



YOUTH EXPO

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ENTRIES ACCEPTED:

**Crafts, Fine Arts A, Fine Arts B, Sewn Items, Creative Writing,
Legos/K'nex, Photography and Special Exhibits**

Friday, July 20, Saturday, July 21 & Sunday, July 22, 2018

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

*PLEASE NOTE: Youth Hobbies, Models & Collections are **ONLY** accepted on
July 27 – 29, 2018 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM in the Gem & Mineral Building*

Baked and Preserved Foods Entries Accepted:

Sunday, July 29, 2018 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Table settings

Sunday, July 29, 2018 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tables not claimed by 4:00 PM, July 29, 2018 will be released on a first come basis.

Pre-Entry Email Reservations are required for Table settings

Reservations accepted July 16-22, 2018. Email Peggy Kroener at youth@venturacountyfair.org.

Indicate your child's name and grade in school last year. Confirmation will be by return email.

No telephone reservations will be accepted. Space is limited.

Enter Online - June 1-July 16, 2018 at www.venturacountyfair.org

*Entering online speeds up the entry process, when you arrive with your items on July 21-23, 2018 proceed directly to the **online** check-in table. **Online entries close at 7:00 PM on July 16, 2018.** If you miss the online entry deadline you can **STILL** enter – bring your items on July 20-22 - 10 AM and 5 PM. **Baked and Preserved Foods Entries brought on July 29 - 10 AM – 5 PM***

ENTRY PICK-UP DAY:

Monday, August 13, 2018 - 12:00 PM-7:00 PM

Claim checks required to pick up items. Articles not claimed on Monday, August 13, 2018 become the property of the Ventura County Fair and will be discarded.

Teachers, Instructors and Group Leaders only

As a service to you, we are offering an entry date and time for you to bring in your students' work on Thursday, July 19, 2018. Please phone for an appointment time (Peggy Kroener, 648-3376 ext.182 or email youth@venturacountyfair.org) prior to July 18, 2018. Reservations are necessary to bring in entries on that day. No drop-ins or drop-offs please. Plan ample time for your entries and plan to remain through the entry process. Using the online entry process greatly reduces the length of the entry process. If this date is not convenient, entries can also be brought in on regular entry days, however no appointments will be taken for those days. **NO BAKED OR PRESERVED FOODS** accepted on July 19, 2018.

Please take advantage of online entries to speed up the entry process.

YOUTH EXPO DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All exhibitors in this department must be residents of Ventura, Los Angeles or Santa Barbara Counties.
2. All entries must be prepared by the exhibitor and completed within one year prior to the opening day of Fair.
3. Youth will be defined as follows:
 - A. Division within the Youth Expo will be classified by their past grade:

Youth 1	Grades: Pre-K, K, 1, 2
Youth 2	Grades: 3, 4, 5
Youth 3	Grades 6, 7, 8
High School	Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
 - B. Exhibitors will be determined to be Pre-K if they are eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. Entries must be made on Youth entry forms provided by the Fair. Entry form is also available online at www.venturacountyfair.org.
5. The signature of a parent or guardian is required.
6. State and Local Rules apply.
7. Exhibitors enrolled in a 4-H/Grange project for which classes are offered are not eligible to compete in this department. School assigned projects are an exception and should be entered in the Open Youth Department.
8. Danish System of Judging is used in this department.
9. All exhibits **WILL** stay in place throughout the entire Fair (August 1-12, 2018). No exceptions will be made.
10. **Unless stated there are no quantity limitations for exhibits.**

JUDGING DEFINITIONS

Danish – The judging process to compare exhibit on its own merit against a recognized standard and award as many first placing, etc. as merited. 92% - 100% = blue, 85% - 91% = red, 70% - 84% = white, 69% or less = no ribbon.

AWARDS

	Ribbons		
1st	2nd	3rd	
Blue	Red	White	

1. **SWEEPSTAKES** will be awarded to the outstanding exhibitor with the highest cumulative point total in Youth 1, 2, 3 and High School as per the point system below:

Best of Division 3 points

Best of Class 2 points

First Place 1 point

Sweepstakes will be awarded only when at least three (3) separate exhibitors have achieved a combined point total of at least 25 points. To receive Sweepstakes award, an exhibitor must have a minimum of 10 points.

2. **DIRECTORS' AWARDS** are chosen by members of the Ventura County Fair Board of Directors. They will select one winner from each age level in the following categories: Crafts, Fine Arts A, Fine Arts B, Clothing/Sewn Items, Wood Projects, Computer Art, Photography, Dioramas, Legos/K'nex, Missions and Science Projects. This award winner does not have to be a first place winner.
3. **BEST OF CLASS** will be awarded within each division to the most outstanding in each class. Only blue ribbons will be considered. There must be at least 3 items in the class for a Best of Class to be selected. If a judge advocated for an exemplary exhibit it may be considered for the best of class rosette regardless of the number of entries in the class.
4. **BEST OF DIVISION** will be awarded in each department to the most outstanding in each of the following divisions: Crafts, Fine Arts A, Fine Arts B, Clothing/Sewn Items, Photography, Creative Writing, Foods, Wood Projects, Digital Arts, Dioramas, Missions and Science Projects and Legos/K'nex. Only best of class winners will be considered.
5. **BEST OF SHOW** will be selected from among the best of division winners in each department.
6. **JUDGES' CHOICE** may be awarded by the judges as merited.
7. **DEPARTMENT AWARD** will be chosen by the Department Chairperson. They will select one winner from their Department. These do not have to be blue ribbon winners.

GROUP PROJECTS

1. Will be accepted for display only, unless otherwise noted.
2. Space is limited.
3. Call Peggy Kroener, 648-3376 ext. 182 for reservations (space is limited).
4. Reservations for display only items are mandatory and space is limited. **Reservations will be accepted from Monday, July 16 through Saturday, July 21, 2018.** Arrangements will be made at time of reservation for drop off.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

TABLE SETTINGS

Table setting Entries: Set-up Sunday, July 29, 2018 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Please email Peggy Kroener at youth@venturacountyfair.org between July 16 and July 22, 2018. Include the child's name, and grade last year. Confirmation will be by return email. **No phone reservations will be accepted.** Space is limited.

RULES

1. 18" X 22" tabletop is provided.

2. All work must be done by exhibitor.
3. Exhibitor only will be allowed in table setting area.
4. Your layout should include at least one place setting and a centerpiece.
5. Display should be functional.
6. Label your table setting with a title. Sample titles include: BBQ, Picnic, Fair Theme, Holiday, Tea Party, etc. Use your imagination!
7. Fair is not responsible for loss or damage. Display sensibly.
8. Tables not claimed by July 29, 2018 by 4 PM, will be released on a first come basis.

DIVISION 801 – YOUTH 1
DIVISION 802 – YOUTH 2
DIVISION 803 – YOUTH 3
DIVISION 804 – HIGH SCHOOL

Class

1. Table setting, any theme

Judging Criteria for Table settings

Overall Appearance (30%); Balance & Design (20%); Functional (20%); Originality (20%); Neatness (10%);
Total 100%

CLASSROOM, YEARBOOK & NEWSPAPERS

DIVISION 805 – CLASSROOM & YEARBOOK
 Elementary School

Class

1. Class Book
2. Yearbook

DIVISION 806 – CLASSROOM & YEARBOOK
 Junior High/Middle School

Class

1. School wide collection of work
2. Yearbook

DIVISION 807 – NEWSPAPER & YEARBOOK
 High School

Class

1. Newspaper
2. School wide collection of work
3. Yearbook

CREATE YOUR OWN BOOK

RULES

1. Picture books are to be designed as an illustrated book.
2. Must be original work.
3. Must have a rigid cover (i.e. stapled, sewn or in binder).
4. Text may be typed or printed.
5. Not intended for school subject reports (i.e. State reports).
6. One entry per exhibitor.
7. Minimum 6 pages, maximum 32 pages for picture books.

DIVISION 808 – YOUTH 1 DIVISION 809 – YOUTH 2

Class

1. Picture Book

DIVISION 810 – YOUTH 3 DIVISION 811 – HIGH SCHOOL

Class

1. Picture Book
2. Non-Picture Book

FINE ARTS A

RULES

(Such as, but not limited to painting and drawing)

1. Youth 1 & 2: Framed pictures accepted only in acrylics and oils. (Maximum size framed = 24" x 36") **No glass.**
2. Youth 3 & High School: Framed pictures accepted in acrylic, oil and pastels. (Maximum size framed = 24" X 36") **No glass.**
3. All framed pictures must be ready for hanging (including canvas paintings) using eyehooks and wire. No alligator hangers.
4. All other pictures must have construction paper or light matte board border. Pictures without some kind of border will not be accepted. Glue stick or tape should not be used. Glue or rubber cement is recommended. Oil and acrylic on standard size canvas excepted.
5. Youth 1, 2, & 3 size limit is 12" x 18" except where noted. High School limit is 24" X 36". Size does not include the border.
6. Definitions:
 - a. Painting includes Acrylic, Oil, Tempra
 - b. Drawing includes pen and ink, pencil, charcoal, scratch art, crayon, etc.
7. All work, including digital art must be created by the exhibitor.
8. Youth 3 & High School Group projects – not more than 8 in a group.

DIVISION 812 – YOUTH 1
DIVISION 813 – YOUTH 2
DIVISION 814 – YOUTH 3
DIVISION 815 – HIGH SCHOOL

Class

1. Collage
2. Drawing, black & white
3. Drawing, charcoal
4. Drawing, color, colored pencil
5. Drawing, color, crayon
6. Drawing, color, felt pen
7. Group Project (Youth 3 or High School only)
8. Oil or Acrylic painting
9. Pastels (oil or chalk)
10. Scratch Art
11. Tempra painting
12. Watercolor painting
13. Other, mixed media, 2-dimensional
14. Other, mixed media, 3-dimensional
15. Other, painting
16. Magna, Black & White, original work, not digital
17. Magna, Color, original work, not digital

FINE ARTS B

RULES

(Such as, but not limited to ceramics, sculpture and stained glass)

1. Maximum size is 2' X 3' X 4', unless prior arrangements have been made with the Department Superintendent.
2. Youth 3 & High School Group projects – no more than 8 in a group.

DIVISION 816 – YOUTH 1
DIVISION 817 – YOUTH 2
DIVISION 818 – YOUTH 3
DIVISION 819 – HIGH SCHOOL

Class

1. Ceramics, hand built
2. Ceramics, wheel thrown
3. Clay, other
4. Sculpture
5. Group Project (Youth 3 or High School only)
6. Other

DIGITAL ART

RULES

1. Only submit one version of a piece.
2. Please put name of the program you used on the back of the matte.
3. All artwork must be matted with light matte board or construction paper.

DIVISION 820 – YOUTH 3

DIVISION 821 – HIGH SCHOOL

Class

1. Drawing, original
2. Painting, original
3. Other, original work
4. Manga, black & white, original work
5. Manga, color, original work

PHOTOGRAPHY

RULES

1. All photographs should be firmly mounted on poster board or matte board. Tape, glue stick, or spray adhesive should not be used due to humidity in the building. Rubber cement is recommended.
2. Sealed double mattes accepted.
3. Foam core boards limited to 1/4" thick.
4. Matte may not exceed photograph by one (1) inch.
5. Name, address and telephone must appear on the backside of matte.
6. Minimum size 5" X 7", maximum size 11" X 14", excluding borders. Youth 1 & 2 mounted snapshots will be accepted.
7. No glass, frames, or picture of pictures.
8. All work must be original, including digitally generated.
9. Only one version of a photograph may be submitted for evaluation.
10. Digitally enhanced photographs must include program used on back of photograph.

DIVISION 822 – YOUTH 1

DIVISION 823 – YOUTH 2

Class

1. Color

DIVISION 824 – YOUTH 3

DIVISION 825 – HIGH SCHOOL

Limit 5 entries per class per exhibitor

Class – Black & White

1. Action
2. Animals
3. Landscape
4. Nature

5. People
6. Structures
7. Other, Black & White

Class – Color

8. Action
9. Animals
10. Landscape
11. Nature
12. People
13. Structures
14. Other, Color
15. Computer enhanced (must include program used on back of matte), Black & White or Color

DIORAMAS, MISSIONS & SCIENCE PROJECTS

RULES

1. All work must be permanently attached to base if set up is required for judging.
2. Maximum size for missions and science projects is 2' X 3' X 4' unless prior arrangements have been made with Superintendent.
3. Maximum size for dioramas is 1' X 2' X 2' unless prior arrangements have been made with the Superintendent.
4. Youth 3 & High School Group Projects – no more than 8 in a group.

**DIVISION 826 – YOUTH 1
 DIVISION 827 – YOUTH 2
 DIVISION 828 – YOUTH 3**

Class

1. Group Project, Youth 2 & Youth 3 only
2. Kit
3. Original Design
4. Other

CRAFTS

RULES

(Such as but not limited to decoupage, jewelry, and applied design.)

1. All work must be permanently attached to a base if set up will be required for judging.
2. Maximum size 2' X 3' X 4', unless prior arrangements have been made with Superintendent.
3. No pinewood derby cars or slot cars. (*Enter in Hobbies & Models Department*)
4. Youth 3 & High School Group Projects – no more than 8 in a group.

**DIVISION 829 – YOUTH 1
 DIVISION 830 – YOUTH 2
 DIVISION 831 – YOUTH 3
 DIVISION 832 – HIGH SCHOOL**

Class

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| 1. Applied Design | 4. Kit |
| 2. Wearable Art | 5. Other |
| 3. Jewelry | |

CLOTHING AND SEWN/STITCHED ITEMS

DIVISION 833 – YOUTH 1
DIVISION 834 – YOUTH 2
DIVISION 835 – YOUTH 3
DIVISION 836 – HIGH SCHOOL

Class

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| 1. Clothing | 4. Quilts |
| 2. Costumes | 5. Quilted items |
| 3. Knitted/Crochet | 6. Other |

LEGOS & K'NEX

RULES

1. Legos should be glued. If they are not, exhibitor takes full responsibility for their condition when they are returned.
2. Legos and K'nex are limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor per class.
3. If set-up is required, youth must be present to set up entry.

DIVISION 837 – YOUTH 1
DIVISION 838 – YOUTH 2
DIVISION 839 – YOUTH 3
DIVISION 840 – HIGH SCHOOL
Limit one (1) entry per exhibitor per class

Class

1. Legos, vehicle (boat, car, plane, space, etc.)
2. Legos, structure
3. K'nex, vehicle (boat, car, plane, space, etc.)
4. K'nex, structure
5. All other construction sets, structure or vehicle

WOOD PROJECTS

RULES

1. Furniture to include items such as but not limited to tables, dressers, shelves, plant stands, etc.
2. Boxes to include items such as, but not limited to tool boxes, jewelry cases, cedar chests, etc.
3. Other to include items such as, but not limited to cutting boards, carved pieces, etc.

DIVISION 841 – YOUTH 3
DIVISION 842 – HIGH SCHOOL

Class

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| 1. Boxes | 4. Turned, bowls |
| 2. Furniture | 5. Turned, other |
| 3. Toys/Puzzles | 6. Other |

CREATIVE WRITING

RULES

1. All pieces must be one-sided un-mounted on 8-1/2" x 11" paper.
2. Not intended for school subject reports.
3. No title pages.
4. Limit 5 pages per entry.

DIVISION 843 – YOUTH 1

DIVISION 844 – YOUTH 2

(Limit 10 Entries per exhibitor)

Class

1. Poetry
2. Short Story
3. Other

DIVISION 845 – YOUTH 3

DIVISION 846 – HIGH SCHOOL

(Limit 10 Entries per exhibitor)

Class

1. Poetry
2. Portfolio of Original Work (no page limit)
3. Short Story
4. Other

ENTRIES ACCEPTED **FOR DIVISIONS 847-850**

PRESERVED, BAKED AND DECORATED FOODS

Sunday, July 29, 2018 - 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

RULES

1. Food Preservation (canning and dried):
 - a. All jars must be labeled as to canning method.
 - b. One jar of jams, jellies, preserves, juices, vinegars and dried foods. Two jars for all others. When two jars are brought, one will be opened and judged, one will be displayed.
 - c. Opened jars must be picked up by Tuesday, July 31, 2018 by 5 PM or jars will be discarded.
 - d. No preserved meat, fish or fowl accepted.
2. Baked Foods:
 - a. All baked items should be on disposable plates.
 - b. Items requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.
 - c. Decorated cakes may use a dummy base.
 - d. Entries should consist of:

6 confections
6 cookies

1/4 pie
1/4 cake

3 cupcakes, muffins or biscuits
1/4 loaf of bread

DIVISION 847– YOUTH 1
DIVISION 848 – YOUTH 2
DIVISION 849 – YOUTH 3
DIVISION 850 – HIGH SCHOOL
(Maximum 10 entries per exhibitor)

Wilton

Wilton is proud to support cake decorators of all levels through our State and County Fairs Program! We support state and county fairs in the Decorated Cake Divisions and Cupcake Divisions. Prizes are offered for winning cakes and cupcakes that have some type of bag and tip or rolled fondant cake decorating.

Class

1. Baked Foods
2. Candy, molded
3. Confections
4. Decorated Foods (only decorations judged)
5. Decorated Cupcakes (only decorations judged)
6. Preserved Foods



KING ARTHUR FLOUR BAKING CONTEST
Ventura County Fair and King Arthur Flour presents the
2018 Youth Decorated Cupcake Baking Contest

King Arthur Flour and the Ventura County Fair are looking for *your family's best cupcake recipe*. Do you have a cupcake recipe that your grandmother passed down? Do you have a great story about making this recipe? Make it and bring it to the Fair and you could be a winner!

Entry Deadline: **Thursday, August 9, 2018**
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Youth Expo Building

Date of Contest: **Thursday, August 9, 2018**
Judging – 1:30 PM
Youth Expo Building

PRIZES

- 1st Place \$30 Gift Certificate to the Baker's Catalogue / kingarthurfLOUR.com
2nd Place King Arthur Flour Baker's Companion Cookbook
3rd Place King Arthur Flour Standard Bread Loaf Pan
**Winners will also receive a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbon*

CONTEST RULES

1. Recipe must contain at least 1 cup of King Arthur flour and be made from scratch. No mixes or prepared frostings.
2. Judging will be based on: Taste (50%); Overall Appearance and Creativity (25%); and Texture (25%)
3. Entrant must bring the open bag of King Arthur Flour or submit the UPC label from the flour bag when the prepared entry is brought to the Fair contest.
4. Directions for preparing the recipe must be clear; measurements should be in level cups, tablespoons, teaspoons or fractions thereof; also must include pan size, cooking temperature, number of servings and any pertinent information.
5. Use ingredients that are readily available in grocery stores.

6. Type or legibly write recipe on 8-1/2" x 11" paper with name, address, daytime and evening home number, email address (if available) and age of youth exhibitor in the upper right hand corner. Entries must be legible and include a phone number or they will be disqualified.
7. Contestants may submit one (1) entry per person or team (youth).
8. This contest is open to all ages of youth.
9. Upon submission, recipes become the property of the Ventura County Fair and King Arthur Flour, which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use for publicity, promotion or advertising without compensation.
10. Fair Staff selects judges; judges' decisions are final.
11. King Arthur Flour is widely available in local grocery stores. For product information, recipe ideas, and/or store locations go to: www.kingarthurfLOUR.com.

DAY OF CONTEST – Thursday, August 9, 2018

1. Entries will be received from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Youth Expo Building.
2. Judging will begin at 1:30 pm.
3. Prizes will be awarded when judging is completed.
4. Your entry is your admission to the Fair. Only the contestant is admitted free with entry.
5. Bring 6 decorated cupcakes to the Fair in any type container (preferably disposable). It will not be the responsibility of the Fair to return any dishes or containers.
6. Entries must be prepared at home and presented at the Fair ready for judging. Insulated containers are encouraged for transportation to keep foods hot or cold.
7. If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Expo Department at (805) 648-3376 ext. 182.

DIVISION 851- KING ARTHUR FLOUR CUPCAKE CONTEST

Class

1. Decorated Cupcake, any type



YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST **HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS**

Sponsored by California State Parks

Capture quintessential images of the beaches, mountains, deserts, forests, waterways, and historic parks that make up the Californian State Parks System.

Californians have preserved some of our renowned natural wonders, scenic marvels, and rich history for future families since Abraham Lincoln granted Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Big Trees Grove to the State in 1864. Today California Parks has grown to be the largest state park system in the United States with 280 park units and almost 70 million visitors annually.

Find a California State Park Here: <http://parks.ca.gov/parkindex>

Entry Deadline: July 20, 21 & 22, 2018

How to Enter: Pre-entry recommended by 7:00 PM on July 16, 2018 at www.venturacountyfair.org or bring your photographs on entry weekend.

Who May Enter Competition: This is a Youth competition and open to youth 8-17 years. All exhibitors in this department must be residents of Ventura, Los Angeles or Santa Barbara Counties. All photos must have been taken by the exhibitor between July 2016 and July 2018. No photograph exhibited in previous Ventura County Fair competitions will be allowed. No reproductions are allowed.

How to Deliver Your Entry: Bring photograph to the Youth Expo Building on July 20, 21 or 22, 2018 between 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

Judging: The American System of Judging where each entry is judged against the field of entries will be used to determine the winners. The judges are selected by the Youth Expo Superintendent. The decision of the judges is final and cannot be contested.

Limit: Limit of one (1) entry per person.

Judging and Awards: Judges will look for the most artistic and iconic images depicting California State Parks and History. First through Third place winning entries will receive a ribbon, a Fairs and Parks lapel pin and a one-day pass to a California State Park.

*** Please see Department Rules, Print and Presentation Specifications for entering and mounting information.*

Division 852 – CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Class

1. Our Beautiful Parks (scenic views)
2. Recreation in our Parks (photographs of park activity including people)
3. What our Parks can teach us (California History/wildlife/ecology)

GLUE A SHOE CONTEST

Wednesday, August 3rd and Wednesday, August 8th
Decorate a shoe, boot, flip-flop, slipper or other footwear with fun items.

Bring your decorated shoe to the Youth Expo Building on
Wednesday, August 1st OR Wednesday, August 8th
between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM to enter the contest.

All entries will be judged and each participant will receive a ribbon.

Winners will be announced at 3:00 PM.

Contest open to youth, ages 3-18.

Note: Shoes from the first contest can be picked up beginning Wednesday, August 10th. Any shoes not claimed will be available for pick up on Monday, August 13th from 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Judging Criteria for Wood Projects

Quality of Workmanship - Accurate cutting and assembly, proper use of wood fasteners, adherence to sound principles of wood joinery (30%); Difficulty of Construction or number of skills and operations involved (25%); Preparation of surface and application of suitable finish (20%); Attractive and well-proportioned (10%); Can it serve the purpose for which it was intended (10%); Proper selection of wood according to use (5%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Quilts

Design (20%); Use of Color (10%); Workmanship (piecing, etc.) (40%); Technique Appropriate for Design (10%); Quilting (hand, machine, tied) (10%); Binding or finished construction (10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Creative Writing

Holds Interest (60%); Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation (20%); Format (10%); Neatness (10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Crafts

Appearance-Total Project Overall design & proportion (25%); Workmanship-How was it made? (35%); Utilities and Difficulty Factor-Does it do what it should; How useful, effort to make (20%); Originality-Creativity (20%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Legos & K'nex

Originality/Creativity (50%); Workmanship (40%); Judge's Discretion (10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Dioramas, Missions & Science Projects

Originality (50%); Workmanship (30%); Appearance (20%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Clothing/Sewn Items

General Appearance of Garment or Article - (for coordinated wardrobe consider relationship of color, texture & style), workmanship affecting appearance or usefulness of garment (40%); Garment (60%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Fine Arts

Impact on Viewer - Storytelling quality, catches the eye, holds attention (35%); Composition - Arrangement of Elements- Contains all the necessary elements, contains few or no distraction of unnecessary elements (35%); Technical Quality - Attention to detail (20%); Workmanship - Mounted neatly and securely (10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Photography

Impact-Effect on viewer-storytelling quality, catches the eye, holds attention (35%); Composition-arrangement of the element-contains few or no distracting or unnecessary elements, all arrange to tell a story and lead the eye into the picture (35%); Technical Quality-The photograph is clear and sharp, shows detail in areas where appropriate (20%); Workmanship-Pictures are mounted neatly and securely in areas where appropriate (10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for One (1) Crust Pies/Pastries

Crust Appearance (color 10%; shape 10%); Crust (texture-flaky-tender 15%; flavor-agreeable, no pronounced taste 15%); Filling (flavor-natural/well blended 15%; consistency-fruit moist but not syrupy, well cooked, filling should hold shape 15%; meringue-light, tender, evenly browned, no shrinking from side, no weeping, at least ½ inch 10%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Two (2) Crust Pies/Pasties

Crust Appearance (color 10%; shape 10%); Crust (texture-flaky, tender 25%; flavor-agreeable, no pronounced taste 15%); Filling (flavor-natural/well blended 20%; consistency-fruit moist but not syrupy, well cooked, filling should hold shape 20%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Cakes

Appearance (surface-crust or frosting; crust-color, texture, depth; frosting-glossy not granular, soft; not sticky, suitable flavor 30%); Texture (butter cake-tender, fine, even grain, moist but elastic 35%); Flavor (delicate and pleasing, natural flavor of ingredient 35%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Cookies and Bars

Appearance (outside-uniform, not too thick, size not over 3 inches (except monster cookies), surface color and texture 30%); Texture (characteristic of type 35%); Flavor (natural flavor of ingredients, no off flavor 35%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Breads

General Appearance (shape, proper dome smoothness, crust, color 10%); Lightness (10%); Crust (thickness, quality, crispness, tenderness 10%); Crumb (color and texture 15%); Texture (no streaks or close grain, size, and uniformity 25%); Flavor (30%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Candy

Appearance (color, size, and shape of pieces 15%); Texture (crystalline-velvety, smooth; non-crystalline-smooth 30%); Consistency (crystalline-firm, not hard or soft; non-crystalline-smooth 25%); Flavor (natural flavor of ingredients, no off flavor 30%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Jellies, Jams, Preserves and Marmalades

Appearance (color-characteristic of fruit 15%; cleanness-jellies translucent 10%); container-glass, practical, clean sealed lids (no paraffin seal), neatly labeled 5%); Texture (jelly-tender, should not quiver, cut easily & retain shape; preserves-pieces firm & whole, clear thick syrup, marmalades-small thin pieces, clear thick syrup, butters-fruit has been pressed through a sieve; jams-crushed fruit, no separation of fruit & juice 35%); Flavor (characteristic, without excessive sweetness or overcooked flavor 35%); Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Pickles/Relishes

Container (tightly sealed, clear jars designed for canning, label, name of product, date of pack, method used 40%); Appearance (color-uniform, attractive, no darkening on the top or discoloration of ingredient; size-whole or pieces of uniform size; liquid-clear with no scum on top; pickled fruits-tender, plump, unbroken skins or flesh; firm, no shriveled or overcooked; vegetable pickles or relishes-uniformly firm & crisp, not shriveled from excess salt, acid or sugar 65%); Safety and Suitability (choice of fruit and/or vegetable that is safe for home pickling 25%); Total 100%