

Creative Exhibits - Enter online

Complete Rules & Guidelines

A copy of the State Rules may be obtained through our web site: www.sacfair.com, or by calling our office at (916) 263-2975

Entry Procedure:

Entries must be made on-line, mailed or hand delivered. Entries will not be accepted by fax or e-mail. Entry forms may be photocopied or downloaded from our web site:

www.sacfair.com

If you have difficulty downloading forms, please contact our office at (916) 263-2975.

Enter online or complete entry forms, attach fees and mail entry so that it is postmarked by April 24, 2010, or hand deliver to our office at Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Bl. Sacramento, no later than 2:00 p.m. on this date. Make checks payable and mail to:

**Sacramento County Fair
P.O. Box 15028
Sacramento, CA 95851-0028**

Entry Rules:

Online Entry Procedure:

Online entries will be accepted from January 15, 2010 through April 23, 2010. Late entries will not be accepted online and must be delivered to the Sacramento County Fair Office at Cal Expo. *see below for details*

Entry Guidelines

1. Entries will not be accepted by fax or e-mail.
2. Late entries will be accepted for just cause until April 30th, 5:00 p.m. A \$5.00 penalty fee per item and/or class entered must be paid in addition to the entry fee.
3. Full entry fees must accompany all entries. Entries without paid fees will not be accepted.
4. Entry fees are non-refundable. Entry fees for exhibits that are withdrawn or not displayed by the exhibitor will not be refunded. Calculate fees carefully. Overpayments due to calculation errors will not be refunded.
5. A \$35.00 processing fee will apply to all or any checks not honored by the bank.
6. Please be sure all forms are filled out clearly and completely. Incomplete entry forms or forms that cannot be read will not be accepted.
7. Fair Management reserves the right to limit exhib

its to facilities available and may limit the number of exhibits made by an exhibitor.

8. Fair Management reserves the right to return entries, cancel any division or class, or combine divisions and classes in which, in it's judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.
9. A complete exhibit eligible in more than one division and/or class shall be entered and judged in the division and/or class for which it best qualifies. Fair management reserves the right to make this determination.

Classes & Eligibility

Adult Creative Competitions are open to residents of Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, and Solano counties. Junior and Primary Competitions are open to Sacramento County residents only unless otherwise noted. FFA and 4-H members who live outside the county may participate if the chapter or headquarters of their organization lies within the Sacramento County boundaries.

Primary Information (all exhibitors under 9 years of age)

Sacramento County Fair supports the 4-H philosophy and rules regarding competition and youth under 9 years of age

"Fairs are open to primary members for exhibit only. The use of Danish and American systems of judging is not acceptable for use with primary members. Primary members should only receive recognition for their participation." *4-H Policy Handbook, Section 400: 403.1 #10*

FFA Members

FFA members may exhibit at the Fair if they are enrolled in high school vocational agricultural classes. They may continue to exhibit as members for one full year following graduation.

4-H Members

Any 4-H member who is under nine years-old but at least five years-old on December 31st of the past year is invited to enter in primary creative exhibits and small animal showmanship classes (dog, rabbits, poultry, cavies, pygmy goats and Nigerian goats) as a non-com-

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petitive exhibitor. All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon. 4-H uniforms may be worn in appropriate divisions.

Any 4-H member who is nine years-old or older on December 31st of the past year may exhibit as a 4-H member and participate in competitive 4-H classes, and may continue to do so until the end of the calendar year in which the member has his/her 19th birthday.

Grange Members

Any Grange member who is under nine years-old but at least five years-old on January 1st of the current fair year is invited to enter in primary creative exhibits and small animal showmanship classes (dog, rabbits, poultry, cavies, pygmy goats and Nigerian goats) as a non-competitive exhibitor. All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon.

Any Grange member who is nine years-old or older on January 1st of the current fair year may exhibit in competition as a Grange member until the end of the calendar year in which the member has his/her 19th birthday.

Independent Junior Exhibitors

Independent exhibitors must be at least 5 years old, but not older than 18, on January 1st of the current program year.

Credentials

Policy! Parking passes for exhibitors are now ... available at a rate of \$5/ day or \$25/ for a season pass valid for all 5 days of fair.

Note: The Fair does not supply free parking passes for exhibitors.

Additional parking pass pricing and availability:

1. Exhibitor vehicles may make deliveries prior to 8:30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday and must be in designated parking areas by 9:00 a.m. Deliveries on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday must be made before 9:00 a.m. and must be in designated parking areas by 9:30 a.m. Vehicles on grounds after these times will be towed. **All vehicles parked illegally will be towed away at the owner's expense!**
2. Parking passes will be available for purchase at special exhibitor rates from April 1st through May 26th, at the Fair Office.
3. Privileged on Fairgrounds (Levee Passes) Parking Passes are available at Sacramento County Fair Office on Saturday, April 24th, between 8:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. All parking passes will be issued in person, and no mailed, faxed or e-mail requests will be accepted. The on grounds parking pass is \$85.00 and space is avail-

able by size of vehicle on a first come, first served basis, and cannot be transferred between vehicles. For more information please call 916-263-2975. Every person in the vehicle must have an admission pass to enter the grounds.

4. There are a limited number of Privileged Reserved Passes available for exhibitors, leaders, or advisors with personal, physical mobility restrictions. (The same \$85.00 parking fee applies.) Please contact the fair manager for more information if you feel you may qualify for one of these spaces.
 5. R.V. parking is available. Contact Cal Expo at 263-3040. Camping fees are \$35/night per trailer, camper, and motor home (with or without hook ups), with one unit per space. Each person will be assigned a specific numbered camping space. No refund on camping spaces. Limited hook ups are available. Every space sold must have adult supervision throughout the entire fair. The adult that signs the R.V. Registration Form will be held responsible for that space.
 6. Parking for livestock trailers is available at no charge in Lot E. Enter Gate 10. No security will be provided.
 7. All 4-H Community Leaders, FFA Advisors, Grange Coordinators and 4-H Leaders will be required to purchase parking passes.
 8. No vehicle will be allowed on grounds before fair closes at 10:00 p. m. on Thursday through Sunday of Fair.
- Policy! A paid gate will be in effect at the 2010 Sacramento County fair. Gates will be monitored beginning at 6:00 a.m., May 27-31.**
9. Each livestock family will receive ten single admission passes.
 10. 4-H Community Leaders and FFA Advisors will complete an admission credential list, to be submitted to the fair manager for approval by May 1st. Admission credentials will be available at the livestock office May 19 through May 20.
 11. Exhibitor Credential Pricing: Season admission pass, good for all five days at any gate, \$10. Credentials will be available for purchase at discounted exhibitor rates May 1, through May 26 at the fair office.

Liability

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to Cal Expo either for exhibit or for other purposes assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.
2. The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents or

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other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

3. Exhibitors, either through appropriate liability insurance or other means satisfactory to the 52nd District Agricultural Association, will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of California, the Association and the Sacramento fair from any claim arising out of the failure of the exhibitor to exercise control of his or her exhibit. Livestock exhibitor's parents or legal guardian are required to sign a disclaimer on the entry form.
4. All independent livestock exhibitors must provide certificate of general liability insurance (\$1,000,000 minimum) or purchase insurance through fair office (\$18 – small animal exhibitor /family, \$35 – large animal exhibitor /family).

Creative Exhibition Rules

General Rules

1. The Sacramento County Fairgrounds is a smoke-free facility. Smoking will be permitted in designated areas only.
2. The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs by any minor is prohibited on Cal Expo property and will result in immediate expulsion from the Fair and forfeiture of awards, premiums and monies received at auction.
3. Absolutely **NO PETS ALLOWED** in the barn area or on the fairgrounds. **Only animals entered in the fair are allowed on the fairgrounds!** Exceptions will be made for Service Animals on a leash. Dogs entered in the dog show are restricted to the show area.
4. Muzzles: No animals will be muzzled while on the fairgrounds.
5. All material and decorations used in an exhibit must be made from a nonflammable material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition.
6. Exhibit Buildings and the livestock pavilion will close and be secured at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and 7:00 p.m. on Monday of fair.
7. No skateboards, motor scooters, motorbikes, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles, or golf carts, or similar personal wheeled devices will be allowed on the Cal Expo grounds other than those operated by Fair personnel.
8. Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify and/or remove any exhibit that is not in the best interest of the Fair, including any livestock exhibit which endan-

gers the well being of the public or other animals while at the Fair.

9. Exhibitors, Leaders, Advisors and Parents who violate these rules, or who are found to be involved in unethical or hostile practices with the fair, shall incur penalties that may include (but are not limited to) disqualification, removal from the Fair, forfeiture of awards and ineligibility in future Fair competitions.

During the Fair

1. Please check the individual schedule for each show you are entering. Shows may have different arrival times, judging times, etc. If you are having difficulty with scheduling, please call Fair Staff at (916) 263-2975.
2. 4-H Project leaders, FFA Advisors and parents may provide instruction **only**. Other adults and non-exhibiting eligible juniors are prohibited from assisting any junior exhibitor without permission from Fair Management, except in cases where the safety of the child is involved.
3. **All exhibits & displays must remain in place until release time, 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 31, unless otherwise stated.**

Definition of Terms

Show A group of divisions that make up a category, i.e. Crafts, Art, Photography, etc.

Class A group of items that are judged together, i.e. Dolls & Toys, Paintings, Cakes, etc.

Division Grouping of exhibitors.

Entry Form .. The form used to register exhibits for competition and display in the Sacramento County Fair.

Entry Each instance of an exhibit listed on the entry form.

Entry Fee Monies paid to enter an exhibit. **Non-refundable.**

Exhibit Item, object or collection of objects entered in a division for competition and display.

Exhibitor The owner of the exhibit residing in Sacramento County and contiguous Counties.

Judging and Awards

Danish System of Judging

Each exhibit will be judged on its own merit. Exhibits are placed depending on values received based on the scorecard. There may be more than one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. per class.

American System of Judging

Each exhibit is judged against other exhibits in the same

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class. There is only one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. in each class.

Best of Class

A Best of Class rosette will be awarded to the exhibit selected as the best 1st place exhibit in each class within each division. Danish System of Judging Only!

Best of Division

A Best of Division rosette will be awarded where there is more than one Division within a show.

Best of Show

Within each show, all Best of Class or Best of Division winners will be considered for Best of Show. Best of Show winners will receive a rosette and \$20.00.

Awards

1. The judges may disqualify or transfer to the correct division (at his/her discretion) any exhibit that is not a true representative of the division or class in which it is entered.
2. For classes that combine 4-H, FFA , Grange and Independent Junior animals, the judge will designate only one overall highest placing animal, i.e. Champion or Reserve Champion, Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex.
3. Checks for monetary awards won will be mailed to the address recorded on the exhibitor's entry form. Be sure your name and address are correct and clearly written on your entry forms. All FFA monetary awards will be mailed to the FFA advisor.
4. Checks become void after 90 days from the date of issue. Requests for checks to be reissued will be subject to a \$35 handling fee. Requests for a check to be reissued after 18 months will be denied.
5. All ribbons will be awarded at time of judging.
6. The judge's decision on awards cannot be protested. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. All protests must be presented to Management of the Fair in writing within 24 hours of the alleged violation and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit (cash, money order, or certified check), or \$200.00 if the protest relates to a violation of State Rules X-XI, which will be returned if the protest is determined valid. Protests and appropriate action are decided by the Fair Management/Fair Board of Directors. If protests cannot be resolved with the Board of Directors, the Division of Fairs and Expositions may intervene.