

DEPARTMENTAL RULES

ALL STATE AND LOCAL RULES APPLY

These rules apply to both the Adult and corresponding Youth departments

All notes and specifications listed in Department/Division and Class descriptions are herein incorporated as Rules

FARM AND GARDEN – DEPARTMENT A & H

1. Farm & Garden (agriculture and horticulture) products **must** be produced by **the exhibitor**.
2. Enter exact number of fruits, vegetables, etc., as specified in the listing.
3. Variety of products must be adequately and correctly labeled.
4. If product is specified in bunches, bunches **must** be tied.
5. “Any other” classes are for varieties that are not listed anywhere else. Please state variety when entering under description.
6. Specimen must be free of insects or they will be disqualified.
7. Specimen should be free of bruises and be uniform in size.
8. Exhibits showing features which detract from the commercial value of any produce are undesirable and should be avoided. Equal maturity at the state of ripeness as that required by Sec. 42513 of the California Agriculture Code in order to be considered for a premium award.
9. Sec. 42513: Mature: Having reached the state of ripeness which insures the completion of the ripening process to a degree which will ensure palatability, after the removal of product from the tree, plant or vine.
10. Sec. 42515 Overripe: Having an advanced state or a maturity which causes the product to be undesirable for human consumption in a fresh state.
11. Exception to size and quality can be entered in Division 113 – Nature’s Unique.
12. *Entries that spoil during the Fair will be removed.*
13. Management will not be responsible for the return of the exhibits.



FLORICULTURE – DEPARTMENT B & H



1. Entries must have been designed and grown by the exhibitor with the current Fair year, September 2021 to August 2022
2. Floral arrangement plant material need not be grown by the designer
3. Competition is open to all amateur gardeners in Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Sutter or Yuba counties
4. Containers for fresh cut flowers and foliage specimens will be supplied by the Fair
5. Containers owned by exhibitors must be marked with a durable label with his/her name and phone number. Exhibitor must furnish an acceptable saucer for safe watering (except in the cactus and succulent divisions)
6. *ALL entries must be MOVABLE by all staff and volunteers.* Staff/volunteers will take every care possible when moving/handling exhibit. Management will not be responsible for loss or breakage
7. No artificial or treated fresh plant material is permitted in exhibits except as specified
8. The following factors will be considered in judging in each class wherever applicable: perfection of bloom, perfection of foliage, size, length of stem, condition and color
9. Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their fresh cut flower and foliage exhibit in show-ready condition while on view
10. Those unsuitable for display will be removed
11. Freshening/maintenance may be done by prior arrangement with Staff or Volunteer Supervisor
12. No silk flowers allowed

CLOTHING, TEXTILES AND QUILTS – DEPARTMENT C & H



1. All entries in this department must be made by the exhibitor from *start to finish* unless otherwise specified
2. Exhibits must not have been shown in any previous Butte County Fair year

3. All small pieces should be enclosed in a zip lock bag. Sets should be pinned or tacked together
4. Two or more entries entered in the same CLASS, must be different in material, pattern and style
5. If a special dye method or antique material was use, please nor it in the online entry
6. Articles must be clean and pressed. Judges will not consider items that are stained, soiled or show signs of wear for judging or display
7. The Fair will provide and attach ID tags at the time of entry receiving
8. “Any other” class is for items that so not fit into an existing class

PRESERVED FOODS – DEPARTMENT D & H

1. All entries in this department must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor ***after August 2021***
2. All canning must be in glass jars designed specifically for canning purposes
3. All canning must be in sealed jars using either hot water bath (high acid or sugar) or pressure canning (low or non-acid foods, vegetables, meats or fish)
4. **NO steam-canned or open kettle allowed**
5. **No Paraffin seals**
6. All rings must be new and slightly loosened before putting entry on exhibit
7. All low or non-acid fruits such as figs or low acid tomatoes must have lemon juice added, as directed by the USDA Guide to Home Canning
8. All exhibits will be tasted during judging
9. Two jars must be entered. One for tasting and one for display. The smaller of the two jars will be opened for tasting
10. Jars/bags (for dried items) must be labeled on the side or bottom, NOT on the lid, prior to arrival at the Fair
11. The label needs the following information:
 - a. Name of product
 - b. Process of canning (wbc or pc)
 - c. Date canned
 - d. Do not include the exhibitors name on the jars, an ID tag will be provided to you by the Fair at the time you drop your items off
 - e. Taster jar can be 4 oz size



- f. All other jars must be a minimum of ½ pint or 1 pint as directed in the division/class
- g. Open jars must be picked up after judging. Jars will not be saved beyond that time

BAKING AND CONFECTIONS—DEPARTMENT E & H

1. All entries in this department must be home prepared by the exhibitor. **No package mixes.**
2. Wrapping instructions:
 - a. Bread – zip lock bag. Cut end toward bottom, unopen end of bag. No plate or cardboard
 - b. Biscuits, rolls, cookies and confections – on a small plate in a zip lock bag
 - c. Loaf, Pound or Layer cakes – on a cardboard base (not to exceed 1” beyond cake)
 - d. Pies – in a zip lock bag.
 - e. See division for required amounts of product
3. Entries must be accurately labeled on the bottom of the bag, plate or cardboard
4. Entries that spoil during exhibit time will be removed from the display and entry card (provided by the Fair when you drop off your item) will be left in place.



FINE ARTS – DEPARTMENT F & H

1. In Fine Arts, Beginner is defined as someone who engages in the creation of artworks as a hobby or for the love of the work
2. Experienced is defined as someone who engages in the creation of artworks as a hobby or for the love of the work for *a lengthy time* OR who puts their art on display with the intention of selling for monetary profit. Art instructors or teachers are considered experienced
3. All exhibits in this department must have been completed after August 2021 and must not have been shown at any previous Butte County Fair
4. **All paintings and drawings are to be framed and ready for hanging. *Any exhibit that is not suitably framed will be refused!***

5. Frames consist of wood or plastic frames or heavy-duty mat board frames and are to be in good condition suitable for hanging. Heavy pieces should have affixed wire with suitable strength to hold picture
6. Unframed artwork should be entered in the Crafts Dept Q
7. Fragile or unstable items may be eliminated
8. List the size of the painting/drawing (including the frame) in description box of the online entry form
9. Names are not permitted on the front of the artwork and will be covered by Fair staff prior to Judging. Judging is “blind”, which means the Judge cannot know the name of the Exhibitor
10. An ID label should be affixed to the upper left-hand corner of the back of the entry showing the name, address and phone number of the exhibitor
11. Items will be moved by the Fair staff. Fair and/or Management is not responsible for damage
12. Management reserves the right to remove any item not deemed appropriate for a family based Fair Fine Arts show



PHOTOGRAPHY – DEPARTMENT G & H



1. Beginner is defined as being NEW to photography
2. Experienced is defined as someone who has entered their photography in the Fair three or more times
3. All exhibits in this department must not have been shown AT ANY PREVIOUS Butte County Fair
4. No photograph of identical subject matter may be entered in more than one class/division (i.e. same dancer/pet in different poses entered in more than one class/division)
5. All black and white photographs must be a minimum size of 8”x10” up to a maximum size of 16”x20” with a maximum mat size of 20”x24”
6. Photos are to be mounted on a mat board. Colored, proportional mat board may be used. MATS MUST BE SECURELY ATTACHED.
7. Labels must be affixed to upper left-hand corner **of the back** of the entry showing Name, address and phone number. *DO NOT SHOW OR SIGN PHOTOGRAPHERS NAME ON FRONT OF WORK!! IT WILL BE COVERED BY STAFF DURING JUDGING AND MAY DETRACT FROM YOUR WORK!!*

8. **FRAMED PRINTS, POLAROID PRINTS OR ANY EXHIBIT NOT PROPERLY MATTED WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**
9. Management reserves the right to remove any item not deemed appropriate for a family based Fair
10. Butte County Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property of exhibitors

DEPARTMENT H – OPEN YOUTH/4-H/Grange

OPEN YOUTH GENERAL RULES:

1. Open Youth is an *unaffiliated* designation which is for individuals **not** participating in 4-H/Grange or FFA, or Skills/USA
2. Open to youth at least 3 years of age by January 1, 2022
3. Enter according to grade in school on January 1, 2022
4. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age
5. Exhibitors are limited to entries in one level: Beginner, Junior or Senior or by grade level
6. Each entry in these divisions shall have been made by or produced by the exhibitor
7. All entries will be judged by the *Danish* system
8. “Any other” classes are to be used only when the specific class is not offered

4-H GENERAL RULES:



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1. All 4-H members must be enrolled in the 4-H project in which they enter
2. 4-H Members must meet 4-H eligibility rules for age and meeting requirements
3. The county 4-H advisor will check all 4-H enrollment lists for eligibility
4. 4-H Division is open to youth who were at least 9 years of age on 12/31/21
5. 4-H exhibitors are limited to entries in one level: Junior, Intermediate or Senior
6. All 4-H entries will be judged using the *Danish* system

GRANGE GENERAL RULES:



1. All Grange youth members must be in good standing
2. Grange Division is open to youth at least 5 years of age or in Kindergarten by January 1, 2022
3. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year they turn 19 years of age
4. Grange members must meet Grange eligibility rules for age and meeting requirements
5. Grange exhibitors are limited to entries in one level, Primary, Junior or Senior

DEPARTMENT J – FFA, SKILLS/USA AND AUCTION

FFA, SKILLS USA, MECHANICS AND AG SCIENCE RULES – NON-AUCTION:

1. Competition is open to all FFA and SKILLS/USA members in good standing in Butte and surrounding counties
2. Only projects constructed or fabricated in school or under the supervision of an instructor or FFA leader, by a student enrolled in an Industrial Technology/Agriculture education course or FFA project will be acceptable
3. Only projects started on or after the first day of the current school/FFA year for 2021-2022 are eligible for entry in the 2022 Butte County fair
4. All entries must be constructed in a manner safe for public viewing
5. Group/school projects must consist of two or more individuals, a classroom or FFA Chapter.
6. Exhibits must not have been shown at a previous Butte County Fair
7. **PLANT SCIENCE:** Exhibit can be any subject relating to the production, health, or propagation plants. Exhibit shall not exceed 2" x 2 ½' in size. Parts labeling and description of steps/stages shall be completed where they are applicable
8. **VETERINARY SCIENCE:** Any subject relating to the health of a small or large animal. Exhibit shall not exceed 2" x 2 ½' in size. Parts labeling and description of steps/stages shall be completed where they are applicable

9. **ANY OTHER FFA AGRICULTURE SCIENCE PROJECT:** May include other projects such as Landscape Design, Floriculture or Mechanics. Exhibit shall not exceed 2" x 2 ½' in size. Parts labeling and description of steps/stages shall be completed where they are applicable

FFA, SKILLS USA, MECHANICS AND AG SCIENCE RULES – AUCTION RULES:

AUCTION WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022 at 5PM

location TBD



1. One (1) item per exhibitor
2. **JUDGING** is *American* standard. First through third place Ribbons awarded. **No cash prizes.** All first place exhibits will go to the Auction
3. Then second place exhibits are considered for Auction. No more than fifty (50) items will be selected for Auction.
 - i. Judging guidelines as follows:
 1. General Appearance 25 points
 2. Function/Practicality 25 points
 3. Technical Quality 25 points
 4. Workmanship & General Finish 25 points
 5. To be judged Auction ready, the project must score
 6. 80 points or higher
4. **Every project must include** a display consisting of a minimum of 6 (six) pictures showing students working on the project during the process of construction, plus the receipts for or an expense list and/or Bill of Materials
5. **DISTRIBUTION OF AUCTION CHECKS:** Proceeds from Auction will be given to FFA Advisors via check. Checks will be written to the name as entered on the online form. Checks will be distributed by September 16, 2022. All groups/individuals selling exhibits through the Auction shall be assessed 5% sale commission of the selling price. Additionally, an Auctioneer fee of \$5.00 will be applied to each item sold. ***In no instance will auction proceeds be mailed to the entrant***
6. **AUCTION BIDDERS:**
 1. Groups and individuals are expected to market their projects and secure **a minimum of two buyers**

2. Additional bidders are also encouraged to further enhance the financial outcome of the project
3. **ALL** buyers should pre-register prior to the day of the Auction at the Fair Office
4. Each potential buyer will receive two (2), one (1) day entrance passes to attend the Auction, provided the individual did not already receive one for a Livestock entry (limit: one per person fair-wide)

7. EXHIBITORS:

1. Must belong to a Butte County 4-H Club
2. OR be an FFA Chapter Member
3. OR be a student in a Butte County high school with no FFA or Skills USA program
4. Exhibitors may sell an Industrial Auction item and one market animal
5. The exhibitor may establish a minimum bid

8. REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Exhibitors are expected to attend the Auction
- b. Items will be on display in Expo Hall during the hours of the Fair
- c. All items must remain on display, regardless of auction eligibility or sale
- d. The exhibitor is responsible for removing the item by 2:00PM Tuesday, August 30, 2022, and coordinating delivery of the item to the winning bidder
- e. FFA uniforms, Skills USA blazer or a professional appearance for independent exhibitors is required during the Auction
- f. The Butte County Fair **is not** responsible for items left on the Fairgrounds after 2:00PM, Monday, August 25, 2022

DEPARTMENT R – GENERATIONAL TRADITIONS

RULES:

1. A minimum of two family members, at least one generation 15 years apart. Maximum of 4 family members on any one entry.

2. Family members include immediate family members, step-parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents.
3. **Every project must include** a display consisting of a minimum of 6 (six) pictures showing family members working on the project during the process of construction/repair. All family members first names and their relationship to each other must be listed on the display.
4. If the project is a fix/repair/restore, please describe what has been fixed/repared/restored and the materials used.
5. A single fix/repair/restore project could be a specific part of any kind of engine, bicycle, household mechanicals, furniture, etc. One item, two different areas addresses two different parts of the same item
6. Original build, separate but complimentary projects are two items built separately by the family members, using the exact same materials. The finished projects should coordinate and compliment each other. A list of materials used must be on the display
7. No perishable items
8. ***All projects must be able to be displayed on the Fair Grounds during the Fair***
9. For extra large projects (i.e. cars, large engines or machinery) please enter as early as possible to reserve space on the Fairgrounds. Please call the Stills Department to make arrangements for delivery/display
10. Reasonable precautions will be taken, but ***Butte County Fair Management is not responsible for any theft/damage to the project while on display***



DEPARTMENT Q & H – CRAFTS, HOME & INDUSTRIAL ARTS

1. All exhibits in this department must not have been shown at any previous Butte County Fair
2. Fragile or unstable items may be eliminated if it is difficult to properly display
3. All names or personal information should be placed on the back of the entry for judging purposes. Exhibit tags will be provided by the Fair and will be attached at the time of receiving and while on display
4. Each entry in a class by the same exhibitor must be different in material and pattern
5. The Butte County Fair reserves the right to refuse to display items which have been deemed vulgar, in poor taste or inappropriate for display at a family arts and crafts show
6. Butte County Fair is not responsible for any theft/damage
7. Dedicated drop off will be available again this year, for **large and bulky items**. **Please contact the Fair office to schedule your time slot.** This will allow us to make appropriate arrangements for any special handling your project may require



If you have a large project, we encourage you to enter early so we can assess your display space needs 😊



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