

GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2026 edition of the Monterey County Fair Entry Guidebook. This publication will provide all the information needed to enter your home goods, paintings, livestock, etc. into Monterey County Fair for judging and display. Our exhibit program is an excellent way to show off your talents, earn bragging rights, and have fun! Need help?

Call the Entry Office 831-372-5865 We are happy to answer your questions!

HOW TO USE OUR GUIDEBOOK AND SUBMIT ENTRIES

- Enter all exhibits online at: www.montereycountyfair.com
- Review the "Table of Contents" to discover the areas that interest you, then check due dates and deadlines.
- Each department specifies rules, regulations, entry due dates, exhibit receiving dates, and other important information.
- **PLEASE NOTE: ALL LOCAL and STATE RULES APPLY to all Departments and Divisions.**
Local Rules - Included in this guidebook.
State Rules for California Fairs - Available on the California Department of Food & Agriculture website, the Monterey County Fair Website and a copy is on file at the Monterey County Fair Livestock Office. Visit: <https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/>
- Complete the online entry form and submit it with entry fees, if applicable, before the due date. Mail paper entry forms to the address listed on each, or bring them to the Fair Office, 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
- Fill the forms out COMPLETELY, provide Division and Class numbers with descriptions or titles.
- Junior exhibitors must indicate age and have parent and/or youth organization leader's signature.
- Divisions and Classes will be judged under the American system and/or the Danish system.
American - The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second, etc.
Danish - The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first placings, etc. as merited.
- All entries MUST BE ORIGINAL and must have been completed by the entrant within the past year and not entered in a prior Monterey County Fair.
- All entries must be IDENTIFIED, preferably on back upper left corner or under base with the entrant's name, address, phone number, Division number, Class, and title. Title must be the same as given on the online entry. All information is to be neatly hand printed or typed.
- For further general information, letters from the Governor and CDFA Secretary as well as more Monterey County Fair information, please check website. www.montereycountyfair.com

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Entrant's Name
Address
Phone Number
Division Number Class
Title

Samples

Howdy Do
240 Green Pasture, Monterey, CA 93940
831-555-0040
Division 506 Class 2
My Little Buckaroo

Buck A Roo
2022 Pasture Pl, Monterey, CA 93940
831-555-0124 Class 1
Division 500
out on the Range

PREPARE FOR FUN AT THE FAIR

Tips to Make Your Visit Hassle-free & Memorable

We believe Monterey County Fair plays a very important role in our community. We appreciate that you and others chose to join us to celebrate time-honored traditions that reflect the diversity of our area.

MCF Staff and Volunteers do their best to put on a great Fair and take pride in showcasing our community through performances, events, and exhibits.

MCF Livestock Show and Still exhibits showcase the link between agriculture, the public, and local farmers and ranchers. When visiting the Fair, you will see displays of local crops, crafts, and livestock – all intended to help educate you and our community about our state’s agricultural sector.



MONTEREY 2026 COUNTY FAIR

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COWBOY BOOTS AND COASTAL ROOTS

★ **SEPTEMBER 3-7** ★

Presale Price
Presale prices are valid until September 2, 2026

MCF ADMISSION	FAIR HOURS
Adults (13-61)..... \$15.00	September 3-6 12 pm - 11 pm
Seniors (62+) \$12.00	September 7 12 pm - 10 pm
Children (6 - 12)..... \$8.00	
Children (5 & under)... FREE	

September 3rd is FREE for Seniors and Veterans
September 4th is FREE for Military
September 7th is Kids Day. FREE for children 6-12

AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

Scan for Admission Tickets



Scan for Ride Tickets



WWW.MONTEREYCOUNTYFAIR.COM

CLEAR BAG POLICY

- Bags must be clear plastic or vinyl or PVC and not exceed 12" by 6" by 12".
- without a handle or strap are permitted.
- *Exceptions may be made for medically necessary items after inspection.*
- Animals are not allowed on the Fairgrounds
- Exception may be made for approved service animals

SCREENING POLICY

To ensure a safe, pleasant, family-oriented setting, the Fair will conduct bag searches and security screening utilizing metal detectors at entrance gates.

Prohibited items on the Fairgrounds include

- Bottles, cans, glass containers, or hard sided sealed plastic bottles
- Weapons: guns, knives, mace/pepper spray/stream (or any other items that could be considered or used as weapons)
- Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, skates/rollerblades, and Segways
- Toy guns, water pistols, or imitation weapons
- Gang colors or paraphernalia
- Alcohol, cannabis products in any form, illegal substances, narcotics, any related paraphernalia
- Unauthorized flyers and leaflets
- Outside food and beverages (unless for medical reasons)
- Unmanned aerial vehicles
- Chairs, tents, tables, and large shade umbrellas
- Fireworks, firecrackers
- Any items deemed dangerous or inappropriate by Fair staff

ENTERTAINMENT AND EXHIBITS

Fair admission includes all exhibits and entertainment. Take time to visit the exhibit halls and see agricultural products, floriculture, arts and crafts, and wool.

COLORING CONTEST

- Four Grand Prize Winners: Winners in specific age groups will receive a Family Fun Pack of 4 tickets by email.
- Coloring Page and Rules at www.montereycountyfair.com

MONTEREY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND EVENT CENTER'S 2026 ENTRY GUIDEBOOK

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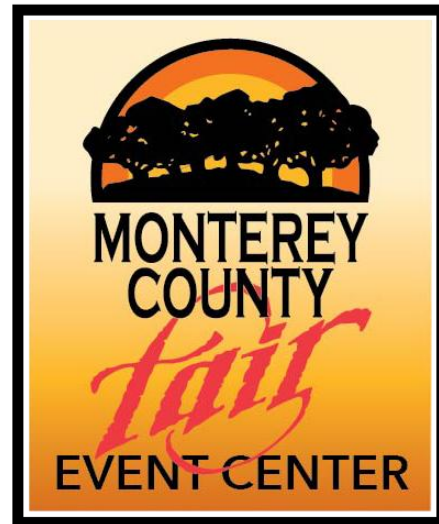
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A special Thank You to the Junior Fair Board for all their help!

***New, Added, & Enhanced for 2026
designated with a ★ !***

January 26, 2026

On behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, I am delighted to welcome you and to thank you for your involvement as we look ahead to the 2026 fair season. Each year, our fairs bring people together from every corner of our state to celebrate agriculture, community, and the dedication of those who make it all possible.

The heart of every fair lies in its people: families, volunteers, youth leaders, and countless others who share their talents and passions. Your participation as exhibitors strengthens these connections, turning each fair into a place where learning, collaboration, and pride in California agriculture come to life.

We are especially grateful for the young people who engage through 4-H, FFA, Grange, and other youth programs. Their enthusiasm and commitment represent the future of agriculture, inspiring the next generation to value hard work, stewardship, and innovation. The skills they develop through these programs, such as leadership, responsibility, and community service, extend far beyond the fairgrounds and enrich the entire state. These experiences are supported by the very spaces that make them possible, which continue to serve their communities long after the fair season ends.

Our fairgrounds are more than event spaces; they are year-round centers of community life. They host educational workshops, local markets, and cultural celebrations that bring people together and strengthen our shared sense of belonging. During emergencies, they also serve as critical response and recovery sites, underscoring their role as essential community infrastructure. These roles highlight the enduring partnership between our fairgrounds and the exhibitors, volunteers, and communities that keep them thriving.

We recognize and deeply appreciate the effort, care, and time you invest in preparing for the fair. Your commitment ensures that these traditions continue to thrive and that agriculture remains at the heart of California's identity.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support. We look forward to another successful fair season and to celebrating the incredible spirit of California's agricultural community together.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Ross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Ross
Secretary