



COUNTY FAIR
JUNE 14-JULY 7
PLEASANTON

2024 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR YOUTH COLLECTIONS & WOODCARVING ENTRY GUIDE

**Entry Fee: \$1.50 per entry for Collections
(Woodcarving Entries have No Entry Fee)**

Click [HERE](#) to enter!

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, May 15th @ 5:00 p.m.
For most categories. Please see the following page for details.

Each exhibitor who submits an image or entry for judging will receive an e-ticket (one per exhibitor regardless of the number of entries) good for one admission to the 2024 Alameda County Fair.

**Tickets will be sent to the e-mail on file prior to the opening date of the fair.
Tickets are good for any day the Fair is open.**

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



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2024 Youth Collections & Woodcarving Calendar

| Sunday May 12 | Monday May 13 | Tuesday May 14 | Wednesday May 15 | Thursday May 16 | Friday May 17 | Saturday May 18 |
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| | | | Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. | | | |
| May 19 | May 20 | May 21 | May 22 | May 23 | May 24 | May 25 |
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| May 26 | May 27 | May 28 | May 29 | May 30 | May 31 | June 1 |
| | | | | | Hobby Collection Exhibitor Notification Deadline | |
| June 2 | June 3 | June 4 | June 5 | June 6 | June 7 | June 8 |
| | | | | | DELIVER ENTRIES: Hobby Collections & Woodcarving 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. | DELIVER ENTRIES: Woodcarving 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| June 9 | June 10 | June 11 | June 12 | June 13 | June 14 | June 15 |
| DELIVER ENTRIES: Woodcarving 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. | | | | | Opening Day | |
| June 16 | June 17 | June 18 | June 19 | June 20 | June 21 | June 22 |
| | Fair Closed | Fair Closed | | | | |
| June 23 | June 24 | June 25 | June 26 | June 27 | June 28 | June 29 |
| | Fair Closed | Fair Closed | | | | |
| June 30 | July 1 | July 2 | July 3 | July 4 | July 5 | July 6 |
| | Fair Closed | Fair Closed | | | | |
| July 7 | July 8 | July 9 | July 10 | July 11 | July 12 | July 13 |
| Last Day of Fair | | Release of All Entries 12:00-8:00 p.m. | | | | |



Youth Collections & Woodcarving Department Rules

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to these rules.

1. Eligibility:
 - a. The competition is for youth residents of California ages 9+ years old as of January 1st.
 - b. With submission of entry registration, the exhibitor confirms their ability to deliver entry to the fair on the posted delivery date(s) and time(s). Entry fees will not be refunded. Late entries will not be accepted.
2. Entries:
 - a. The Fair will provide an exhibit tag using the information provided upon registration.
 - b. Exhibit tags will be printed as entered. Any changes to the entry title or category must be emailed prior to the posted registration deadline. Once the deadline has passed, no changes may be made to the title or category entered and the entry will be judged as entered.
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. Upon submitting an entry for physical display at the Fair, the exhibitor agrees to pick up the entry after the fair on the posted release date. Failure to pick up the entry may affect selection for display at future Alameda County Fairs.
 - d. Any unclaimed entries or ribbons 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. In Wood Carving, this also includes 4th Place. Every entry will receive a placing and a ribbon.
 - 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.
 - b. Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
 - c. The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Sponsored special premiums and awards as they are secured in good faith.
5. How to Enter:
 - a. Review the Youth Collections & Wood Carving Department rules.
 - b. Go to: <https://alamed.fairwire.com> and Register/Log-In.
 - c. Select the "Create Entries" option.
 - d. Choose the Department/Division/Class for each entry.
 - e. Enter the Title (and description, if desired).
 - f. Complete payment of entry fees. No entries are accepted before the entry fee has been paid.
 - g. Refunds will not be issued for failure to deliver entries on the posted delivery dates/times.
 - h. Entry Confirmation: Upon receipt of entry fees, an email confirmation will be sent. This will be your receipt for the entry fee.



Hobby Collections

Entry Deadline: May 15 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building O

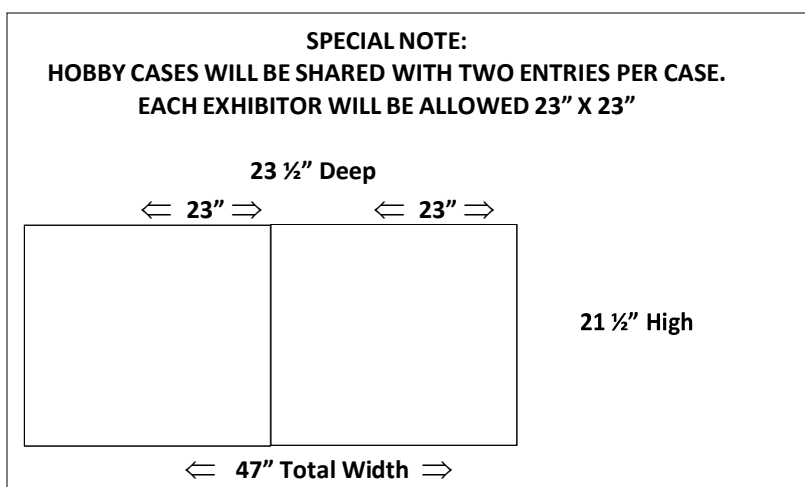
Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue

Friday, June 7th 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

1. Entry Limit: 1 Per Exhibitor.
 - a. Fair cases are limited. Entries are accepted on a space-available basis and to balance the show. Collections previously entered in the Alameda County Fair will be disqualified.
 - b. Exhibitors who have been selected to display a collection will be contacted via email no later than the end of the day on Friday, May 31st.
2. Articles for entry must be entirely collected, done, and displayed by the youth exhibitor with no adult assistance. No stuffed animals or Legos.
3. The Fair will provide cases and locks. The case itself is raw, unpainted plywood, so plan to cover the sides and bottom with paper or fabric. This can be stapled with a light duty staple gun to be removed after the Fair.
4. Please neatly label items with name and something interesting and appropriate (age, source, etc.). Labels should be neat, easy to read, and correct. Using a 14–16-point font (depending on style) typically makes labels easily readable. Tell the public something interesting about your hobby: why you collect or make it, what is unique, where to find more information, how you make it, etc. Encourage the public to study your case. **Judges shall show preference for those displays that are most educational.** Your name should not appear in the case. After judging is complete, fair staff will attach an exhibit tag with your name.
5. **Spray adhesives, rubber cement, and masking tape do not reliably hold. Please use permanent adhesive when possible to secure labels onto card stock or matte board.**
6. Please do not place anything on the outside of the cases. No extra electricity may be added either inside or outside of the case. You may choose to supply battery powered additions. It is your responsibility to take out any staples and/or tape put in the case on tear down day.
7. Judging Standards: 5% Quality, 10% Education, 10% Labeling (correctness and spelling), 10% Explanation (How did you start your collection?), 15% Variety of Material, 50% Showmanship (total effect of background, lighting, arrangement, neatness, suitability).
8. Cash awards per class: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$5.00, 3rd Place: \$3.00

Division 310 Hobby Collections

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| Class: | 01 | 9–11-Year-Old Exhibitors |
| | 02 | 12–14-Year-Old Exhibitors |
| | 03 | 15–17-Year-Old Exhibitors |





Woodcarving

Entry Deadline: May 15 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building O

Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue

Friday, June 7th 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 8th 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 9th 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

1. No entry fees!
2. Exhibitor must complete the project within one year of the opening date of the Fair.
3. At time of entry, please include title or subject and type of wood.
4. Wood carvings must be less than 3 ½ feet long and weigh less than 50 pounds.
5. Exhibitors will carry their own wood carving into Building O.
6. Date must be carved, engraved, or otherwise visible on each entry.
7. The subject of the carving may be anything from realistic to fantasy using any style of carving (abstract, stylized, or realistic). Carving may be 3-D or relief. No kits are allowed.
8. Judging Standards: 10% Suitability to Purpose, 20% Originality, 25% Appearance & Artistry, 45% Craftsmanship (skillfulness, neatness, & finishing).
9. Awards:
 - California Carvers Guild: 1st Place: \$10.00, 2nd Place: \$8.00, 3rd Place: \$5.00, 4th Place: \$2.00

Division 314 Woodcarving

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| Class: | 01 | 9–11-Year-Old Exhibitors |
| | 02 | 12–14-Year-Old Exhibitors |
| | 03 | 15–17-Year-Old Exhibitors |