

General Rules

Panola County 4-H Project Fair 2024

The Rules and Guidelines in this document are set by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Panola County and the planning committee members. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Project Fair Planning Committee reserve the right to change or alter any provision herein without prior notice. We also reserve the final right to interpret these rules and regulations with regards to settling any questions, disputes or differences of opinion. Minor changes to these rules made be made up until the time of the event.

4-H is an extracurricular activity that is a privilege, not a right; participation is contingent upon eligibility for membership, compliance with program rules, and adherence to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service/Texas 4-H Youth Development directives.

Any exhibitor who violates any of these show rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums; with potential for further discipline as determined by the Project Fair Planning committee. All inquiries should be directed to Clarissa Moon with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Panola County.

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

Structure:

- There will be seven divisions of show for youth in grades 3-12 as follows:
 - Foods
 - Fabric & Fiber Arts
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Legos
 - Photography
 - Floral Design
 - Educational Displays
- There will be a special division for 4-H Clover Kids in grades K-2.
- Exhibitors may enter any number of divisions, with a **maximum of one entry per class**, unless otherwise noted. Clover Kids may enter 5 exhibits total.
- Entries will be submitted via an online form on panola.agrilife.org. Entry deadline is February 1, 2024.
- Entry fee for Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors is \$10 and \$5 for Clover Kids. This is a flat fee and will NOT change based on how many exhibits they bring or divisions they enter in. Payment is due to the extension office (316 W. Sabine St.,

Carthage, TX 75633) by 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2024. Make checks payable to "FCS Committee" and write exhibitor's name on memo line.

- Late entries will be accepted until Monday, February 12 at 4:30 p.m. Late entries will be charged a \$25 late fee, per exhibitor, in addition to the regular entry fee.
- Upon checking in exhibits: All exhibits must have an official, numbered exhibit tag *attached to the exhibit*. Please write a *description* of each exhibit on the exhibit tags (i.e. beach sunset painting or green/white afghan).
 - Instructions for completing the exhibit tags may be found online at <https://panola.agrilife.org/4-h-project-fair/>

Judging:

- The Danish Award System of Judging will be used, with each exhibit receiving a ribbon according to the judge's discretion. Exhibits will receive a ribbon placing based on their performance against a set of *standards*. Exhibits will *not* be judged in comparison to one another until champions are selected. Ribbon placings include:
 - Blue- excellent quality with very few flaws
 - Red- average, some flaws
 - White- does not meet minimum standards
- Class Champions and Reserve Champions will be selected for each age division and each CLASS (junior, intermediate and senior paintings). A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion rosette awards will then be awarded to the junior, intermediate and senior winners in each project DIVISION (junior, intermediate and senior Arts & Crafts).
- Judges' decisions are FINAL. Quality work is encouraged. No gifts may be given to the judges.
- Clover Kid exhibits will NOT be judged competitively; they are for show purposes only. Each exhibit will receive a special Clover Kid ribbon.

Eligibility:

- Exhibitors must be one of the following:
 - current Panola County 4-H member or Clover Kid
 - current member of FFA at Gary, Carthage or Beckville High School
 - enrolled in a Panola County school in one of the following classes/content areas: art, culinary, life skills, photography, media/journalism
- Current 4-H members or Clover Kids must be in good standing with club and county 4-H programs. Club managers will sign a form expressing their consent for each 4-Her's entry into the contest.
- FFA members must also be in good standing with local FFA chapter; advisor will be required to sign off on eligibility.

- All other students must be in good academic standing and teacher of relevant class (as listed above) will be required to sign off on entries.
- Any enrolled 4-H member in grades 3-12 is eligible to enter. Age is determined by school grade as of August 31, 2023. Entries shall be made in accordance with the 4-H project enrolled and properly submitted to the Extension Office by designated deadlines each year.
- Clover Kids in grades K-2 may exhibit in the Clover Kid Division. Must be enrolled in 4-H as a Clover Kid.
- All 4-H members must be an active member in good standing of an organized Panola County 4-H Club and attend a minimum of 3 meetings prior to the fair to be eligible to participate. Must be a current resident of Panola County or attend a Panola County public, private or homeschool. 4-H Club Managers will be responsible for notifying the Fair Manager (after their January meeting) of any exhibitor not meeting the club's requirements to participate in the 2024 show.
- Grade divisions will be determined by exhibitor's school grade as of August 31, 2023 (current school year) in the following divisions:
 - Junior: Grades 3-5
 - Intermediate: Grades 6-8
 - Senior: Grades 9-12
- No-Pass, No-Play. The planning committee has adopted a policy to reflect the no-pass, no-play rules of the University Interscholastic League. This rule will be enforced by the NAME for exhibitors in Kindergarten-12th grade. UIL Rule: Extracurricular Activities 38.081-33.083
- ISD's shall have the final say of ineligibility for academic or other disciplinary reasons. The committee will support the ISD's decision.

Exhibits:

- All exhibits must be a product of the past year's work in 4-H or school. Only exhibits prepared/produced March 1, 2023-February 26, 2024 will be eligible.
- All exhibits must be the property and handiwork of the exhibitor. The rules shall be rigidly enforced to maintain the integrity of the program.
- One item may not be entered in multiple divisions.
- Disqualification infractions:
 - Entry is not clean, finished or ready for use. Glue/paint must be completely dry.
 - Any item not meeting class requirements.
 - Any entry that is inappropriate for public display or a violation of 4-H/School/FFA codes of conduct.
 - Committee reserves the right to disqualify any questionable entry.

- Entries and payments are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on February 1. Late entries will be accepted, with an additional \$25/exhibitor fee, until February 12. No online payments will be accepted. Cash or checks (payable to FCS Committee) are acceptable.
- Refunds will not be given should an exhibitor "scratch" and not bring any exhibits.
- All exhibits must have an official numbered exhibit tag *attached to the exhibit*. Please write a *description* of each exhibit on the exhibit tags (i.e. beach sunset painting or green/white afghan).

Schedule:

- Entries due February 1. Late entries (with additional \$25 fee) due February 12.
- Entered on time and in correct location (see below) with exhibit tags attached to each exhibit).
- Check in exhibits at Civic Center Conference Rooms on Monday (February 26) from 3:30-6:30 pm.
- Judging of all entries will take place Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. This is a CLOSED judging. Only judges, committee members and volunteers may be in the building during this time.
- Awards will be announced at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27 (location TBD). Building will be open for viewing following the awards presentation and close at 7:00 p.m.
- Public viewing of exhibits will be in the Civic Center Conference Rooms at the following times:
 - Tuesday, 2/27: after awards presentation until 7:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, 2/28: 12-4 p.m.
 - Thursday, 2/29: 12-4 p.m.
- Friday morning, March 1, Exhibits will be moved to the Civic Center Gym for display during the buyers' luncheon.
- Exhibits may be picked up from 2-4 on Friday, March 1 at the Civic Center Gym. Remaining food exhibits will be discarded on site at 4:00 p.m. and containers will not be spared. Other remaining exhibits will be available to pick up at the extension office the following week, during business hours, with the following fees added: 1-5 items =\$5, 6-10 items=\$10, 11+ items=\$20.