

Travis County Youth Show Youth Fair Rules



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YOUTH FAIR ENTRY GUIDELINES

1. **ENTRY PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE:** Please see the General Rules for entry information. The right is reserved to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the grounds.
2. **CONTESTS AND ELIGABILITY:** The Youth Fair, Welding, Floral Design and Food Challenge contests of Travis County Youth Show are open to active, eligible youth members of either a Travis County 4-H Club or Travis County FFA Chapter. Exhibitors must be a legal resident of Travis, Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays or Williamson counties. **An exhibitor may only compete in Travis County Youth Show Youth Fair contest if they have not entered in any other county's show.** Proof of residency and membership may be requested by TCYS Board of Directors. This applies ONLY to Youth Fair participants; please see Livestock Rules for eligibility qualifications.
3. **SUPERVISION:** All projects must be hand made by exhibitor under adult supervision. Finished projects may not be store bought but may be made from kits.
4. **AGE GROUPS:** Exhibitors will be divided into three (3) divisions determined by grade:
 - a. Little Wranglers – Grades K-2
 - b. Juniors – Grades 3-8
 - c. Seniors – Grades 9-12
5. **ENTRY FEES:**
 - a. Little Wranglers Division - \$3.00/Entry
 - b. Junior and Senior Division - \$10.00/Entry
 - c. Plant Fee for each Horticulture Entry is \$5.00 for Classes 49-53 and \$10 for Classes 54 and 55. Plant orders are due October 1, 2017. Pick up date is October 13, 2017. Multiple plants may be ordered per class.
6. **REFUNDS:** No refunds of entry fees will be made per the General Rules.
7. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Each exhibitor will be permitted to enter a maximum of five (5) entries, with no more than one entry per class.

YOUTH FAIR GENERAL RULES

1. **PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM:** Exhibitor's Project Identification Forms will be provided at check-in.
2. **JUDGING:** Exhibit areas will be closed during judging. Judges' decisions are final.
3. **PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS:** Projects that have been released back to the exhibitor from a Travis County Youth Show cannot be re-entered in a Travis County Youth Show in following years.
4. **GROUP PROJECTS:** Group projects are permitted in some divisions to allow two or more youth to work together on one project. Group project exhibitor guidelines:
 - a. Group projects will be entered and judged in the age group based on the grade of the oldest member in the group. (See Youth Fair Entry Rule #3).
 - b. An exhibitor may participate in ONLY ONE group project.
 - c. Complete descriptions must be given for each entry. All group members and their parent or guardian must sign the entry form. One (1) exhibitor may enter the group project, but must list all individuals in the group on the entry form.
 - d. All proceeds from group projects will be made payable to the sponsoring group as indicated on the entry form.
 - e. All eligible members participating in a group project must be present at time of judging for personal interview on the project. If all eligible members are not present, points will be deducted. (Interviews to be held on Friday, January 12, 2017. Interviews will be scheduled at Check-in.)
5. **CLASSIFICATIONS:** Questions arising in classifications of entries will be resolved by the Youth Fair General Superintendent. Entries must be appropriate for the division/class entered and must meet all special rules pertaining to the division/class or it will be disqualified. At the Youth Fair General Superintendent's discretion, TCYS reserves the right to combine and/or divide any class for more competitive judging. The Youth Fair Superintendent may move an entry to another division/class in order to group similar items for judging. Age groups will not be combined. Decision of Youth Fair Superintendent is final.
6. **SAFETY:** All projects shall meet safety standards and electrical codes. Failure to comply shall result in the disqualification of the project.
7. **NO LIVE ANIMALS**
8. **PROJECT WORKSHEETS:** Each Junior and Senior exhibitor shall prepare a written project worksheet of his/her entry, which shall be submitted with the project at the time of entry. **Projects worksheets are worth 25% in judging each project.** Project Worksheet Guidelines:
 - a. The project worksheet may be typed, printed, or neatly written by the exhibitor and submitted ONLY on the Official Youth Fair project worksheet form. No other pages may be attached.
 - b. No photographs of exhibitor may be attached except for Group Projects and Ag/Mech projects. The project worksheets are for projects in Divisions A, B, C, E, F, G, H and I. Rules for D. Group Project classes and Division J. Agricultural/Outdoor Recreation differ; please see Division explanation for these rules.

- c. A complete recipe must be included for all entries in Division A and B. Recipes must be on the official TCYS Recipe Entry Form found on the website. By entering, the exhibitor gives permission for TCYS to publish this recipe in an official TCYS cookbook.
 - d. The project worksheet can be obtained from your Agricultural Science Teacher, 4H Leader or County Extension Office, or **on the website**.
 - e. The worksheet must be complete and turned in with the project according to the project arrival schedule in this book. Projects will not be accepted without completed project worksheets.
9. **COUNTRY STORE:** Interested exhibitors are offered an opportunity to sell non-auction selling entries through the TCYS Youth Fair Country Store.
- a. All entries in Divisions A and B become the property of TCYS at Check-in. A Bake Sale will be held the day after judging from 8:00 am to noon. Portions of Class Champions and Reserve Champions will be sold in the Bake Sale as a tasting plate. The proceeds will be used to purchase needed equipment for TCYS.
 - b. All money received for a project in the Country Store goes directly to the exhibitor; TCYS retains no portion of these funds.
 - c. A Country Store Superintendent is responsible for posting the price of each project on the Project Identification Form and on the Project.
 - d. There is a minimum sale price of \$5.00 per item.
 - e. Items may be purchased by the public through the Country Store from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday, January 13, 2017. Buyers will write their check directly to the exhibitor which will be held by the Country Store until Check-out. These checks along with placing ribbons, judges' comments and Project Worksheets will be given to exhibitors at Check-out in one packet per exhibitor. In case of a group project, buyers will write a check to the group (i.e. club/chapter).
10. **RELEASE OF EXHIBITS:** BAKED FOODS and PRESERVED FOODS become property of TCYS and will not be released. All other projects MUST be picked up between 4:00 – 6:30 pm on Saturday, January 13, 2017. Any projects NOT picked up during this release time will become the property of TCYS. NO EXCEPTIONS.
11. **RIBBONS:** Ribbons will be placed on the projects upon completion of judging. All ribbons not picked up during the designated release time will be forfeited. Blue and red ribbons will be awarded on the basis of quality of entry rather than 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ranking. More than one blue award could be given in a particular class.
12. **AWARDS & PRIZES:** Rosettes will be awarded to Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions provided they are blue ribbon quality. Projects receiving blue ribbons are eligible for a Class Champion award. It is possible that not every class will have a Class Champion, even if there are blue ribbons awarded in that class.

In the event that an exhibitor has more than 2 class champions in the youth fair, that exhibitor will declare which 2 projects they will sell at auction. At that time, the Reserve Class Champion of the class they opted

out of will receive that auction slot. See General Rules for Youth Fair Sale Declaration information.

13. **PROJECT ACCESSORIES:** No accessories may be added to the project. For example: If the project is a candle holder, do not add candles.

LITTLE WRANGLER YOUTH FAIR CLASSES

- 200. Cupcakes and Muffins (13 Plate)
- 201. Drop Cookies (13 per plate)
- 202. Plaster Craft/Paper Mache
- 203. Paintings (finger painting, tempera, etc.)
- 204. Drawings (crayons, pencils, markers, etc.)
- 205. Decorated T-Shirts
- 206. Plants
- 207. Toys/Structures (Lego's, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs, etc.)
- 208. Loom Weaving (Potholders, etc.)
- 209. Clay/Dough Sculptures
- 210. Other

JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH FAIR DIVISIONS

A. BAKED FOODS DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. Cakes (Classes 1 & 2) should be in a container that is translucent and easily accessible. Baked food items in classes 3 through 8 must be exhibited on a STURDY plate in a Ziploc bag provided by the exhibitor without any embellishments.
2. All food items become the property of TCYS upon Check-in and no portion of the project or its container will be returned to the exhibitor.
3. All entries must be made from scratch, no boxed cakes, canned icing or pre-made pie crusts may be entered whatsoever. No entry may contain perishable foods such as milk, meringue, eggs, custard, pudding, cream cheese, whipped cream, butter, canned fruit or fresh fruit without it being baked **into** the entry. No cheesecakes, flans, custards, puddings or pies with pudding or meringue may be entered even if it has been baked as TCYS has no capability to refrigerate entries. Make sure that if pecans are used that they are fresh not old and no pieces of shell are mixed in. See attached Health Department letter.
4. Baked items that show obvious signs of spoilage before judging will be disqualified by the judge. It is the judge's decision whether to taste an entry or not.
5. Recipe(s) must be submitted electronically on www.traviscountyyouthshow.org/youthfair by November 29, 2017. Submissions must include exhibitor's name, phone number and email address in order to receive approval or disqualification of recipe. Recipes will be reviewed by the Recipe Review Committee. If recipe is disqualified, exhibitor will have 5 business days to resubmit a recipe for approval after notification from TCYS Recipe Approval Committee email explaining issues with recipe. Recipe may only be re-submitted once, if disqualified. All recipes must be preapproved in order to compete in the 2018 TCYS Youth Fair. **Exhibitor will receive a reply via email if the recipe is approved. The approved recipe will have a TCYS watermark on it. Please print out this attachment, with the watermark for check-in. Entries without this approval will not be accepted at Check-in. TCYS WILL NOT resend recipes after December 15, 2018.**

6. A complete recipe must be attached to your project worksheet on an official TCYS Recipe Form found on the website. **One recipe sheet should be submitted for the entire recipe (for example: one submission for cake and frosting or pie crust and filling).** By entering, the exhibitor gives permission for TCYS to publish this recipe in an official TCYS cookbook.
7. All baked foods that become eligible for the Auction must be prepared fresh for the Auction.
8. Judges criteria will include, but may not be limited to the following:
 - i. Project Worksheet (25%)
 - ii. Taste
 - iii. Texture
 - iv. Appearance
 - v. Quality

BAKED FOODS CLASSES – DIVISION A

1. Chocolate Cakes (no cupcakes or cake balls)
2. Other Cakes (no cupcakes or cake balls) **NO CHOCOLATE INGREDIENTS**
3. Bar Cookies/Brownies (24 per plate) - **NO TARTS**
4. Other Cookies (24 per plate) - **NO TARTS**
5. Candies (full recipe)
6. Pies **CRUST MUST BE HANDMADE** - (full pies - no mini pies) - **NO TARTS**
7. Yeast Breads
8. Fruit or Nut Quick Breads

B. PRESERVED FOOD DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. All canned foods must be processed in clear standard jars with unbroken seals (paraffin seals are not acceptable). Jars must be properly sealed by pressure cooker or hot water bath method and method must be detailed in recipe. Jars with dirty or rusty rings or not properly sealed will not be accepted at Check-In. Specific jar sizes are as follows: Class 9 and Class 10 items must be processed in ½ pint or 1 pint size mason jars. Classes 11 and 12 must be processed in either 1 pint or 1 quart sized mason jars. Headspace in jars is noted below. **Helpful instructions are detailed here: http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/nchfp/tech_bull.html**
2. All dried foods must be in moisture and vapor proof bags. Dried foods in Ziploc type bags, mason jars and Tupperware type containers **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
3. **All preserved foods will be judged on appearance and recipe. No preserved projects will be tasted.** Projects that show obvious signs of spoilage will be disqualified by the judge.
4. Exhibitors will not receive their jar back.
5. A complete recipe must be attached to your project worksheet on the official TCYS Recipe Form found on the website.
6. By entering, the exhibitor gives permission for TCYS to publish this recipe in an official TCYS cookbook.
7. **No preserved projects at auction. Exhibitors will bring a basket of their choosing in place of their project.**

8. Project must be entered with NO ADORNMENTS ON JARS OR BAGS.
9. Exhibitor may submit one additional jar per entry to be placed in the Agricultural Museum at the Texas State Capitol.
10. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
 - i. Project Worksheet
 - ii. Texture
 - iii. Color/Appearance (packed correctly and liquid amount)
 - iv. Quality
 - v. Technique

PRESERVED FOODS CLASSES – DIVISION B

9. Jellies, Jams, Marmalades & Preserves (1/2 pint or 1 pint sealed jar with 1/4" headspace)
10. Salsa/Pepper Sauce (1/2 pint or 1 pint size sealed jar) (Leave 1/4" headspace)
11. Pickled Vegetables (1 pint or 1 quart size sealed jar)(Leave 1/2" headspace)
12. Barbecue Sauces (1 pint or 1 quart size sealed jar) (Leave 1/4" headspace)
13. Dried Foods, including jerky (No Wild Game) – Each entry must have 12 pieces for judging

C. TEXTILE DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Project Worksheet (25%)
 - b. Originality
 - c. Workmanship/Quality
 - d. Appearance
 - e. Complexity

TEXTILE CLASSES – DIVISION C

14. Constructed Garments, with or without embellishments
15. Accessories (belts, scarves, button covers, etc.) All leather items must be entered under Leather in the Crafts Division, even if the item could be considered a fashion accessory. Accessory items such as belts, purses, wallets, boots, etcetera which are made of leather will not be accepted in the Textiles Division.
16. Quilting
17. Stuffed Animals/Stuffed Dolls (Sewn by Exhibitor)
18. Pillows
19. Needle Work

D. GROUP PROJECTS GENERAL RULES:

1. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
 - i. Binder (25%)
 - ii. Originality
 - iii. Workmanship/Quality
 - iv. Personal Interview
 - v. Degree of Difficulty

2. Each project will include an interview of all participants. Please note the additional requirements for each class.
3. These requirements should be included in a binder and submitted with the project at Check-in. Forms for completing project requirements may be found on the TCYS Website. Interviews will be scheduled by the Division Superintendents at Check-in. Binder must include:
 - i. A pattern or drawing of the project including detailed measurements which may be spot checked by the judges.
 - ii. Photographs, in sequence, showing the stages of construction of the project.
 - iii. A bill of all supplies needed for construction. This should include an itemized list of all supplies, the quantity of each, size and their cost.
 - iv. A log of hours worked on the project detailing work done and by whom.
 - v. Each exhibitor should include a paragraph explaining what skills they learned or mastered while creating this project.
4. Ag/Mech Group Projects may be entered under Division J.

GROUP PROJECT CLASSES – DIVISION D

20. Textiles (i.e. Quilts)
21. Wooden Indoor Furniture
22. Wooden Outdoor Furniture

E. ARTS DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. Any artwork on paper must be matted. All mats must be black.
2. Artworks on stretch canvas (canvas which is backed by a wooden frame) must be no larger than 16"x20" and have finished painted edges. No signatures may be visible.
3. No project may be framed in any manner. Picture hangers will be provided by the show.
4. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
 - i. Project Worksheet (25%)
 - ii. Contrast/Depth
 - iii. Use of Color
 - iv. Technique
 - v. Originality

ARTS CLASSES – DIVISION E

23. Color drawings may use one of the following: Pencil, chalk pastels or oil pastels.
24. Black and white drawings may use one of the following: Charcoal, ink or pencil.
25. Mixed Media - A technique involving the use of two or more artistic media that are combined into a single composition. Acceptable media: pencil, chalk pastels, oil pastels,

- collage, ink, marker, crayon and paint.
26. Original Sculpture (clay, plaster, paper Mache, etc. – does not include Green Ware)
 27. Paintings, oil or acrylic
 28. Painting, tempera- water colors or gouache
 29. Small Recycled Trash to Art (Measuring 24" x 24" or less)
 30. Large Recycled Trash to Art (Measuring over 24" x 24" or less)

F. CRAFTS DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
 1. Project Worksheet (25%)
 2. Originality
 3. Technique
 4. Workmanship/Quality
 5. Degree of Difficulty

CRAFTS CLASSES – DIVISION F

31. Artistic Compositions (artificial flowers, mirrors, shadow boxes, antlers, etc.)
32. Jewelry & Beads – must be mounted on display board
33. Lamps (Must be in working order and include light bulb. Will be tested by the judge.)
34. Wreaths (No Live Plants – provide a hanging loop or door hanger for display)
35. Leather Craft (leather kits, tooled, carved, dyed/painted, laced/stitched)
36. Metal Craft (No Computer Numerical Control Plasma and Water Jet cut entries)
37. Mosaics (All grout must be completely dry BEFORE Check-in. Entries with damp grout and strong odor will not be accepted.)

G. PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. All entries must be mounted or matted on an 11" x 14" black mat board or foam board and the photograph must be 8" x 10". NOTE: THE COLOR OF THE MAT MUST BE BLACK.
2. No glass, no frames, no hard/Plexiglas type plastic!
3. Nothing extra may be glued to the photo.
4. All photographs must be taken by the exhibitor within the previous calendar year
5. All project worksheets are to be securely taped to the back of the photograph in such a way that the worksheet hangs down and can be easily read by the judges.
6. Photo hangers will be provided by the show.
7. Judge's criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
 - i. Project Worksheet
 - ii. Originality/Imagination
 - iii. Appropriate use of Lighting
 - iv. Color
 - v. Focus
 - vi. Composition

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES – DIVISION G

38. Landscape, Flora, Scenic
39. People
40. Animal-Domestic or Wildlife
41. Food (no photos of alcohol allowed)
42. Computer Enhanced (images altered or created with software programs)
43. Details and Macro (details or parts of a subject)
44. Night Photography (no sunlight allowed in photograph, must be after dusk/before dawn)
45. Theme (Reflections)

H. WOODWORKING DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. The majority of the project must be wood and constructed from raw material to qualify for these classes.
2. Items in this category will be judged on wood craftsmanship.
3. The finish applied to any woodworking project must be of a semi-transparent type which permits the natural grain patterns of the wooden surface and the workmanship to be clearly visible. Any finish such as an opaque paint or solid stain that leaves a solid coating of pigment or texture on the surface that does not permit the natural grain of the project to be visible will be disqualified.
4. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
 - i. Project Worksheet (25%)
 - ii. Design/Originality
 - iii. Craftsmanship
 - iv. Technique
 - v. Complexity

WOODWORKING CLASSES – DIVISION H

46. Wooden Furniture (Examples: Picnic table, swing, play house, patio set, chair armoire, gun cabinet, bed, etc.)
47. Small Tabletop Accessories/Decorative Items (Examples: Cutting board, writing pen, jewelry box, candle holder, clock, lamp, lazy susan, shelf, hat rack, mailbox, bird house/feeder, display case, etc.)
48. Large Accessories (Examples: Chest, tack box, plant stand, bookcase, stool, bench, hall tree, hat rack, etc.)

I. PLANTS DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. All plants will be purchased through the Travis County Youth Show. Plants will be provided by a local wholesale nursery for \$5 per entry for classes 49-53, \$10 per entry for classes 54 and 55 due with the plant order on October 2, 2017. Orders and payment must be submitted online at www.traviscountyyouthshow.org/youthfair. Each participant will be given the same type of plant in the same type of pot in a specific category. The plants in each category will be provided based upon the inventory of the wholesale nursery providing the plant stock.

2. Plants will be picked up at the Clifton Career Development School on October 13, 2017 from 4:00 - 6:00pm.
3. Photographs are not required.
4. Plants must be wiped clean. No plant shines or wax may be used to gloss the foliage other than soap and water.
5. All plants must be watered prior to entry. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plant will be subject to removal.
6. All plants must be living.
7. No embellishments may be glued or in any way attached to the plants. No top dressing of the soil or additional accents may be added (for example: accent stones or driftwood).
8. Class 54, Dish Garden Succulent/Cacti may contain decomposed granite as a top dressing.
9. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
 - i. Project Worksheet (25%)
 - ii. Appearance
 - iii. Color
 - iv. Size

PLANTS CLASSES – DIVISION I

49. Foliage plant in an 8" in diameter, plastic, terra cotta colored pot
50. Succulent/Cactus in an 8" in diameter, plastic, terra cotta colored pot
51. Vine plant in an 8" in diameter, plastic, terra cotta colored pot
52. Flowering Plant in an 8" in diameter, terra cotta colored pot
53. Fern in an 8" in diameter, plastic, terra cotta colored pot
54. Dish Gardens – Succulent/Cacti (includes at least three different types of plants, all provided by the Travis County Youth Show) Pot may be no larger than 12" in diameter, plastic, terra cotta colored pot
55. Dish Gardens – Foliage (includes at least three different types of plants, all provided by the Travis County Youth Show) Pot may be no larger than 12" in diameter, plastic, terra cotta colored pot

J. AGRICULTURAL/OUTDOORS RECREATION DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. An original working plan or drawing, photographs showing stages of construction and a bill of materials are required with each project as well as a job log. Additional documentation may be required for plans of vehicles that are used on public highways ASAE standards must be met on three point hitch and PTO Operated equipment.
2. Working drawings should include a student drawn original multisided orthographic projection drawn to a given scale with proper lettering and dimensioning. Dimensioning shown on drawing should be specific and complete enough for it to be apparent that drawing was used to plan and construction project. Judges will spot check dimensions on projects to see if they comply with drawings. Drawing may be a CAD (Computer Aided Design). Pictorials, isometric oblique or perspective may be included.

3. Bill of materials must include a description of material, including quantity, size and cost. Job log of hours spent working on project must be included.
4. Working drawings must be 18"x24" and mounted on foam board.
5. Photographs showing work in progress should depict proper safety procedures including clothing eye and face shields, etc. Photographs should be sequenced in the order of constructing the project.
6. Each exhibitor must submit a Skills Form explaining the skills they learned or mastered while creating this project.
7. Please see TCYS website for forms to complete the above requirements.
8. Exhibitor will be interviewed by judges.
9. Individual projects will be competing with group projects.
10. **Class 63 and 64 are for exhibition only and will not receive an auction slot. Prizes will be awarded for first place in each of these classes. Projects must come with a trailer lock provided by the exhibitor.**
11. Judges criteria will include, but may not be limited to the following:
 - i. Binder (25%)
 - ii. Originality/Appearance
 - iii. Workmanship/Quality
 - iv. Complexity
 - v. Personal Interview

**AGRICULTURAL/OUTDOORS RECREATION CLASSES – DIVISION J
THIS DIVISION IS ONLY OPEN TO SENIOR AGE GROUP EXHIBITORS**

56. Agricultural Machinery and Equipment (hay hauling equipment, spraying equipment, hydraulic equipment, shop equipment, mounted or pull-type tractor equipment, electrical shop equipment)
57. Pick-up and ATV Equipment (bumpers, headache racks, grill guards, or pick-up flat beds)
58. Livestock Handling (gate and livestock panels, squeeze chutes and restraining equipment, trim chutes, blocking stands, livestock crates and head gates, creep and self-feeders, electrical livestock or wildlife equipment, bits or spurs)
59. **Farm Equipment Restoration**
60. Wildlife Equipment (feeders and stands)
61. **Barbeque Pits (stationary only)**
62. **Home Convenience (Metal furniture, indoor or outdoor)**
63. **EXHIBITION ONLY: Trailers**
64. **EXHIBITION ONLY: Trailer Mounted BBQ Pits**