22 & 29, July 6, UNTIL 5PM
- Kids FREE Fridays (12 and under): June 16, 23, 30 & July 7, UNTIL 5PM

Special Days -- Continued:

- Clothing Drive for Foster Kids presented by Mattress Firm: June 21, UNTIL 5PM — Bring a brand new clothing item and receive FREE admission & \$1 rides
- Feed the Need Food Drive benefitting Alameda County Community Food Bank: June 28, UNTIL 5PM — Bring 4 non-perishable food items and receive FREE admission & \$1 rides)
- July 5 - \$1 Admission & \$1 Rides until 5PM

2017 Big O Tires Concert Series:

6/16 – Sugar Ray

6/17 – Con Funk Shun

6/18 – Plain White T's

6/21 – Jana Kramer

6/22 – Tower of Power

6/23 – John Michael Montgomery

6/24 – Asia

6/25 – Rose Royce

6/28 – Clint Black

6/29 – Ann Wilson of Heart

6/30 – Super Diamond

7/1 – Sheila E

7/2 – America

7/3 – TBA

7/4 – Red, White & Blues Festival

7/5 – TBA

7/6 – Journey Revisited

7/7 – TBA

7/8 – TBA

7/9 – TBA

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.