

JUNIOR HOME ARTS

ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026

LATE ENTRY FEE – Due August 8 – \$10.00

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

ALL NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026, ~ 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monterey Room (enter through Gate 4)

PERISHABLE ITEMS

Sunday, August 30th, 2026, ~ 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monterey Room (enter through Gate 4)

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** OPEN TO JUNIOR RESIDENTS in all counties of the State of California, Pre-school through High School (except when specifically noted).
NOTE: Exhibitors aged 14–18 years entered in the Visual Arts Department for Two-Dimensional, Three-Dimensional, or Photography, cannot enter like classes in Junior Home Arts.
2. **ELIGIBILITY LIMIT:** EXHIBITORS who are ENROLLED in ANY JUNIOR ORGANIZATION for which Divisions and Classes are offered elsewhere are NOT eligible to enter items in this Department that are in any way eligible as their junior organization projects.
3. **EXHIBITOR'S AGE AND BIRTH DATE MUST BE STATED ON ENTRY FORM.**
4. Ages for Divisions are as follows:
 - Pre-School to 5 Years Tot
 - Age 6–9 Years Child
 - Age 10–13 Years Youth
 - Age 14 thru High School Junior
5. Independent and Grange Livestock Exhibitors at this Fair must enter at least one (1) project for exhibit in this Department in this year's Fair. See Junior Livestock Department Rules, Entry Information, Rule 4.
6. Each entry in these Divisions/Classes shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor. The signature of the parent or guardian on entry forms is required.
7. **LIABILITY:** Every precaution will be taken in handling and exhibiting work; however, the Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Entry submission implies acceptance of all conditions in Departmental, Local, and State rules.
8. **GROUP ENTRIES:** List number of students on online entry for a Group or Class Project
9. **LIMIT: ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR IN TABLE SETTINGS.** Maximum four (4) entries accepted for display.

10. The Danish System of Judging will be used for all Divisions in this Department. Danish Judging is based on established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system, each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets the standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. In all Junior Departments using Danish Judging, the following guidelines shall be used by Judges:

Quality	Score	Ribbon
1 st Group	92%–100 Superior	Blue
2 nd Group	84%–91% Good	Red
3 rd Group	70%–83% Average/Acceptable	White

11. All groups that enter as individual names must provide a list of exhibitors to the Superintendent at time of receiving.
12. Youth divisions have no entry fees and no cash awards.

JUST FOR TOTS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The youngest members of our community, pre-school to 5 years old participate in this Department.
2. Entries should be made by the young child under supervision by an adult.
3. For detailed rules, refer to the Departmental Rules and Regulates described in the appropriate Junior Home Arts Divisions.
4. No competitive judging. Participation ribbons may be presented.

DIVISION 400 TOT ENTRIES

CLASS:

- 1) Baking & Confections
- 2) Fine Arts (Painting and Drawing)
- 3) Crafts & 3-D Art
- 4) All That Glitters
- 5) Photography
- 6) Tot Group Project
- 7) Any Other Project, please specify

BAKING & CONFECTIONS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All items must be made from scratch, no boxed or packaged mixes allowed.
2. Entry Form MUST LIST TYPE OF FOOD.
3. Foods that need refrigeration may not be entered.
4. All baked goods and confections must be submitted on/in disposable plates or pans and well wrapped. THE FAIR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS. Special plates or presentation trays do not affect the scoring.
5. **Quantities:**
 - Bread - 1/2 loaf
 - Cakes - 1/2 cake
 - Confections and Candy - 6 pieces or 1/2 pound
 - Cookies - 6 cookies
 - Cupcakes - 6 large or small
 - Trail Mix - filled 1/2 pint glass jar plus 1/4 cup in a zipped snack bag for judging.

DIVISION 401 CHILD BAKING

DIVISION 402 YOUTH BAKING

DIVISION 403 JUNIOR BAKING

CLASS:

- 1) Bread, please specify type
- 2) Cake, please specify type
- 3) Confections or Candy, please specify type
- 4) Cookies, please specify type
- 5) Cupcakes, please specify type

PRESERVED FOODS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries in these divisions must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor within one year of the opening date of the Fair. Items which have been shown at any previous Fairs are not eligible.
2. STANDARD JAR: a container specifically or specially designed for home canning purposes. No paraffin seals. All canning must be in sealed jars.
3. Low-acid fruits, such as figs, should be made more acidic by adding lemon juice as directed in the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
4. Tomatoes and fruits (not including their juices) must be processed in a boiling water bath.
5. EXHIBITS MUST BE PROPERLY LABELED with dates of canning and method used.
6. Use clear glass containers, wide or narrow mouth jars.
One standard canning jar per entry, any size. FOUR-OUNCE JARS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

DIVISION 404 CHILD FOOD PRESERVATION

DIVISION 405 YOUTH FOOD PRESERVATION

DIVISION 406 JUNIOR FOOD PRESERVATION

CLASS:

- 1) Dried Food, please specify
- 2) Fruit, please specify
- 3) Jelly, Jam or Preserves, please specify
- 4) Pickles or Relish, please specify
- 5) Vegetable, please specify

TABLE SETTINGS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. LIMIT: One entry per exhibitor. Maximum four (4) accepted for entry.
2. Bring your own (sturdy) standard-sized card table. One setting per table. One table per exhibitor. Put your name and phone number on the table underside. No utensils of any type.
3. Each entrant shall use an 8"x11" card folded in half OR a 5"x7" picture frame for menu list.
4. The centerpiece with the setting must be of non-perishable materials (no fresh flowers or fruit).
5. Table to be set up by the EXHIBITOR ONLY!

DIVISION 407 CHILD TABLE SETTING

DIVISION 408 YOUTH TABLE SETTING

DIVISION 409 JUNIOR TABLE SETTING

CLASS:

- 1) Birthday Party
- 2) Favorite Holiday
- 3) Fair Theme

ART, PAINTINGS, AND DRAWINGS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Art, Paintings, and Drawings must be on canvas, matted or framed. Framed work must be securely wired for hanging.
2. Matting material MUST be mounting board, foam core, or extra heavy cardstock. Artwork may be displayed using push pins or tape applied to matting material.
3. Each entry must be adequately labeled on the back with artist's name, Division and Class.

DIVISION 410 CHILD FINE ART

DIVISION 411 YOUTH FINE ART

DIVISION 412 JUNIOR FINE ART

CLASS:

- 1) Crayon Drawing
- 2) Collage or Mixed Media
- 3) Digital Art
- 4) Ink or Pencil Drawing
- 5) Oil or Acrylic Painting
- 6) Watercolor
- 7) Any Other not listed, please specify

CRAFTS & 3-D ARTS

DIVISION 413 CHILD CRAFTS & 3-D

DIVISION 414 YOUTH CRAFTS & 3-D

DIVISION 415 JUNIOR CRAFTS & 3-D

CLASS:

- 1) All That Glitters
- 2) Ceramic
- 3) Holiday Decoration, please specify
- 4) Jewelry/Bead Work
- 5) Wood Craft
- 6) Sculpture - Wood, Metal, Papier-mâché
- 7) Any Other not listed, please specify

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

DIVISION 416 CHILD TEXTILES

DIVISION 417 YOUTH TEXTILES

DIVISION 418 JUNIOR TEXTILES

CLASS:

- 1) Single Wearable Item, please specify
- 2) Two-piece or Coordinated Ensemble, please specify
- 3) Crochet or Knitted Item, please specify
- 4) Needle Craft, please specify
- 5) Toy, Any Material, please specify
- 6) Any Other not listed, please specify

PHOTOGRAPHY

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Refer to Junior Home Arts Department Rules 1 and 2 for eligibility.
2. Prints cannot be in more than one class.
3. Black & White or Color Prints. All prints must be unframed and correctly mounted on double weight photographic mount board or foam core. Mount 8"x10" photos on 10"x12" or 11"x14" matboard.
4. LIMIT: Two entries per class per exhibitor.

DIVISION 419 CHILD PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 420 YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 421 JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS:

- 1) Black & White, any subject
- 2) Color, any subject
- 3) Mobilography and Selfie, any subject taken on a mobile phone or tablet device
- 4) Animal

MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be labeled, but the artist's name must not be visible to the judges.
2. The Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause.
3. All entries must be portable enough to be moved without mechanical or artist's assistance.
4. Flying or hanging work should not be of excessive weight and must include a hanging mechanism.
5. Fragile, free-standing works must have a base or pedestal
6. SIZE LIMIT: 24" Length x 18" Width x 18" Height which includes required base.
7. Battery-operated entries must include all batteries.
8. Creative Writing entries shall include two (2) copies: one mounted/matted for display and one plain copy for judging
9. Science Fair Projects must include a stand-alone project board showing the experimental design process: Title, problem statement/hypothesis, design of experiment which includes materials and procedure, data collection (qualitative/quantitative)

and display of data, summary/results of data conclusion with student's name and school on the back. Any other pieces or parts must have the student's name on them.

DIVISION 422 CHILD MISC. PROJECTS

DIVISION 423 YOUTH MISC. PROJECTS

DIVISION 424 JUNIOR MISC. PROJECTS

CLASS:

- 1) Creative Writing
- 2) Lego Creation - Original Design only, No kits
- 3) Three-Dimensional Model - Original Hand Built (e.g., Mission Project)
- 4) Rock Art
- 5) Science Fair Project
- 6) Robotics or Model
- 7) Glider or Rocket
- 8) Any Other Miscellaneous Project, please specify

GROUP COLLABORATIONS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Classes in this Department are open to day care, school classes, after-school groups, Grange members, and Scouts. Members of 4-H and FFA must enter through the 4-H and FFA Department. Refer to Junior Home Arts Department Rules 2.
2. Each entry must be adequately labeled on the back with group's name, Division and Class.
3. Artwork may be displayed by using push pins, staples, tape or other through any project material. If a piece is framed, hanging apparatus must be attached or framed art may be disqualified.
4. Only the artwork will be considered during Judging.
5. Group entrants shall follow all Departmental Rules and Regulations pertaining to other Divisions in the Junior Home Arts Department.

DIVISION 425 CHILD GROUP PROJECT

DIVISION 426 YOUTH GROUP PROJECT

DIVISION 427 JUNIOR GROUP PROJECT

DIVISION 428 MIXED AGE GROUP PROJECT

CLASS:

- 1) Preserved Food, please specify
- 2) Painting or Drawing
- 3) Collage
- 4) Craft or 3-D Art, please specify
- 5) Clothing or Textile Item, please specify
- 6) Photography Project, please specify
- 7) Any Other not listed, please specify

SPECIAL FRIENDS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. These divisions are limited to handicapped or Special Education residents of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties.
2. Entry form should include school or program name and be signed by a program administrator or representative.
3. For group or class projects, please list the number of participants on the entry form.
4. All items intended for hanging must be framed or matted and have appropriate hooks.

DIVISION 429 JR. INDIVIDUAL PROJECT **DIVISION 430 JR. GROUP OR CLASS PROJECT**

CLASS:

- 1) Arts and Crafts
- 2) Collage
- 3) Craft or 3-D Art, please specify
- 4) Fine Arts: Drawings or Paintings (matted or framed)
- 5) Fiber Arts, Clothing or Textile Item, please specify
- 6) Wood or Metal Projects
- 7) Photography Project, please specify
- 8) Any Other, please specify