

2014 Exhibit Hall
Division Rules & Guidelines

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ENTRY DEADLINE: **December 1, 2013**

Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service, PO Box 189, Johnson City, 78636
\$10 per entry, \$50 late entry fee for each exhibit through January 11, 2014
Make checks payable to "Youth Exhibit Hall"

AWARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS FOR EACH CLASS:

Champions: Rosette, Embroidered Camping Chair

Reserve Champions: Rosette, Embroidered Camping Chair

1st Place, \$10

2nd Place, \$8

3rd Place, \$6

4th Place, \$4

5th Place, \$2

Junior and Senior Sweepstakes Award: Rosette, Belt Buckle, Premium Sale spot

Prize money will be distributed according to the number of entries.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, January 23, 2014

Exhibit Hall entries checked in between 10 am and 2 pm

2 pm Exhibit Hall entries must be in place

3 pm Judging of Exhibit Hall entries

Friday, January 24, 2014

9 am Exhibit Hall opens

5 pm-Exhibitors-Pick up items not sold

Saturday, January 25, 2014

10 am to Noon-Silent Auction items

Rules and Guidelines

1. The Blanco County Youth Exhibit Hall is open to all active and eligible members of Blanco County 4-H and FFA programs as defined by those organization's guidelines for membership.
2. The exhibitor and their project will not be allowed to participate in the Youth Exhibit Hall if all academic requirements are not met as outlined by the Texas Education Agency.
3. Each project must be under the supervision of the County Extension Agents or the Agricultural Science Teachers and/or reside within the boundaries of Blanco County and/or the

boundaries of the Blanco ISD or Johnson City ISD in order to be eligible for entry. The only exception to this rule will be for exhibitors whose parents are employed by one of the districts and reside outside these boundaries.

4. An individual may have only one entry in each category. Therefore, individuals cannot compete against themselves in any category.

5. Classes will be divided by age groups. Juniors are 3rd grade through 8th grades. Seniors are 9th through 12th grades.

6. The top 5 projects in each category will receive ribbons & prize money. One 1st Place Sr. entry and one 1st Place Jr. entry will be considered for and awarded Champion or Reserve Champion in each of the six classes.

7. Exhibitors may not enter a project they have previously exhibited. However, another family member may make a project from a pattern, instructions, or recipe that has been entered previously by a sibling.

8. All projects must have been made by the exhibitor during the last year.

9. The Superintendent will have the authority to reclassify or disqualify entries. Judges can disqualify entries at their discretion according to the Exhibit Hall Division Rules & Guidelines.

10. Any extremely valuable item should not be entered. The Superintendent and volunteers will do their best to protect items from damage or theft.

11. One Sweepstakes Award will be presented to a Senior exhibitor and one Sweepstakes Award will be presented to a Junior exhibitor who accumulates the largest number of points. These points will be awarded as a “weighted ranking” based on the number of entries in that category.

First place will receive the same number of points as total number of entries. For example:

1st Place: 5 points

2nd Place: 4 points

3rd Place: 3 points

4th Place: 2 points

5th Place: 1 points

12. Each class will be divided into categories and each class will have a Jr. and Sr. Division.

13. A 8 ½ x 11 project sheet should accompany each entry in Sewing, Hobbies, and Fine Art. Information need not be typed, but should clearly state what was learned completing the project. Specifically describe new techniques and mediums used and how you went about creating the project.

14. All entries must be in good taste and reflect language and symbols appropriate for all ages. Any entry not complying with these standards will be disqualified.

15. Participants must provide advanced notice to the Extension Office to be excused from school on January 23, 2014.

Class 1. Foods

1. Must exhibit one complete recipe for each entry.
2. Food entries must arrive in a **disposable** container with a clear lid or cover such as Saran Wrap. DO NOT USE FOIL, WAXED PAPER, OR PARCHMENT PAPER.
3. All food products must be baked or cooked. Uncooked garnishes that do not require baking/cooking *will be* allowed including pecans, fondant, marzipan, candy, sliced fruit, etc. Any questions should be directed to the Superintendent before the show.
4. All recipes must reflect that the ingredients have been prepared in a manner that does not require refrigeration. Foods requiring refrigeration will not be accepted as entries. This includes any item that has cream cheese, uncooked fruit, raw eggs, or dairy products in the filling, icing or garnish. Cheesecakes will not be accepted as entries.
5. Recipe is due with entry form by entry form deadline, preferably by e-mail to: glсандers@ag.tamu.edu Recipes will be reviewed by the Superintendent to determine that the ingredients do not need to be refrigerated and follow all rules designated for food entries.
6. All food entries purchased in the silent auction must be presented to the buyer within two weeks. Consider time when deciding to auction your item or not. If you are participating in the Silent Auction, you might prepare a double batch of your recipe and present the second batch to the buyer at the event.
7. All foods must be prepared from scratch. Mixes and cake mixes are not allowed for all or any portion of the product except for pudding mixes. See exception for Category 7, Decorated Cakes.
8. Cut a small portion of your entry for the judges. This portion should also be on a disposable plate with a clear lid or cover such as Saran Wrap.

Categories:

1. Cookies: drop, rolled, shaped
2. Bars/Brownies: bar cookies, blondies
3. Pies/Cobblers: Use strict discretion in selection of recipe with reference to ingredient that may need refrigeration for food safety. Pies containing whipped cream, custards, meringues, chiffons or other ingredients requiring refrigeration will not be accepted. No purchased crusts. Include your pie crust recipe.
4. Quick Breads: fruit and nut breads, coffeecakes, muffins, tortillas, biscuits, and any non-yeast breads.
5. Yeast Breads: sweet or non-sweet yeast, kolaches, dinner, sweet or cinnamon rolled, loaf bread.
6. Frosted Cakes: layered, oblong, sheet, tube or bundt. Cakes must be frosted, iced or glazed. Icings, frostings or fillings must be made from scratch.
7. Decorated Cakes: for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries that show skills with decorator bags, tips, and/or icing flowers. Royal icing and fondant may be used. Does not need to be a scratch cake. Entries in this category will be judged on the decoration only. Judges will not sample decorated cakes.
8. Cupcakes: Exhibit 4 jumbo cupcakes, 6 regular cupcakes or 12 mini cupcakes. Decorated with frosting, sprinkles, etc. Plastic and paper toppers will be accepted.
9. Unfrosted Cakes: pound, bundt, loaf, etc. No frosting, powdered sugar or any other edible garnishes (i.e. as is directly from the oven).
10. Candy: fudge, pralines, divinity, peanut brittle, popcorn balls. Must be homemade and created from a recipe, no chocolate dipped pretzels, etc.

Class 2. Sewing

1. All entries in the Sewing Class must submit construction information.
2. Pre-quilted kits will not be accepted in the quilt category.

Categories:

1. Animal Wear: goat/horse blankets, dog outfits
2. Natural Fibers: items made of leather, wool, silk or cotton
3. Fashion Accessories: purses, tote bags, shawls, scarves, hats
4. Home Accessories: pillows, curtains, kitchen items
5. Quilts: pieces, hand-quilted, appliquéd
6. Fashion Clothing: wearables

Class 3. Hobbies

1. All entries in the Hobbies Class must submit construction information.
2. Kits are accepted.

Categories:

1. Handwork: crewel, cross-stitch, silk ribbon, knitting, crochet, etc.
2. Holiday Time: any craft that represents any holiday
3. Ceramics
4. Woodcraft: birdhouses, mailboxes, dolls, carvings
5. Gift Baskets
6. Scrapbook pages: exhibit will consist of 1 or 2 pages, any size, with pictures, and page protectors
7. Scrapbooks-mini books only, 8"x8" or smaller, book must be complete with photos and embellishments
8. Cards: stamped, fabric, painted
9. Natural Products: soaps, bath salts, candles
10. Legos: building projects made from Lego brand lego bricks
11. Jewelry: necklaces, earring, bracelets
12. Reuse/Upcycle: turn junk into something beautiful
13. Minecraft-Challenge will be announced, entries will require a Minecraft account log in and password up on check-in
14. Miscellaneous: tin punch, leather crafts, gun kits, rifle kits

Class 4. Fine Art/Photography

1. Entries are not limited in size.
2. Any framing or glass is the decision of the exhibitor.
3. All entries must have a wire hanger on the back for display.
4. All entries in the Fine Arts Class must submit construction information.

Categories:

1. Oil
2. Pastels
3. Watercolor
4. Pencil Sketches
5. Acrylic
6. Computer Generated Art/Graphic Art: this category is for original art, not a photograph that has been altered with graphics
7. Black & White Photography: pictures must be 8"x10" in size and dry mounted to foam board. Matted photos will not be accepted.
8. Color Photography: pictures must be 8"x10" in size and dry mounted to foam board. Matted photos will not be accepted.

Class 5. Educational Exhibits:

1. Exhibits must reflect an educational project
2. No limits to size of exhibit
3. Exhibits are not limited to posters and foam board and can utilize computers (no internet access in Exhibit Hall), props, and/or handouts for visitors.