

Featured Contests

ENTER ONLINE: <https://cmsf.fairwire.com/> BY: TUESDAY, JUNE 4

ENTRY FEE \$7.00

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AND 4-H/FFA RESIDENTS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY ONLY

Best Scarecrow

Embrace our 2024 theme of "Wide Open Spaces!" This year's theme embraces western and outer space elements (space cowgirl-cowboy). Scarecrows should be stick, or pipe framed and must be self-supported. There will be no size limitations and all entries should be fun in nature. *See Farm Art Department dates for drop off and pickup.

Sponsored by XXXX

1st place = \$500

2nd place = \$250

3rd place = \$100

DIVISION 549 – DECORATED SCARECROW

Class

1. Scarecrow - Featured Contest

Best Fair Poster

Imagine the possibilities... pick your favorite artist or artist(s) and create a concert poster for the Fair. Be sure to use our 2024 theme "Wide Open Spaces" which embraces western and outer space elements (space cowgirl-cowboy). The sky's the limit!

*See Fine Arts Department for drop off and pickup.

Sponsored by XXXX

1st place = \$500

2nd place = \$250

3rd place = \$100

DIVISION 589 – FAIR POSTER

Class

1. Fair Poster - Featured Contest

Best Table Setting

Embrace our 2024 theme of "Wide Open Spaces!" This year's theme embraces western and outer space elements (space cowgirl-cowboy). Design and enter your best Table Setting.

*See Home Arts Department for rules and dates for drop off and pickup.

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1st place = \$500

2nd place = \$250

3rd place = \$100

DIVISION 707 – TABLE SETTING

Class

1. Table Setting - Featured Contest

Apple Pie Baking

Who bakes the BEST Apple Pie on the Central Coast? If it's you, The overall: 1st place cash award of \$500... 2nd place cash award of \$250... and a 3rd place cash award of \$100! Thanks to the City of Atascadero/Visit Atascadero.

Enter online by June 4th then deliver your freshly baked pie to the Main Administration Office on Saturday, July 20, 2024, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm! No entries will be returned or picked up. Please use disposable containers. Limited to the first 40 pies in each class.

DIVISION 750 – APPLE PIE BAKING

Class

1. Traditional - Featured Contest
2. Crumb Topping – Featured Contest

Salsa Making

Think you make a great salsa? Why not enter your creation in our Best Homemade Salsa contest as the overall 1st place cash award of \$500... 2nd place cash award of \$250... and a 3rd place cash award of \$100!

Enter online by June 4th then deliver 1 plastic container (NO glass please) of your freshly made salsa to the Main Administration Office on Thursday, July 25, 2024, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm! No entries will be returned or picked up. Please use disposable containers. Limited to the first 40 salsas in each class.

DIVISION 751 – SALSA MAKING

Class

1. Hot - Featured Contest
2. Mild - Featured Contest
3. Sweet/Fruity – Featured Contest

Special Stars only spaceship

NO ENTRY FEE

Embrace our 2024 theme of "Wide Open Spaces!" This year's theme embraces western and outer space elements (space cowgirl-cowboy). Design your most creative, Fair Theme Spaceship! Get your cardboard and colors out!

*See Arts & Crafts/Home Arts dates for drop off and pickup.

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1st place = \$500

2nd place = \$250

3rd place = \$100

DIVISION 598 – JUNIOR SPACESHIP

DIVISION 599 – SENIOR SPACESHIP

Class

1. Spaceship - Featured Contest

Home Arts

ENTER ONLINE: <https://cmsfy.fairwire.com/> BY: TUESDAY, JUNE 4

NO ENTRY FEE

EACH EXHIBITOR IS LIMITED TO TWO (2) ENTRIES PER CLASS (UNLESS SPECIFIED)

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

PHYSICAL ENTRIES RECEIVED: FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2:00 pm TO 6:00 pm
AND SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 9:00 am TO 2:00 pm

BAKED GOODS & CONFECTIONS AND PRESERVED FOODS

PHYSICAL ENTRIES RECEIVED: MONDAY, JULY 15, 10:00 am TO 5:00 pm

PHYSICAL ENTRIES RELEASED: TUESDAY, JULY 30, 9:00 am TO 6:00 pm

Exhibitor Credential – See Credential page of this handbook, page 6.

Awards

(Awards allocated at Judge's Discretion)

***Best of Show - Youth and 4-H: Clothing & Textiles, Baked Goods & Confections and Preserved Foods
Judges Awards • Coordinators Award • Special Awards for Theme Divisions**

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All entries must be entered on-line by Tuesday, June 4.
2. Exhibitors must be residents of San Luis Obispo County.
3. Entries must be the actual handiwork of the exhibitor or canned and packaged by the exhibitor. Entries must be home prepared within one (1) year of the opening date of the Fair. Items may not have been exhibited at any other Fair.
4. All exhibitors must be amateurs, except for Decorated Cakes Professional Classes. An Amateur is a person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession.
5. All perishable food entries become the property of the Fair upon submission for judging. Only prize-winning baked goods will be displayed. Submit all baked goods on disposable plates. All Preserved Foods being considered for premiums will be opened. The Fair Management will dispose of those items following the Fair in the interest of public health and safety. Note, there is no refrigeration, therefore entries requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.
6. Pictures and articles to be hung must be wired, ready to hang from hooks. Please, no sawtooth hangers, masking tape, string, pop-top rings, etc. Improperly wired entries will not be accepted. Articles to be electrically lighted must be accompanied by a new extension cord, 3-prong, 10-gauge wire, 15' cord. Exhibitors entering "free-hanging" articles must provide their own hanging equipment and/or contact the Program Coordinator prior to delivery date.
7. Articles which are objectionable, stained, soiled, damaged or broken will not be accepted for judging.
8. Christmas/Holiday items must be entered in Arts and Crafts Department, Holiday Decorations Division, unless otherwise specified.
9. The Fair Management reserves the right to limit entries to facilities available and disqualify any work deemed inappropriate.
10. Reasonable precaution will be taken in protection of exhibits. The 16th District Agricultural Association (California Mid-State Fair) will not be responsible for loss or damage, whatsoever the cause. The exhibitor must arrange for insurance if it is desired. Furthermore, the California Mid-State Fair will not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the show and the exhibitors shall hold Fair Management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.
11. Fair Management, Show Coordinators or Judges reserve the right to combine classes in divisions with less than five (5) entries and three (3) exhibitors, as well as, create classes from an Any Other Variety Class when a specific varieties' entries are in excess of three (3). These changes will be noted, and adjustments will be made for the following year. These procedures are intended to maintain industry standards and accommodate changing trends and varieties.
12. No Recipe Cards
13. All entries will remain on display for the duration of the Fair. All exhibits not claimed by 6:00 pm, Tuesday, July 30, will become the property of the California Mid-State Fair.
14. Small size entries (less than the size of an apple) are vulnerable to theft or damage.

THEME DIVISION
Wide Open Spaces

PHYSICAL CLOTHING AND TEXTILE ENTRIES RECEIVED:
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2:00 pm TO 6:00 pm AND
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 9:00 am TO 2:00 pm

BAKED GOODS AND PRESERVED FOOD ENTRIES RECEIVED:
MONDAY, JULY 15, 10:00 am TO 5:00 pm
DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Special Themed Awards
No Premium or Sweepstakes
Each exhibitor is limited to One (1) Entry Per Class.
No Double Entry

DIVISION 717–YOUTH THEME ITEMS BAKED GOODS
DIVISION 820–4-H THEME ITEMS BAKED GOODS

Class

1. Celestial Cookies – Solar System inspired
2. Cupcakes – Paso Pete Goes to Space

DIVISION 718–YOUTH THEME ITEMS PRESERVED FOODS
DIVISION 821–4-H THEME ITEMS PRESERVED FOODS

Class

1. Alien Green Jelly
2. Lone Ranger BBQ Sauce

DIVISION 708–YOUTH THEME ITEMS CLOTHING
DIVISION 807–4-H THEME ITEMS CLOTHING

Class

1. Home on the Range Potholders
2. Cowboy/Cowgirl Vest
3. Space Odyssey Apron



YOUTH DIVISIONS 709 – 749

4- H DIVISIONS 808 - 861

Each exhibitor is limited to Two (2) Entries Per Class Unless Listed
Danish System of Judging

Ribbons 1st - 3rd		
Premiums Offered per Class		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$4	\$3

The date of birth of exhibitor, and ingoing grade level must appear on the registration.

Entries must be the actual handiwork of the exhibitor or canned and packaged by the exhibitor. Entries must be home prepared within one (1) year of the opening date of the Fair. Items may not have been exhibited at any other Fair. All perishable foods become the property of the Fair upon submission for judging. Only prize-winning baked goods will be displayed. Submit all baked goods on disposable plates. All Preserved Foods being considered for premiums will be opened. No Premiums for 4-H Primary Members.

TEXTILES

PHYSICAL ENTRIES RECEIVED:

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2:00 pm TO 6:00 pm and

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 9:00 am TO 2:00 pm

Entries in classes for knitted articles must be hand knitted. All entries must be clean and pressed. Please do not submit stained or torn items. Clothing items must be submitted on hangers. Hangers will not be returned. All hanging articles must be ready to hang. Pictures must be framed, stretched or mounted and prepared for hanging. Pillows must be finished and have a pillow inside.

4-H - Special arrangements may be made with the Home Economics Department if entry is to be worn in the Ladies Lead Contest.

DIVISION 709 - K-3RD GRADE

DIVISION 710 - 4TH-8TH GRADE

DIVISION 711 - 9TH-12TH GRADE

DIVISION 808 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8

DIVISION 809 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10

DIVISION 810 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13

DIVISION 811 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19

Class

1. Crochet, Any Item
2. Knitted, Any Item
3. Weaving, Any Item
4. Needlework, Any Item
5. Spinning, Any Item
6. Any Other Item, Please Specify

SEWING

DIVISION 712 - K-3RD GRADE

DIVISION 713 - 4TH-8TH GRADE

DIVISION 714 - 9TH-12TH GRADE

DIVISION 812 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8

DIVISION 813 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10

DIVISION 814 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13

DIVISION 815 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19

Class

1. Personal Item
2. Household Item
3. Apron or Vest
4. Two-Piece Set
5. Any Other Item

Division 752 - JUNIOR FASHION SHOW

MONDAY, JULY 22

5:00 PM - CLOTHING PICK-UP, FRONTIER PAVILION

5:45 PM - HEADLINER STAGE

***To enter Choose Home Arts – Youth Department**

The Objective of this contest is to allow young people to display their sewing talent to the general public in a judged fashion revue. Open to all youth in San Luis Obispo County regardless of organization affiliation. Outfit or Accessories MUST be entered in Youth or 4-H Home Arts. At least 70% of the outfit must be handmade by the exhibitor. All Youth/4-H Home Arts rules apply. Entrants will receive a commentary form July 8th from the Fair with a due date of July 15th. Additional information to follow.

*The top winner from each age division will receive a sewing machine – Sponsored by The Lucas Family



Class

1. 15 - 18 Years of Age
2. 11 – 14 Years of Age
3. 7 – 10 Years of Age

QUILTING

DIVISION 715 - Quilting (ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE SCHOOL)

DIVISION 716 - Quilting (HIGH SCHOOL)

DIVISION 816 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8

DIVISION 817 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10

DIVISION 818 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13

DIVISION 819 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19

Class

1. Any Hand Quilt
2. Any Machine Quilt
3. Quilt, Tied
4. Wall Hanging Quilt – No Larger than 3' x 5'
5. Quilt Square
6. Any Other, Please Specify

BAKED GOODS & CONFECTIONS

ENTRIES RECEIVED:

MONDAY, JULY 15, 10:00 am TO 5:00 pm

No Recipe Cards

(1/2 Dozen for Biscuits, Confections, Cookies, Cupcakes, Muffins, Pastries and Rolls - Bread ½ of Standard Loaf - Pies = Whole 4" to 6" – Cakes = 1/2). No Crème or Meringue.

See general rules in Open Home Arts.

BREAD/QUICK BREADS

(1/2 of Standard Loaf)

DIVISION 719 - K-3RD GRADE

DIVISION 720 - 4TH-8TH GRADE

DIVISION 721 - 9TH-12TH GRADE

DIVISION 822 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8

DIVISION 823 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10

DIVISION 824 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13

DIVISION 825 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19

Class

1. Cinnamon
2. Wheat, White or Potato
3. French, Sweet or Sour
4. Pretzels, Soft
5. Monkey
6. Specialty
7. Corn
8. Sourdough
9. Any Other Variety, Please Specify

BISCUITS, MUFFINS & ROLLS

(1/2 Dozen)

- DIVISION 722 - K-3RD GRADE**
- DIVISION 723 - 4TH-8TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 724 - 9TH-12TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 826 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8**
- DIVISION 827 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10**
- DIVISION 828 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13**
- DIVISION 829 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19**

Class

1. Baking Powder Biscuits
2. Muffins
3. Rolls
4. Rolls, Cinnamon
5. Any Other Item, Please Specify

LAYER CAKE

Single, Two or More Layers, Frosted (1/2)

- DIVISION 725 - K-3RD GRADE**
- DIVISION 726 - 4TH-8TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 727 - 9TH-12TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 830 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8**
- DIVISION 831 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10**
- DIVISION 832 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13**
- DIVISION 833 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19**

Class

1. Chocolate
2. Spice
3. White
4. Carrot
5. Yellow
6. Any Other Item, Please Specify

LOAF & CUPCAKES

(1/2 of Standard Loaf, Slice or 6 Cupcakes)

- DIVISION 728 - K-3RD GRADE**
- DIVISION 729 - 4TH-8TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 730 - 9TH-12TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 834 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8**
- DIVISION 835 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10**
- DIVISION 836 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13**
- DIVISION 837 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19**

Class

1. Angel Food
2. Decorated Cupcakes
3. Loaf Cake, Decorated
4. Loaf Cake, Not Decorated
5. Any Other Item, Please Specify

COOKIES & BARS

(1/2 Dozen)

- DIVISION 731 - K-3RD GRADE**
- DIVISION 732 - 4TH-8TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 733 - 9TH-12TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 838 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8**
- DIVISION 839 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10**
- DIVISION 840 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13**
- DIVISION 841 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19**

Class

1. Brownies
2. Chocolate Chip
3. Oatmeal
4. Sugar
5. Peanut Butter
6. Snickerdoodles
7. Drop or Rolled
8. Any Other Variety

CONFECTIONS

(1/2 Pound)

- DIVISION 734 - K-3RD GRADE**
- DIVISION 735 - 4TH-8TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 736 - 9TH-12TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 842 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8**
- DIVISION 843 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10**
- DIVISION 844 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13**
- DIVISION 845 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19**

Class

1. Fudge
2. Nut Brittle
3. Any Other Item, Please Specify

PIES & PASTRIES

No Crème, Méringue Pies or Cheesecake
(One Pie or Three Pastries)

To Enter Apple Pie, See Featured Contests

- DIVISION 737 - K-3RD GRADE**
- DIVISION 738 - 4TH-8TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 739 - 9TH-12TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 846 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8**
- DIVISION 847 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10**
- DIVISION 848 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13**
- DIVISION 849 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19**

Class

1. Any, Crust Pie – NOT Apple
2. Any, Pastry
3. Cobbler

DECORATED CAKES

To be judged on decorations only. Art forms may be used.
The use of Cake Dummies (Styrofoam forms) instead of baked cakes are required.

- DIVISION 740 - K-3RD GRADE**
- DIVISION 741 - 4TH-8TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 742 - 9TH-12TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 850 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8**
- DIVISION 851 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10**
- DIVISION 852 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13**
- DIVISION 853 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19**

Class

1. "Out of This World" Creation
2. "Yee-Haw" Creation

DIVISION 743 – PARENT/GRANDPARENT & ME

Danish System ~ No Premiums

A division created for our younger fairgoers. Participants are to be 4 years and younger. Working together and creating fun is the goal of this project.

Class

1. Cookies
2. Cupcakes
3. Cake Decorated
4. Brownies

PRESERVED FOODS

Each exhibitor is limited to one (1) entry per class

Registration must list type of food product (fruit, vegetable, preserves, etc.) and the method or process used (canning or drying.) Low acid foods must be canned under pressure. Dried products should be in sealed jars. No paraffin seals. All canning entries must be in sealed jars. A jar ring must accompany each jar. Jar rings must be clean and free of rust. Dried Foods must be in a canning jar.

- DIVISION 744 - K-3RD GRADE**
- DIVISION 745 - 4TH-8TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 746 - 9TH-12TH GRADE**
- DIVISION 854 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8**
- DIVISION 855 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10**
- DIVISION 856 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13**
- DIVISION 857 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19**

Class

1. Dried Fruits
2. Dried Vegetables
3. Jam, Strawberry
4. Jam, Any Other Variety
5. Jelly, Any Variety
6. Syrup, Any Variety
7. Honey
8. Jerky
9. Pickles
10. Any Other Variety

TABLE SETTING

SEE FEATURED CONTESTS, PAGE 23

PHYSICAL ENTRIES RECEIVED:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 11:00 am TO 1:00 pm

Each exhibitor is limited to one (1) entry per class.

Tables 3' X 4' will be furnished. Tables are to be set for 1 person.

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| 1 | - NAPKIN |
| 2 | - WATER GLASS |
| 3 | - WINE GLASS |
| 4 | - BREAD PLATE |
| 5 | - BREAD KNIFE |
| 6 | - SOUP BOWL |
| 7 | - SOUP SPOON |
| 8 | - DINNER PLATE |
| 9 | - SALAD PLATE |
| 10 | - SALAD FORK |
| 11 | - DINNER FORK |
| 12 | - DINNER KNIFE |
| 13 | - DESSERT SPOON |
| 14 | - COFFEE CUP |
| 15 | - SAUCER |

