



2024 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

YOUTH GARDENING ENTRY GUIDE

*Enter **ONLINE** the day before each show.*

Click [HERE](#) to enter!

Same day entry is also available.

Entry Fees:
1 entry: \$1.00
9-19 entries: \$8.00
20+ entries: \$10.00

Each exhibitor will receive one fair admission ticket at the time of entry delivery.

For Questions, please contact:
entries@alamedacountyfair.com
or call 925-426-7611 to leave a message



ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR
JUNE 14-JULY 7
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2024 Youth Gardening Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15
				Period 1 Online Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m.	Opening Day Period 1 DELIVER ENTRIES: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	
June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22
	Fair Closed	Fair Closed			Period 2 Online Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m.	Period 2 DELIVER ENTRIES: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29
	Fair Closed	Fair Closed			Period 3 Online Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m.	Period 3 DELIVER ENTRIES: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6
	Fair Closed Period 4 Online Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m.	Fair Closed Period 4 DELIVER ENTRIES: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.				
July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13
Last Day of Fair Plant Sale		Release of All Entries 12:00-8:00 p.m.				



Youth Gardening Department Rules

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to these rules.

1. Eligibility:
 - a. The competition is for youth residents of California aged 5+ years old as of January 1st.
 - b. 5–8-year-old exhibitors have no entry fee, receive no premiums, and receive participation ribbons.
 - c. 4-H entries will be verified via county project lists. Only entries in related Alameda County 4-H projects will be counted as 4-H entries and be considered eligible for 4-H sponsored awards. Upon entering, please indicate 4-H club for eligible 4-H entries.
2. Entries:
 - a. The Fair will provide an exhibit tag using the information provided upon registration.
 - b. Whenever possible, specify variety upon entry registration.
 - c. On occasion, entries may be transferred to a different division or class by judges or fair staff.
 - d. Entries must be healthy, free from insects and disease, fresh, clean, and neatly trimmed.
 - e. Any plant protected by state law is ineligible, unless grown by the exhibitor. Artificial flowers or coloring of flowers or leaves will not be permitted unless otherwise stated.
 - f. Cut flowers should be one stem. Produce should be uniform in size with 3 whole items submitted for each entry. Potted plants must be well-rooted in a container no larger than 20" high x 15" wide and no heavier than 20 pounds.
3. Display, Handling, Presentation, & Release of Entries:
 - a. The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or refuse to display any entry considered not to be in the best interest of the Fair. No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which they will exhibit. Once submitted, all exhibits are under the direct control of the Fair Association and cannot be removed until the specified release day.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Plates and vases are provided.
 - d. Produce will be disposed of when wilted, unless the exhibitor provides a sealable, labeled container.
 - e. Any unclaimed ribbons, containers, or other exhibit props will be held at the Exhibits Office until Labor Day. After that point, they will be discarded.
4. Judging & Awards:
 - a. Entries are judged using the Danish System of Judging where exhibits are judged against a scorecard. There is the availability of multiple 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Every entry will receive a placing and a ribbon (with the exception of 5–8-year-old exhibitors who will not receive a placing but will receive a ribbon).
 - b. Cash awards per class: 1st Place: \$3.00, 2nd Place: \$2.00, 3rd Place: \$1.50
 - i. All 1st place winners in a class will compete against each other for the Best of Class and all Best of Class winners within a division will then compete against each other for Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit Best of Class and Best of Show if there are no qualifying entries.
 - ii. There is the availability of a Best of Class and Best of Show in 4-H and in Open Youth within the same entry category.
 - c. Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
 - d. Sponsored award winners are chosen from eligible entries in the award categories. No special entry is required. The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Sponsored special premiums and awards as they are secured in good faith.
 - i. Available Sponsored Awards:
 1. 4-H exhibitors: Best Produce (\$20), Best Mini Garden (\$20), Best Floriculture (\$25)
 2. Youth exhibitors: Best Produce Period 1, 2, 3, & 4 (\$20).



	Registration Deadline	Deliver to Building Q (Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue)
Period 1	June 13 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 14 th 7:00-9:30 a.m.
Period 2	June 21 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 22 nd 7:00-9:30 a.m.
Period 3	June 28 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 29 th 7:00-9:30 a.m.
Period 4	July 1 @ 5:00 p.m.	July 2 nd 7:00-9:30 a.m.

Delivery Dates:

Period 1: Divisions 71 & 72—Friday, June 14th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Period 2: Divisions 73 & 74—Saturday, June 22nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Period 3: Divisions 75 & 76—Saturday, June 29th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Period 4: Divisions 78 & 79—Tuesday, July 2nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

5-8-Year-Old Exhibitors:

Period 1: Division 71
 Period 2: Division 73
 Period 3: Division 75
 Period 4: Division 78

Class:

01: Any Gardening Entry by a 5-8-Year-Old Exhibitor

Youth Exhibitors:

Period 1: Division 72
 Period 2: Division 74
 Period 3: Division 76
 Period 4: Division 79

Classes:

01: Cut Flowers
 02: Floral Arrangement (Flowers may be store bought)
 03: Fruit
 04: Herbs
 05: Fairy or Mini Garden
 06: Potted Plants
 07: Vegetable
 08: Any Other Gardening Entry (specify)