



# 4-H, FFA, FCCLA (Boys & Girls) Dept. - 2015 - FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR RULES & REVISIONS

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1. EXHIBITOR MUST BE A FORT BEND COUNTY RESIDENT AND A CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBER OF A FORT BEND COUNTY 4-H, FFA, OR FCCLA CLUB.

2. Age Requirements:

***Entry Groups: (Age is determined as of August 31, 2015)***

- Junior**..... Eight years of age and attending third grade through 10 years of age
- Intermediate**.....11 through 13 years of age
- Senior**.....14 through a senior in high school

3. ALL ITEMS ENTERED BY EXHIBITOR MUST BE MADE BY EXHIBITOR. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION OF ALL EXHIBITOR'S ENTRIES, PRIZE MONIES OR AWARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS DEPARTMENT.

4. **There will be a \$2.00 entry fee for all exhibitors.**

5. Items which have been previously entered in another county fair will be ineligible, except for plants that have been previously entered in another fair.

6. AN EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER **NO MORE THAN 25 ITEMS** WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10 ITEMS PER DIVISION.

7. Limit size of your project to the area for display on shelves, wire cages, etc. An entry with multiple pieces should not be loose. If concerned about size check with any Committee member.

8. The Exhibitor Entry Card must be filled out completely upon entering the building, and it must be signed by the member and the parents. Exhibitor numbers can be obtained from your club manager or teacher. Items Needed for Check in:

1. **Division card/Exhibitor Entry Card**
2. **School Eligibility Form**
3. **Items with \*entry tag attached**

**\*All entry tag numbers should be highlighted according to color code for age category:**

- Junior –Yellow**  
**Intermediate-Blue**  
**Senior-Green**

9. **ALL ENTRIES** will be received from **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, September 21, 2015.** NO EXCEPTIONS.  
ALL Judging will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

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10. Check out time will be on **SUNDAY, October 4, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** following the fair. **ANY ITEM NOT PICKED UP WILL BE DISCARDED.** Anyone may check out items for the exhibitor. EXTENSION OFFICE OR FAIR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS OR MONIES LEFT AFTER CHECK OUT.

11. No one except committee members and helpers will be allowed in the viewing area until the department opens to the general public, Friday, September 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

12. Ribbons will be awarded only if judges consider product worthy of a prize based on quality of workmanship related to the item exhibited. Each item is judged on its own merit. Items must be in good condition. **Items not following department and division guidelines will be disqualified.**

Grand and Reserve entries are awarded with rosettes. A mini rosette for Best of Division will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Only items that were considered for Grand and Reserve are eligible for the Best of Division award.

13. Ribbon Values are as follows:

|                  |          |         |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| GRAND            | 6 POINTS | \$10.00 |
| RESERVE          | 5 POINTS | \$ 5.00 |
| BEST OF DIVISION | 4 POINTS | \$ 3.00 |
| BLUE             | 3 POINTS | \$ 1.00 |
| RED              | 2 POINTS | .50     |
| WHITE            | 1 POINTS | .25     |

14. HIGH POINT AWARDS: Awards will be presented to the three top exhibitors in each division. High point winners in each age division will be awarded as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Belt Buckle

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$35

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$20

These will be awarded at the County fair.

*(All awards are Subject to Fair Board Approval)*

Notes:

- a. High point winners will be determined in each age category by a point system (see chart on prior page. (#12) Ties will be broken by the number of Grand Rosettes, Reserve Rosettes, Best of Class Rosettes and Blue ribbons.
- b. In order to be eligible to receive a high point award, an individual must enter six out of eight divisions.

15. If you have additional questions, please contact Angie Reid (979)387-2340 or Monica Borak (281)232-2410.

16. Duplication is defined as: **NO IDENTICAL ITEMS**. Example: CAN NOT DO- two decorated Christmas tree T-shirts or two jars of strawberry jelly. CAN DO- one decorated Christmas tree T-shirt and one decorated balloon T-shirt or one jar of strawberry jelly and one jar of strawberry jam.

17. Junior, Intermediate and Senior High Point winners, as well as all Grand and Reserve Rosette winners should be present in the 4-H/FFA/FCCLA Department at 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 25, 2015, for photos.

***Junior, Intermediate and Senior High Point Awards  
are sponsored by the Fort Bend County Fair Association.***

# FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR

## DIVISIONS

4-H, FFA, & FCCLA Departments

### Division I – Fancywork/Handwork

Items constructed with embroidery, crewel, crochet and knit work must be judged on construction as well as the handwork. Items with both machine and fancywork/handwork will only be judged on fancywork if entered in this division.

Afghan, Candle wicking, Chicken Scratch, Counted Cross Stitch, Stamped Cross Stitch, Crewel, Crocheted, Cut Work, Decorated Stitchery, Folded Star, Knitted, Quilted, Seminole, Shadow & Embroidery, Smocked, Creative Stitchery, Swedish Darning, Tatting, Trapunto, Yo Yo's, Pin Weaving, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

(Machine embroidery items should be entered in Arts & Crafts Division)

### Division II - Sewing Machine Articles

Judged Primarily on Construction. All items made predominantly from a store bought pattern or an original pattern such as:

Apron, Vest, T-Shirt, Jacket, Sweatshirt, Robe, Sweat pants, Dress, Pants, skirt, Duster, Quilts, T-Shirt Dress, Jumper, Blouse, Jumpsuit, Shorts, Gown/Night shirts, Pajamas, Child's Garment, Infant Wear, Swimsuit, Doll Clothing, Pillow, Gym Bag, Miscellaneous - No duplications

### DIVISION III – Food Preservation

**CANNED PRODUCTS:** *Only Standard screw type canning jars and lids (ex. Ball or Kerr) are allowed. All jars (pints or quarts) must be clean, sealed and clearly labeled with the date and name of the product. ONLY Jellies, jams, preserves may be in half pints. All items must be processed, with the exception of dried foods and honey. Dried foods and honey do not have to be entered in standard containers, nor sealed. NO WAX SEALS. SEE SPECIAL SECTION TO FOLLOW FOR RULES REGARDING ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM BALL/KERR. PLEASE CHECK ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY.*

Examples:

VEGETABLES: Beets, Carrots, Corn, Field Peas, Green Snap beans, Lima beans, Mixed Vegetables, Okra & Tomatoes, Peppers, Sauerkraut, Squash, Tomatoes, Vegetable Juice, Wax Snap beans, Miscellaneous – No duplications

FRUITS: Apples, Berries, Figs, Fruit Juice, Mixed Fruit, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Miscellaneous - No duplications

PRESERVES & JELLIES: Apple jelly, Berry jelly, Dewberry preserves, Fig preserves, Grape jelly, Tomato preserves, Peach preserves, Pear preserves, Plum jelly, Plum preserves, Strawberry preserves, Miscellaneous - No duplications.

PICKLES, RELISHES AND CONDIMENTS: Bread/Butter Pickles, Catsup, Chili Sauce, Chow Chow, Chutney, Corn Relish, Cucumber dill pickles, Cucumber pickles, Cucumber sweet pickles, Pickled peppers, Pepper relish, Picante Sauce, Pickled beans, Pickled beets, Pickles okra, Pickled peaches, Pickled pears, Pickled squash, Tomato sauce, Miscellaneous – No duplicates.

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OILS & VINEGAR: Fruit vinegar, Herb vinegar, Pepper Oils, Garlic Oils, Herb Oils, Miscellaneous – No duplicates

HONEY: Flavored Honey, Miscellaneous - No duplicates

DRIED: Dried fruits, Dried vegetables, Dried herbs, Mixed dried fruit, Dried Miscellaneous - No duplicates

## **ADDITIONAL Food Preservation Rules-NEW!**

### **BALL FRESH PRESERVING AWARD RULES**

In recognition of youth who excel in the art of fresh preserving (canning), Jarden Home Brands who bring you Ball® and Kerr® Fresh Preserving Products will present First Place Awards in designated recipe categories.

A panel of judges will select the best entry submitted by a youth in each category for Fruits, Vegetables, Pickles, and Soft Spread (Preserves & Jellies). Entries must be preserved in Ball® or Ball® Collection Elite® Jars sealed with Ball® Lids and Bands or Ball® Collection Elite® Lids and Bands, or preserved in Kerr® Jars sealed with Kerr® Lids and Bands. In addition, soft spread entries will be limited to recipes prepared using Ball® Pectin: Original, No Sugar Needed or Liquid.

The best entry from each category will receive the following:

\* One (1) Five-Dollar (\$5.00) Coupon for Ball® or Kerr® Fresh Preserving Products and one (1) Three-Dollar (\$3.00) Coupon for Ball® Pectin Products.

**References:** Ball book of preserving is copyright 2012, USDA Guide to Home Canning, Bulletin 539, copyright 2012 Complete Guide to Home Canning 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. (These references may differ in some areas. However, information contained in both references is correct and safe. As the manufacturers of jars and closures, we recommend using our package instructions and the Ball® books listed.

**Eligibility:** All eligible entries must be preserved in the same brand of jar and lid: Ball® Jar sealed with a Ball® Lid and Band or Ball® Collection Elite® Lid and Band, or preserved in a Kerr® Jar sealed with a Kerr® Lid and Band.

Entries in the Soft Spreads category must be prepared using Ball® Pectin: Classic, low sugar needed or liquid. Entries must be labeled with product name, date of preparation, processing method and processing time. Preserved food prepared within a one-year (1) period prior to the judging date is eligible.

## **Division IV - Food Preparation**

*No cake mixes, prepared crusts or liquor/alcoholic beverages allowed*

**BAKED GOODS:** Candy, cookies, sweet rolls, and muffins must contain ONLY three (3) per bag. Cakes, pies, and breads should be whole (mini-loaf breads are acceptable). Only prepared pecans will be accepted; such as spiced or sugared. REFRIGERATED ITEMS MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. Due to the time frame from check in to judging, REFRIGERATED ITEMS MUST NOT BE INCLUDED AND WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. This includes items such as cream cheese frosting, meats, and other ingredients that would be unsafe to eat if not refrigerated.

ITEMS MUST BE IN DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS. All baked goods will become the property of the department. Exhibitors WILL NOT be able to pick up baked goods.

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QUICK & YEAST BREADS: Cornbread, 3 Mexican Cornbread, Biscuits, 3 Muffins (Plain), 3 Muffins (variety), Loaf bread (yeast), Sweet (quick) Bread, Kolaches, Coffee cake - Tea ring, 3 Sweet Rolls, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

CAKE: Angel food cake, Chiffon cake, Jelly roll, Loaf cake, Cupcakes, Sheet Cake, 2 or 3-layer cake, Upside down cake, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

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PIES/PASTRIES: Fruit Pie, Pecan Pie, Fruit Cobbler, Strudel, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

COOKIES - 3 PER BAG: Bar Cookies, Brownies, Dropped Cookies, Rolled cookies, Unbaked cookies, Miscellaneous. No duplicates

CANDY - 3 PER BAG: Divinity, Fudge, Molded candy, Peanut candy, Pecan Candy, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

MISCELLANEOUS: Noodles in a bag, Salted, sugared, or spiced pecans, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

## **Division V - Arts & Crafts**

DECORATED GARMENTS: Decorated Denim, Decorated Skirt, Decorated Sweatshirt, Decorated T-Shirt, Decorated Dress or Jumper, Decorated Vest, Decorated Socks, Decorated Shoes, Decorated Cap/Visor, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

HOME ACCESSORIES: (Small Pieces should be in plastic bags)

Decorated Album or Book, Decorated Basket, Decorated Box, Decorated Broom, Decorated Flower Pot, Decorated Spoons, Decorated Hat, Decorated Rug, Decorated Waste Basket, Decorated Wreath, Decorated Swag, Woven Basket, Christmas Stocking, Christmas Ornament, Christmas Tree Skirt, Christmas Any Other Item, Coat Hanger/Covered, Decoupage Item, Easter Item, Halloween Item, Thanksgiving Item, Valentine Item, Wall Hanging, Necklaces, Earrings, Bracelet, Jewelry Set, Hair Bows, Purse, Mums, Broach/Pin, Button Covers, Place Mats, Door Stop, Trivet, Cushion, Hoop Item, Patriotic Item, 2 Pot Holders, 2 Potpourri Item, Refrigerator Magnet, Stenciled Item, Stuffed Item(not a toy), Decorative Vinegars and Oils, Centerpiece, Artificial Flower Arrangement, Miscellaneous. No duplications.

CRAFTS: Beaded Item, Book Mark, Fusible Bead Work, Scheren-schnitte, Imitation Stained Glass, Macramé, Models, Painting on Glass, Pompon Item, Religious Item, Mobile, Wind chimes, Handmade Flowers, Paper Mache, Sand Art, Stuffed Toy, Stone or Rock Art, String Art, Sequined Article, Stained Glass, Decorated Birdhouse, Decorated Cake, Digital Art, Machine Embroidery, tie-knot items, latch-hook, Miscellaneous, No duplications.

WOODWORK: Wood Item from Kit, Plant holder, Toolbox, candle holders, Birdhouse, Table, Bookends, Napkin holder, Paper towel holder, Bench/Stool, Bookcase, Gun rack, Yard sign decoration, Miscellaneous. No duplicates

SEASONAL CERAMICS CLASS: Christmas Items, Christmas, Ornament, Easter Item, Halloween Item, Miscellaneous - Holiday Item, Patriotic Item, Seasonal Item, Thanksgiving Item, Valentines Day Item, St. Patrick's Day Item. No duplicates.

GENERAL CERAMICS: Animal, Ash Tray, Bathroom Accessory, Cookie Jar, Cup/Mug, Figurine, Kitchen Accessory, Plant Container, Plate, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

SCRAPBOOKS: Scrapbooks must be 4-H, FFA or FCCLA related and must only contain memorabilia from September 2013 to September 2014.

## **Division VI – Horticulture**

Plants must be grown by the exhibitor and be in his or her possession three (3) months prior to the Fair. Only DISH GARDENS AND TERRARIUMS may contain decorations. Posts or containers must be clean but plants will not be judged on the container. Containers should be a standard floral/plant container and not creative containers such as boats, hats, etc. All plants must be entered in appropriate containers. NOTE: Large plants will be accepted, but Fair Committee will not be responsible for damages.

Note: Common name of plant must be on entry tag.

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**EXHIBITORS MUST MAINTAIN THE UPKEEP OF ALL PLANTS INCLUDING WATERING DURING THE FAIR.**

CACTUS AND SUCCULENTS: Aloe Vera, Cacti, Echeveria, (Hens & Chickens/Cabbage Head), Jade, Kalanchoe, Sansevieria, (Snake plant/Mother-in-Law tongue), Miscellaneous. No duplications.

FLOWERING PLANTS(REGARDLESS OF BLOOMING TIME): African Violet, Azalea, Begonia, Bougainvillea, Chrysanthemum, Exotic, Geranium, Hibiscus, Impatiens, Lily, Marigolds, Ornamental Pepper, Rose, Shrimp Plant, Vinca, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

FOLIAGE PLANTS: Caladiums, Chlorophytum, (Spider or Airplane) Coleus, Croton, Dffenbachia, Dracaena, (Corn Plant), Fern, Ficus, Ivy, Jew Plant, Norfolk Pine, Palm, Peperomia, Philodendron, Praying Hands, Rubber Plant, Schefflera, Velvet Plant, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

HERBS: Anise, Basil, Mint, Parsley, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

CONTAINER ARRANGEMENTS AND GROUPINGS: Fresh, Terrariums, Topiaries, Dish Gardens, Miscellaneous. No duplicates.

Fresh flowers or live plants only. No artificial.

## **Division VII – Photography**

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor since the 2014 county fair. All prints **MUST BE 8x10 ONLY**, securely and permanently mounted on an 8x10 solid photographic mount board or a board of like thickness and suitable for hanging without an additional frame. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or thin poster board is not acceptable. Entrants should be aware that double faced tape, glue or rubber cement will not hold up when the photo is displayed under high heat and humid conditions. Use dry mounting if possible. Matting or framing (of any kind) is not allowed and will result in disqualification. Some resources for mounting supplies include: Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Blick Studio, ([www.clickblick.com](http://www.clickblick.com)), local framing shops and art supply stores.

**No duplicates. ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CATEGORY WILL BE ALLOWED, WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10. EACH PHOTO'S ENTRY TAG MUST INCLUDE THE CATEGORY THE PHOTO IS BEING ENTERED IN.**

Photos that are deemed obscene, vulgar, sexually-oriented, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violate any laws are strictly prohibited. The Fort Bend County Fair reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.

**NOTE: CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO FOLLOW STATE 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES:**

### ANIMALS – DOMESTIC

Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.

*Examples include: Dog, Sheep, Pig, Goat, Cow, Cat, Chicken, Horse, Camel, Goose, Ducks (domestic use), Hamsters.*

### ANIMALS – WILDLIFE

Category focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wild throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.

*Examples include: Deer, snakes, insects, rodents, elephants, etc.*

### CATCH-ALL

Category for photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. This includes such photos as still-life, motion-blur, Polaroid transfers, SC-70 images, hand colored photos. Do not submit a photo in this category which can clearly be submitted in another photography category. Catch-all is not intended to use to eliminate duplicate photos.

*Examples include: Polaroid image & emulsion transfers, still-life, long exposure zoomed images, and painting with light.*

### DETAILS & MACRO

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Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs (although a macro image of a flower might equally go into the Flowers category). *Examples include: Detail of a knot, a lock, or an abstract close-up – anything as long as it is a tight composition of a detail. Macro examples include flowers, insects, stamps, ice crystals, etc.*

### DIGITAL DARKROOM

Photos are for digital art – images created or drastically altered in software like Adobe Photoshop©. Although digitally manipulated images are also allowed in the other categories, this is a category exclusively showcasing such art. If the digital darkroom work is the main attraction of the photo, or plays a big part, enter it here. Entry in this category requires two photos to be entered, one of the “before” photo and one of the altered final piece.

*Examples include: Photoshop© composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic.*

### DOMINANT COLOR

Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, green, etc. Black & White photos and duotones are excluded from this category.

*Example: Bowl of lemons, in a yellow bowl, on top of a yellow table covering, with a bright yellow tone sunlighting on it.*

### ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Images use graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter. Category is not for graphic illustrations made in commercial programs (i.e. Adobe Illustrator®) nor for extreme digital creations.

*Examples include: Perspective, Line, Pattern*

### FOOD

Category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus, and/or cookbooks. **NO PHOTOS OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED.**

*Examples include: Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits/place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.*

### MARINE/AQUATIC

Photos of any living organism in bodies of either fresh or ocean (salt) water. Does NOT include photos of boats, ships, or fishing supplies. *Examples: Fish, stingrays, whales, starfish, divers under water, etc.*

### NATURE & LANDSCAPE:

The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors..

*Examples include: Landscapes, Scenic, Outdoors*

### NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos taken outdoors between after-dusk and before dawn. Generally these photos are achieved by using artificial light or using a long exposure. This category can include any subject as long as the focus is on the skill and technique used to acquire the photograph. Does NOT include photos containing any natural light from the sun (sunset or sunrise).

*Examples: Fireworks, lighting on buildings/structures, animals, plant/flora, people, etc.*

### PEOPLE:

Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples.

*Examples include: Kids & Family, Models/Fashion, Sports*

### PLANT/FLORAL:

Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category.

*Examples include: a rose, an upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, etc.*

**THEME:**

The theme category will have a different focus each year. The Fort Bend County Fair 2015 theme will be “**The Tradition Lives on**”. Photos which have been entered into other categories are not allowed in the theme category.

## **Division VIII – Fine Arts**

**PAINTINGS & DRAWINGS:** Oil, Charcoal, Pen & Ink, Crayon, Acrylic, Chalk, Watercolor, Pencil, Mosaic, Miscellaneous. No duplications.

(Each entry must be framed or mounted on white foam board)

**SCULPTURES:** Wood Carvings, Clay Sculptures, Metal Sculptures, Miscellaneous. No duplications.