



2024 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

YOUTH STILL EXHIBITS

ENTRY GUIDE

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per entry!

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



2024 YOUTH Still Exhibits Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
			Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. for Crafts, Fine Arts, & Textiles		Image Upload Deadline 5:00 p.m. Creative Writing, Photography, & Virtually Displayed Painting & Drawing entries	
May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25
				DELIVER ENTRIES: Crafts, Fine Arts, & Textiles (By Appt. Only)	DELIVER ENTRIES: Crafts, Fine Arts, & Textiles 12:00-8:00 p.m.	DELIVER ENTRIES: Crafts, Fine Arts, & Textiles 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1
Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. for Table Settings						
June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8
Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. for Preserved Foods					DELIVER ENTRIES: Preserved Foods & Table Settings (By Appt. Only)	DELIVER ENTRIES: Preserved Foods & Table Settings 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm
June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15
		Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. for Period 1 Baked & Decorated Foods			Opening Day DELIVER ENTRIES: Baked/Decorated Food 7:00-10:00 am	
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
Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. for Period 2 Baked Foods	Fair Closed	Fair Closed	DELIVER ENTRIES: Period 2 Baked Food 7:00-10:00 am			
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.				



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Youth Still Exhibits 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. 4-H exhibitors should enter the regular youth categories. The Youth Organization division is for non-4-H groups such as Scouts, YMCA, etc.
 - c. 4-H entries will be verified via county project lists. Only entries in related projects will be counted as 4-H entries and be considered eligible for 4-H sponsored awards. Please indicate 4-H club and project in 4-H for eligible 4-H entries.
 - d. Special craft and baking competitions are open to all youth exhibitors aged five and older. After paying the entry fee, all participating exhibitors will receive any awarded ribbons and premiums in those area.
 - e. With the exception of eligible special competitions, 5–8-year-old exhibitors have no entry fee, receive no premiums, receive participation ribbons, and may enter only in the designated 5–8-year-old categories.
 - f. 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. Unless otherwise specified, there is no entry limit per division or class.
 - b. Exhibitors must prepare non-food entries within one year of the opening date of the Fair.
 - c. The Fair will provide an exhibit tag using the information provided upon registration.
 - d. 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.
 - e. Projects by 5–8-year-old exhibitors, creative writing, paintings, drawings, and photography entries are required to have images uploaded upon registration. All uploaded entries are eligible for physical display.
3. How to Enter All Entries:
 - a. Review the Youth Still Exhibits Department rules.
 - b. Save the digital images of your entry where you can access it during the entry process.
 - c. Go to: <https://alamed.fairwire.com/> and Register/Log-In (be sure the information is for the YOUTH exhibitor).
 - d. Select the “Create Entries” option.
 - e. Choose the Department/Division/Class for each entry.
 - f. Enter the title (and description, if desired).
 - g. Complete payment of entry fees. (Entries are not accepted prior to payment of entry fees.)
 - h. Entry Confirmation: Upon receipt of entry fees, an email confirmation will be sent. This will be your receipt.
4. 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. While entries will be secure, most items will not be displayed behind glass or in cases.
 - d. Please be aware of all requirements including size, weight, and mounting instructions. Items that do not adhere to those requirements will not be selected for physical display.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Unclaimed entries or ribbons will be held at the Exhibits Office until Labor Day. After that point, they will be discarded.
5. Judging & Awards:
 - 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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Every entry will receive a placing (with the exception of 5-8- year-old categories which will not receive a placing but will receive a ribbon).
 - i. All 1st place winners in a class will compete against each other for the Best of Class. All Best of Class winners within a division will then compete against each other for Best of Show (4-H & Open Youth entries will be considered separately). Judges may choose to omit these awards if there are no qualifying entries.
 - b. Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
 - c. Cash Awards per class: 1st Place: \$3.00, 2nd Place: \$2.00, 3rd Place: \$1.50 for most categories.
 - d. Sponsored Awards:
 - i. Sponsored awards will be awarded from eligible entries. Each entry may only win one sponsored award.
 - ii. Sponsored special premiums and awards are not guaranteed as they are secured in good faith.



Culinary Arts Rules

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to these rules (& Youth Skills Department Rules).

1. Entries:
 - a. Youth exhibitors do not need to specify entry period when registering.
 - b. If allowed, and entering more than one recipe per class, the recipes must be different. Within any year, each recipe may only be entered once.
 - c. 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 (with the exception of Tricks with a Mix).
 - d. All baked foods must be entered with a complete recipe at time of delivery. Recipes will not be shared and will be returned with the judge's comment card.
 - e. Enter: 1 whole loaf, cake, pie; 7 cupcakes, cookies, candies, muffins, pastries, rolls, etc. Multiple items should not be individually wrapped. Only a portion of the entry may be displayed.
 - f. Refrigeration is not guaranteed and will not be provided after judging has concluded.
2. Presentation & Display:
 - a. 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. Results will be available via QR code posted in the building.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Baked goods will be displayed on plates provided by the fair. Unless otherwise specified, plate presentation has no effect on judging results.
3. Judging & Awards:
 - a. Special Baking Competitions:
 - i. Special Baking Competitions are judged using the American System of Judging, where there is only one 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awarded in each class.
 - ii. Open to youth ages 9 years and older as of January 1st.
 - iii. Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$8, 2nd Place: \$6, 3rd Place: \$4 (with the exception of King Arthur Baking Company and Guittard Chocolate Competitions).
 - b. Judging Standards:
 - i. Baked Foods: 20% Appearance, 25% Texture, 45% Flavor, 10% Inclusion of Recipe.
 - ii. Breads: 10% Appearance, 30% Flavor, 25% Texture, 15% Crumb, 10% Crust, 10% Recipe
 - iii. Decorated Food: 30% Appearance, 25% Icing, 25% Uniformity in Decorating, 10% Originality/Creativity, 10% Difficulty Factor.
 - iv. Pies/Pastries: 20% Appearance, 30% Crust, 40% Filling, 10% Recipe
 - v. Guittard Chocolate Contest: 20% Appearance, 30% Texture, 40% Taste, 10% Creativity
 - vi. King Arthur Flour Baking Company: 25% Appearance/Creativity, 25% Texture, 50% Taste
Table Settings: 25% Overall Appearance, 50% Functionality, 25% Creativity
 - vii. All Other Categories: 20% Appearance, 25% Texture, 45% Flavor, 10% Recipe.
 - c. Ribbons, judge's comment cards, and recipes for table settings, baked, decorated, and preserved foods will be available for pick up during Fair hours beginning Sunday, June 30. Any desired ribbons, comment cards or recipes not picked up during the fair must be picked up on the exhibit release day. Ribbons, comment cards, and recipes will not be mailed. Unclaimed ribbons, comment cards and recipes will be held at the Exhibit Office until Labor Day. At that point, they will be discarded.
 - d. Cash Awards Per Class (unless otherwise noted): 1st Place: \$3, 2nd Place: \$2, 3rd Place: \$1.50



	Registration Deadline (5:00 p.m.)	Deliver to Building C -- West Door (7:00-10:00 a.m.)
Period 1	June 11	June 14
Period 2	June 23	June 26

Baked Food

Enter 1 whole loaf/cake/pie. 7 cookies/muffins/candy/etc.

	Ages 5-8	Ages 9-12	Ages 13+
Ribbon Only. No Premiums.	01 Bread	11 Bread	
Class: 01 Baked Food	02 Cakes & Cupcakes	12 Cakes & Cupcakes	
	03 Cookies	13 Cookies	
	04 Pies & Pastries	14 Pies & Pastries	
	05 Confections	15 Confections	

Special Baking Competitions (Period 1)

Entry Deadline: June 11 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – West Door – Friday, June 14th 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Enter one whole loaf/cake/pie. 7 cookies/cupcakes/muffins/etc.

Cereal Treat Bars

Use your favorite cereal. A great summer snack!

Class: 01 Cereal Treat Bars

Cookies with That Summer Feeling

Enter a cookie that evokes That Summer Feeling!

Class: 01 Cookies with That Summer Feeling

Guittard Chocolate Contest

Enter any **original** creation using at least 10 oz. of any combination of Guittard Chocolate products.

Entries may not include any pre-packaged (cake/frosting/etc.) mixes.

Guittard packaging must accompany your entry at the time of delivery.

Entry must be the original entry of the exhibitor and may not have been entered and won in any other competition.

Include your name, address, phone number, and email in the upper right-hand corner of your recipe.

All recipes become the property of the Guittard Chocolate Company.

Prizes are sponsored by Guittard Chocolate Company.

1st Place: \$40 plus 10lb. chocolate bar; 2nd Place: \$30; 3rd Place: \$20.

Class: 01 Cakes, Cupcakes, Pies
02 Bars, Cookies, Candies



Special Baking Competitions (Period 2)

Entry Deadline: June 23 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – West Door – Wednesday, June 26th 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Enter one whole loaf/cake/pie. 7 cookies/cupcakes/muffins/etc.

Family Favorite Summer Treats

Enter your family's favorite summer treat.

Class: 01 Family Favorite Summer Treats

Mix it Up – Tricks with a Mix

Use a pre-packaged mix to make something new.

Class: 01 Mix it Up – Tricks with a Mix

King Arthur Baking Company Cookie Contest

Entries must use only King Arthur Flour. Provide proof of purchase (packaging or receipt) upon delivery.

Exhibitors must use and submit a cookie recipe found on the King Arthur Baking Company website at the following link:

[Get Back To Baking! \(kingarthurbaking.com\)](http://kingarthurbaking.com)

Prizes (Gift Cards) sponsored by King Arthur Baking Company.

1st Place: \$75; 2nd Place: \$50; 3rd Place: \$25.

Class: 01 King Arthur Baking Company Cookie Contest

Decorated Food

Entry Deadline: June 11 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – West Door – Friday, June 14th 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Enter one whole cake. 7 cookies/cupcakes.

Decorated Food Items may only be entered & delivered during the Period 1 Entry Period listed above.

A Styrofoam or cardboard form should be used, but all non-structural decorations must be edible.

Please delivery on a covered, firm surface with no more than 1 ½" beyond all edges of the entry.

Entries are judged on appearance only.

Cash awards per class: 1st Place: \$15; 2nd Place \$10; 3rd Place: \$5

Ages 5-8

Ribbon Only. No Premiums.

Class: 01 Decorated Food

Ages 9-12

01 Cake

02 Cupcakes or Cookies

03 Any Other Decorated Food

Ages 13+

11 Decorated Cake

12 Cupcakes or Cookies

13 Any Other Decorated Food



Preserved Food

Entry Deadline: June 2 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – West Door

Friday, June 7th (Appt. Only) & Saturday, June 8th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Submit 1 Jar/bottle per entry.

1. All entries must be submitted in a standard canning jar with new screw bands (no paraffin seals).
2. Exhibitors must attach a label to the bottom of the jar with the product name, date prepared, preservation method, and any unusual ingredients.
3. All jars must be properly sealed. Unsealed jars and jars that are unable to be opened by the judges will be disqualified and may not be displayed.
4. Please have proper headspace. Judges use guidelines posted in the most recent version of the Ball Blue Book.
5. Vinegars & Liqueurs should be entered in a glass bottle or decanter.
6. Dried foods may be entered in any clear self-sealing bag or container.
7. Entries in the “Any Other” classes may only be entered if there is no class listed for that category.
8. For example, soft spreads enhanced with alcohol, herbs, etc. may only be entered in those specific classes.
9. Judging Standards:
 - a. Preserved: 10% Container, 15% Appearance, 25% Texture, 40% Flavor, 10% Proper Headspace.
 - b. Vinegars: 25% Appearance, 45% Flavor & Aroma, 15% Aftertaste, 15% Overall Impression.

Ages 5-8

Ribbon Only. No Premiums.

01

Ages 9-12

Preserved Food Item

11

Ages 13+

Preserved Food Item

Class: 01 Preserved Food

02

Vinegar

12

Vinegar

Table Settings

Entry Deadline: May 26 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – West Door

Friday, June 7th (Appt. Only) & Saturday, June 8th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Entry Limit: 1 Per Exhibitor

Single table setting limited to 24”x 24” with a 15” height limit.

A 24”x 24” piece of sturdy cardboard, wood, or foam board covered with fabric or paper is required as the base of the setting. All components must be placed only on this board.

Include menu and related centerpiece.

Use appropriate service & utensils and make sure the setting matches the items on the menu.

Nothing edible or alive may be a part of the display.

Ages 9-12

Class: 01 Table Setting

Ages 13+

11 Table Setting



Fiber Arts Rules

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to these rules (& Youth Stills Department Rules).

1. Entries must be clean, neat, and ready for display.
2. Items that are soiled or showing wear will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
3. All quilts and wall hangings must have a 4" sleeve to accommodate a cross pole for hanging. (Sleeve must be continuous across the width of the piece. Fold a 9" strip of fabric in half and sew with a 1/2" seam, making a long tube. Place seam against the back of the piece and baste or blind stitch the sleeve in place 1" below the top and 1/2" from each side, taking care not to sew through the front.)
4. Judging Standards:
 - a. Needlework: 25% Appearance, 50% Workmanship, 15% Difficulty Appropriate for Age, 10% Suitability
 - b. Quilting: 50% Art, 50% Construction
 - c. Sewing: 30% Appearance, 60% Workmanship, 10% Difficulty Appropriate for Age

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Needlework

Framed pieces must have the back neatly finished and be ready to hang with picture wire or have an appropriate stand. Glass and Plexiglass should be removed from any frames before delivery.

Ages 9-12		Ages 13+		
Class:	01	Crochet or Knit Item	11	Crochet or Knit Item
	02	Any Other Needlework	12	Any Other Needlework

Quilting

In cases where someone other than the exhibitor completed the quilting, please specify the quilter's name upon entry registration.

Ages 9-12		Ages 13+		
Class:	01	Any Quilting	11	Any Quilting

Sewing

When possible, please deliver clothing entries on a mannequin or dress form.

Hand Sewing				Machine Sewing				
Ages 9-12		Ages 13+		Ages 9-12		Ages 13+		
Class:	01	Any Hand Sewing	11	Any Hand Sewing	01	Clothing	11	Clothing
					02	Accessories	12	Accessories
					03	Any Other	13	Any Other



Handcraft Rules

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to these rules (& Youth Skills Department Rules).

1. Painting and Drawing must be entered in the Painting & Drawing Division.
2. Entries must be clean, neat, and ready for display.
3. Items that are soiled or showing wear will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
4. Spray adhesives, rubber cement, and masking tape do not reliably hold. Please use permanent adhesive when possible.
5. Items with special competitions available (egg carton, pipe cleaner, etc.) must be entered in those competitions.
6. Jewelry items must be mounted for display on a board with no more than a 1" border beyond the edge of the item or in an appropriately sized box.
7. No toy generated entries (Lego, K'nex, Erector, etc.) will be accepted.
8. Exhibitors may use pre-cast and pre-stamped articles as long as they complete all artistic and finishing work and indicate which portion was pre-made.
9. Ceramics must have the year and exhibitor's name or initials inscribed on all pieces before firing. No unfired or unbaked clay items will be accepted.
10. Paper Crafts & Scrapbooking: All entries must be predominately made from paper with minimal non-paper items (such as buttons or brads as accents). Pre-cut kits are not allowed. Please credit the source if the layout is not an original design. Scrapbook pages should be submitted in a page protector with a maximum size of 12"x 12".
11. Wood Working: Kits are not allowed. Painted wood items should be entered under Arts & Crafts.
12. Judging Standards:
 - a. Crafts: 25% Appearance, 50% Workmanship, 15% Suitability/Difficulty Factor, 10% Creativity.
 - b. Craft Special Competitions: 20% Appearance, 40% Workmanship, 15% Difficulty Factor, 15% Creativity, 10% Compliance.
 - c. Paper Crafts/Scrapbooking: 40% Appearance, 30% Workmanship, 20% Difficulty Factor, 10% Originality & Creativity.
13. Craft Special Competitions:
 - a. Open to youth ages 5 years and older as of January 1st.
 - b. Please indicate if the entry is an original design.
 - c. Finished entry must be at least 2" in size and either freestanding or mounted so it is freestanding (leave no more than 1" undecorated perimeter). Maximum size: 24" x 36" without prior approval.
 - d. Hand Craft Special Competitions are judged using the American System of Judging, where there is only one 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class.
 - e. Cash Awards per class: Cash Awards per class: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$6.00, 3rd Place: \$4.00

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Please indicate on entry title if the entry is an original design.
 Finished entry must be at least 2" in size and either freestanding or mounted so it is freestanding,
 with no more than 1" undecorated perimeter.

Bling Something and Going Green entries must include a "before" photo when submitted.
 Shoebox Float entries must be made from a traditional cardboard shoebox no larger than 9" x 13".

Crafts

	Ages 9-12	Ages 13+	<u>Crafts with That Summer Feeling</u>
Class:	01 Ceramics	11 Ceramics	<u>Special Competition</u>
	02 Collage/Assemblage	12 Collage/Assemblage	01 Crafts with That Summer Feeling Special Comp.
	03 Holiday/Seasonal	13 Holiday or Seasonal	
	04 Jewelry	14 Jewelry	<u>Cricut Crafts Special Competition</u>
	05 Outdoor Craft	15 Outdoor Craft	01 Cricut Crafts Special Competition
	06 Any Other Craft	16 Any Other Craft	

Craft Special Competitions

Class:	01	Bling Something!	06	Perler Bead Craft
	02	Egg Carton Craft	07	Pipe Cleaner Craft
	03	Fair Themed Craft	08	Rock Painting
	04	Going Green Craft	09	Shoebox Float
	05	Literature Based Craft		

Einstein Shape Art Special Competition

A new shape called an Einstein has taken the math world by storm.
 The craggy, hat shaped tile can cover an infinite plan with patterns that never repeat.
 What can you create with an Einstein?

Class 01 Einstein Shape Art Special Competition

Paper Crafts & Scrapbooking

	Ages 9-12	Ages 13+
Class:	01 Scrapbook Layout (1-2 Pages)	11 Scrapbook Layout (1-2 Pages)
	02 Any Other Paper Craft	12 Any Other Paper Craft

Wood

	Ages 9-12	Ages 13+
Class:	01 Any Woodworking	11 Any Woodworking



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Painting & Drawing – Traditional & Digital

Flat art only. Please enter 3-D art pieces under Crafts.
 All entries must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock. Professional matting is NOT required.

Maximum Size: 24" x 36".

Only canvas artwork may be framed and must be ready to hang with picture wire.

Spray adhesives, rubber cement, and masking tape do not reliably hold.

Please use permanent adhesive when possible.

Charcoal, pastel, and pencil drawings should be protected for handling by spraying with inexpensive hair spray or other similar fixative.

Digital Painting & Drawing entries are created using Digital Art Software.

Judging Standards:

40% Technical Skill (use of media), 45% Originality & Creativity, 15% Entry Compliance (size, matting/framing)

Painting & Drawing

Ages 9-11

- 01 Drawing—Pencil
- 02 Drawing—Colored Pencil
- 03 Drawing—Pastel
- 04 Drawing—Other Media
- 05 Painting—Acrylic/Oil
- 06 Painting—Watercolor
- 07 Combination of Painting & Drawing
- 09 Any Other (scratch art, lino print, etc.)

Ages 12-14

- 11 Drawing—Pencil
- 12 Drawing—Colored Pencil
- 13 Drawing—Pastel
- 14 Drawing—Other Media
- 15 Painting—Acrylic/Oil
- 16 Painting—Watercolor
- 17 Combination of Painting & Drawing
- 18 Any Other (scratch art, lino print, etc.)

Ages 15+

- 21 Drawing—Pencil
- 22 Drawing—Colored Pencil
- 23 Drawing—Pastel
- 24 Drawing—Other Media
- 25 Painting—Acrylic/Oil
- 26 Painting—Watercolor
- 27 Combination of Painting & Drawing
- 28 Any Other (scratch art, lino print, etc.)

Digital Painting & Drawing

(Created with Digital Art Software)

Ages 9-11

- 01 Digital Art

Ages 12-14

- 11 Digital Art

Ages 15+

- 21 Digital Art



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Photography

Photo size must be 8x10 and mounted on 11x14 mat board or heavy card stock.

Professional matting is NOT required.

Photos may not be framed.

Photos must have been taken by the exhibitor.

Photos may not be entered in more than one class. Duplicate photos will be disqualified.

Minor edits to photos are allowed (cropping, red eye, brightness, etc.) but may not significantly change the original image.

Judging Standards:

30% Technical (focus, lighting), 30% Composition (perspective, crop), 30% Originality & Creativity, 10% Compliance (size, matting).

**All entries must have an image uploaded by Friday, May 17th @ 5:00 p.m. to qualify for awards.
 Refunds will not be issued for failure to upload images.**

After payment, select **UPLOAD MEDIA** and follow the prompts to upload the digital image files that correspond with the Title/Description. If you have multiple entries, please carefully look at the Title/Description in the top right-hand corner when uploading the digital images to ensure the images match the entry.

Digital Image Size:

For online entries, the ideal resolution in pixels is 800x800 (length x width).

Images that are larger than this need to be resampled (resized) to that size while still maintaining the original aspect ratio. The maximum storage size limit is 8 MB.

Ages 9-11

- 01 Abstract & Conceptual
- 02 Architectural & Urban
- 03 Events & Celebrations
- 04 Landscape
- 05 Nature
- 06 Pets
- 07 Portraits & People
- 08 Still Life (arranged objects)
- 09 Wildlife

Ages 12-14

- 11 Abstract & Conceptual
- 12 Architectural & Urban
- 13 Events & Celebrations
- 14 Landscape
- 15 Nature
- 16 Pets
- 17 Portraits & People
- 18 Still Life (arranged objects)
- 19 Wildlife

Ages 15+

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- 27 Portraits & People
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Miscellaneous Exhibits

This division is for entries with no other provided category.
 Exhibits may include a poster board (minimum size: 18"x 22"; maximum size: 22"x 30") or educational displays (cardboard or foam board bi-fold or tri-fold), website, video, slides, etc.
 The use of Lego, K'nex, and similar items are restricted without prior approval.
 Written reports will not be accepted.
 Rockets may not have live engines.
 Judging Standards:
 20% Appearance, 30% Education, 25% Workmanship, 25% Accomplishes Purpose

Ages 9-12

Class: 01 Exhibits Emphasizing Activity & Learning
 02 Environmental Education/STEM
 03 Rocketry
 04 Beeswax & Honey
 05 Any Other

Ages 13+

11 Exhibits Emphasizing Activity & Learning
 12 Environmental Education/STEM
 13 Rocketry
 14 Beeswax & Honey
 15 Any Other

Group Projects

This division is for entries made by two or more youth exhibitors.
 Please see individual entry categories for specific rules and instructions.

Class: 01 Crafts
 02 Fiber Arts
 03 Any Other



Virtually Displayed Categories

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

Upload Deadline: May 17th @ 5:00 p.m.

Entries in this division will be judged and displayed virtually via QR code during the Fair.
Entries will receive comments from judges, award placings, and premiums.

All entries must have an image or PDF uploaded by Friday, May 17th @ 5:00 p.m.
Refunds will not be issued for failure to upload images.

After payment, select **UPLOAD MEDIA** and follow the prompts to upload the digital image files that correspond with the Title/Description. If you have multiple entries, please carefully look at the Title/Description in the top right-hand corner when uploading the digital images to ensure the images match the entry.

Digital Image Size:

For online entries, the ideal resolution in pixels is 800x800 (length x width).

Images that are larger than this need to be resampled (resized) to that size while still maintaining the original aspect ratio.
The maximum storage size limit is 8 MB.

Creative Writing

A PDF upload is required to complete the entry process. Only the first two pages will be judged.

Judging Standards: 40% Creativity, 20% Structure, 20% Language Use, 10% Mechanics (spelling, grammar, etc.), 10% "Wow" Factor

Ages 9-11

- 01 Poem
- 02 Short Story

Ages 12-14

- 11 Poem
- 12 Short Story

Ages 15+

- 21 Poem
- 22 Short Story

Computer Science

Entries must be completed entirely by the exhibitor.

Please preview entries on multiple platforms to ensure entries will function properly at the Fair.

Follow all copyright laws in use of text, music, and images. Violations will result in disqualification.

All entries must be able to be viewed publicly via the registered URL through the closing date of the Fair.

Ages 9-12

- 11 Computer Science

Ages 13+

- 21 Computer Science

Painting & Drawing

Ages 9-11

- 01 Painting & Drawing
- 02 Digital Art

Ages 12-14

- 11 Painting & Drawing
- 12 Digital Art

Ages 15+

- 21 Painting & Drawing
- 22 Digital Art

Photography

Ages 9-11

- 01 Nature & Landscape

Ages 12-14

- 11 Nature & Landscape

Ages 15+

- 21 Nature & Landscape



02 Any Other

12 Any Other

22 Any Other

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Entries in these categories have no entry fee and receive no premiums.
 All entries will receive ribbons and judge comments.

Entries must be clean, neat, and ready for display.
 Items that are soiled or showing wear will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
 Spray adhesives, rubber cement, and masking tape do not reliably hold. Please use permanent adhesive when possible.
 Entries must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
 Maximum Size: 24" x 36" (length x width).
 Only canvas artwork may be framed and must be ready to hang with picture wire.
 Photo size must be 8x10 and mounted on 11x14 mat board or heavy card stock.
 Photos may not be framed.
 Professional matting is NOT required.

5-8-Year-Old Exhibitors

Participation Ribbons Only. For food entries, see individual categories.

Class: 01	Crafts	04	Photography
02	Creative Writing	05	Sewing/Clothing/Needlework
03	Painting & Drawing	06	Any Other

Intellectual, Developmental, & Physical Disabilities

This division is for exhibitors with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities.
 Please see individual entry categories for specific rules and instructions.

Class: 01 Any Entry

Youth Organizations

This division is for entries created within Youth Organizations other than 4-H.
 (To enter 4-H entries, please see individual categories.)
 Please see individual entry categories for specific rules and instructions.

Class: 01	Crafts	04	Photography
02	Fiber Arts	05	Any Other
03	Painting & Drawing		



Youth Still Exhibits Sponsored Awards

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 All eligible entries will automatically be considered.
 Winners will be contacted via email in June.

Awards for 4-H & Open Youth Exhibitors

Billy Yudelson

Most Humorous Photography Entry \$20

Dianne Yudelson

Best Combination of Fabrics (Sewing) \$20

Best Dress (Sewing) \$20

Dianne & Jim Yudelson

Best Abstract in Painting or Drawing \$20

Best Abstract Photography \$20

Best Still Life Photography \$20

Most Unique Concept in Painting or Drawing \$20

Most Unique Concept in Photography \$20

Charles R. Corda Memorial Award for Architectural Photography \$25

Best Overall Artist \$35

(Best Overall Artist Award requires at least one entry in painting, drawing, and photography.

Points calculated for awards won. Highest point total will win the award.

Any ties will be broken by Special Awards or Best of Show.)

Foscalina Family

Marilyn Foscalina Quilting Award \$75 Gift Card

Marilyn Foscalina Quilting Award \$25 Gift Card

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Awards for Open Youth Exhibitors:

Alameda County Farm Bureau

Best Garden Produce Period 1 \$20
 Best Garden Produce Period 2 \$20
 Best Garden Produce Period 3 \$20
 Best Garden Produce Period 4 \$20

Ken Beebe & Laurel Seymour-Beebe

Best Baked Food Period 1 \$20
 Best Baked Food Period 2 \$20
 Best Decorated Food \$20
 Charles Beebe Memorial Award \$20
 Judy Huff Memorial Award \$20
 Lorena Deckert Memorial Award \$20
 Robert Beebe Memorial Award \$20

Livermore Art Association

Best Black & White Drawing (3 awards: ages 9-11, 12-14, & 15-17) \$20 each
 Best Oil or Acrylic Painting (3 awards: ages 9-11, 12-14, & 15-17) \$20 each
 Best Pastel Work (3 awards: ages 9-11, 12-14, & 15-17) \$20 each
 Best Watercolor (3 awards: ages 9-11, 12-14, & 15-17) \$20 each

Micheli Family

Best Wildlife Photography \$20

Tri-Valley Writers CWC Tri-Valley Branch

Best Poetry (ages 9-12) \$20
 Best Poetry (ages 13+) \$20
 Best Short Story (ages 9-12) \$20
 Best Short Story (ages 13+) \$20

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Awards for 4-H Members:

To be eligible, exhibitor must be a member of an Alameda County 4-H Club,
 enrolled in a related project, and at least 9 years old as of January 1st.

Alameda County 4-H Leaders Council

Outstanding Creative Writing Award—Best Poem (ages 9-12) \$25

Outstanding Creative Writing Award—Best Poem (ages 13+) \$25

Outstanding Creative Writing Award—Best Short Story (ages 9-12) \$25

Outstanding Creative Writing Award—Best Short Story (ages 13+) \$25

Best Educational Entry \$25

Jody Thut Memorial Sweepstakes \$50 + Rosette

(member with 12+ entries receiving 1st or 2nd place in 5 or more youth stills divisions)

Ruth Ferreira Memorial Award \$50

(member with 6+ Fiber Arts entries receiving 1st or 2nd place including at least one needlework, quilting, & sewing entry)

Barbara Butko

Best Mini Garden \$20

Best Produce \$20

Barbara & George Butko

Best Black & White Photo \$20

Best Portrait in Photography \$20

Best Urban Theme Photo \$20

Del Arroyo 4-H Club

Best Baked Food Period 1 \$25

Best Baked Food Period 2 \$25

Best Decorated Food \$25

Best Fair Themed Arts & Crafts Entry \$25

Best Table Setting \$25

Most Creative Use of Recycling in Arts & Crafts \$25

Special Rocketry \$25

Outstanding Baking Award \$25

(members with 6+ entries receiving 1st or 2nd place in baking classes including at least one bread/muffins, cake/cupcake, & cookie entry)

East Hills 4-H Club

Best Environmental Stewardship Entry \$35

Best Group or Project Entry \$35

Best Nature Themed Entry \$35

Best SET Entry \$35

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4-H Awards Continued:

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Emeryville 4-H Club

- Best Collage/Assemblage (ages 9-12) \$25
- Best Collage/Assemblage (ages 13+) \$25
- Most Creative Any Other Arts & Crafts (ages 9-12) \$25
- Most Creative Any Other Arts & Crafts (ages 13+) \$25

Jeff Stone

- Best Floriculture Entry \$25
- Best Nature Themed Painting or Drawing \$25
- Best Photography Entry \$25

Oak Town 4-H Club

- Best 4-H Themed Arts & Crafts Entry \$25
- Best Animal Photo \$25
- Best Special Baking Competition Entry \$25
- Best Life Science Themed Entry \$25

Palomares 4-H Club

- Best 4-H Science or Technology Entry \$25

Sharon & Kristen Clay

- Best 1st Year Photography Entry \$25
- Best Camping & Outdoor Adventure Entry \$25

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