

# Erath County 4-H Youth Fair

## 2019 Rules & Guidelines

Red Text = New or Changed Rules

### SCHEDULE

**Friday, November 30, 2018** – ENTRIES and FEES DUE by 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, November 30, 2018** – DEADLINE to submit digital photos (for all Photography entries)

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018** – Online JUDGING of photography entries

**Friday, December 14, 2018** – LATE ENTRIES DUE (except photography)

**Tuesday, January 8, 2018**

- 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Check-in for Arts & Crafts and Shop Art Categories
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Judging
- 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Ribbons placed on 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place items
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – All items must be picked up. *Qualifying items (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place) must be returned to the Fair on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.*

**Friday, January 11, 2018**

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Check-in of qualifying items of Arts & Crafts, Shop Art, and Photography (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place items)
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Check-in for Foods Category prior to judging
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Judging of Foods Category with Top 6 advancing to Silent Auction
- 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Silent Auction
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Area Closed
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Buyers must pay for and pick up items won in auction
- 6:00 p.m. – Any auction item NOT picked up will be taken to the Extension Office and must be picked up Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

### AGE GROUPS

Clover Kids: K – 2<sup>nd</sup> (Non-competitive basis – participation ribbon only)

Junior: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Intermediate: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Senior: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

# GENERAL RULES

- Entry fees are **\$6.00** per item
- Entry forms and fees are due in the Extension Office on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m.
  - All photography entries must be submitted **digitally** by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - **Late entries (except photography) will be accepted until Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> with a late fee of \$30.00 per entry**
- Entry fees must be paid at the County Extension Office via cash or check (payable to Erath 4-H)
- Only one entry per subcategory per exhibitor allowed
- All entries must be the original work of the exhibitor
- All entries must have been made within the past year by the 4-H member
- Entries cannot have been entered in a previous Erath 4-H Youth Fair, regardless of placing
- Entries must adhere to size requirements specified in each category
- During judging, names will not be displayed
  - Each entry will be given a number
  - Names will be displayed after judging
- ITEM INFO CARD must accompany ALL items at check-in
  - Cards must be completed prior to check-in
- This is a 4-H Youth Fair, open to currently enrolled Erath County 4-H members only
  - There will be a standard academic eligibility check as in any 4-H competitive event
- All Youth Fair exhibitors are required to do at least one of the following:
  - Help set up on December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.
  - Help clean up on January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.
  - Sell raffle tickets on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> (all day)
  - *Sign-in sheets will be checked to confirm participation in at least one of the activities listed above before prize money is distributed*
- It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to read the 2019 Rules & Guidelines

# PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category
- Ribbons will be awarded to the top 6 places
- Best of Show will be awarded in each Division (Arts & Crafts, Foods, Shop Art, and Photography). Best of Show winners will receive a rosette based on overall best appearance and most unique presentation
- Monetary prize amounts will be dependent on number of entries and sponsors

- Youth prize money will NOT be available the day of the event. Money can be picked up at the Extension Office between January 18<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any prize money left at the office **after** February 22<sup>nd</sup> reverts back to the 4-H Youth Fair account.

## SILENT AUCTION

- ONLY 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place items qualify to participate in the Silent Auction
- Lower placing items (beginning with 7<sup>th</sup> place) may get bumped up to qualify for Silent Auction if any 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place exhibitors choose not to participate in the Silent Auction
- Silent Auction will be held on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Buyers must pay for and pick up items between 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Friday
- Proceeds from Silent Auction will go to the youth who entered the item
- Youth **must** write a thank you note to their buyer and bring it, a copy, or email a picture to the Extension Office prior to receiving their proceeds from the auction
- Any silent auction money left at the office after February 22<sup>nd</sup> reverts back to the 4-H Youth Fair account

## SUPERINTENDENTS

The following volunteered to serve as Youth Fair Superintendents:

- General Superintendent – DeAnna Powell
  - Responsible for overseeing placement of items, security, check-in, silent auction check-out, etc.
- Category Superintendents –
  - Arts & Crafts – Shannon Buchanan
  - Foods – Paula McKeehan
  - Photography – Elizabeth Starnes
  - Shop Art - Amber Parks
  - Category Superintendents are responsible for:
    - Overseeing check-in, placement and display of items in their category
    - Reviewing items at check-in to confirm proper category, age group, placement, adherence to rules & guidelines, size limitations, etc.
    - Overseeing placement of ribbons in their category
    - Coordinating silent auction pick-ups
    - Working with General Superintendent to secure judges for their category

## **ARTS & CRAFTS**

- All Arts & Crafts will be judged on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Items must be checked-in between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>
- All items must be picked up between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday following judging
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- 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place items must be checked in on Friday between 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. for Public Viewing and (optional) Silent Auction
- All Silent Auction items that did not sell must be picked up on Friday between 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Items created from a “kit” are allowed, but **HIGHLY DISCOURAGED** and will be judged accordingly

## **CATEGORIES**

- **Drawings** – all hand created with drawing tool (pencil, charcoal, etc.). Work created with pencil or charcoal will need to be sprayed with fixative to avoid smearing. All artwork needs to be matted or on stretched canvas. Size limitations: no work larger than 18 inches x 24 inches including the mat.
- **Paintings** – all hand created with paint brush and medium (acrylic, watercolor, etc.). All artwork needs to be matted or on stretched canvas. Size limitations: no work larger than 18 inches x 24 inches including the mat.
- **Fashion Storyboard** – storyboards contain an original design illustration, design flats, and additional materials such as design inspirations, fabric swatches, trims, and other design details. Storyboards should be no larger than 20 inches x 30 inches and should be displayed on foam or mat board. Do not use poster board. Please follow the [Texas 4-H Storyboard Guidelines](#).
- **Textiles** – includes any item made from cloth, fiber, leather, etc. Please state on your entry card if you created your item from a pattern or if this was a freeform creation.
- **Open** – for any arts & crafts item that are created but do not fit in the above subcategories. This could include, but is not limited to, **repurposed/recycled** projects, floral arrangements, 3-D art, candles, paper crafts, or items made from household materials like Legos, popsicle sticks, straws, clay, mason jars, soap, etc.
  - **Open Small** – items must fit into a 24 in x 24 in x 24 in cube.
  - **Open Large** – items must fit into a 48 in x 48 in x 48 in cube.

## FOODS

- All Foods will be judged on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018
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- Top 6 placings from each age group will be placed in the Silent Auction unless otherwise instructed or unless item is perishable
- All food items must be made from scratch
  - No mixes allowed!
- All food items must include the recipe used to make the item
- All food entries must include a judge's sample on a separate plate covered with plastic wrap
- All food basket entries (including judge's sample) must fit in a 14 in x 18 in space
  - Those larger will be disqualified
- For food safety reasons, perishable food items will NOT be permitted in the Silent Auction and must be picked up by participant immediately following judging
  - See definition of perishable and other food safety FAQs at:  
<https://www.foodsafety.gov/>
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## CATEGORIES

- **Desserts** – brownies, drop cookies, bar cookies, cakes, pies, etc.
- **Candy** – brittle, praline, hard candy, fudge, sugar work, etc.
- **Decorated Desserts** – fondant cakes, gingerbread houses, royal icing, cupcakes, etc.
- **Food Basket** – creative container with up to **five** items, of which **three** must be homemade. All baskets must fit in a 14 in x 18 in space, those larger will be disqualified. This subcategory must also include samples of homemade items.
- **Breads** – quick or yeast, savory or sweet

## PHOTOGRAPHY

- All photography entries must be submitted digitally by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. They will be judged prior to Youth Fair.
- **To submit photography entries, email them (one photo per email) to [erath@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:erath@aq.tamu.edu)**
  - Be sure to include:
    - Name of Youth

- Age Group
- Photography Category
- **Included in the entry fee is the matting fee**
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place winners will be notified via email by Friday, December 14
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place winners must bring their photos (printed at 8” x 10” size) to the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place winners’ photos will be matted and on display for Public Viewing and (optional) Silent Auction on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>
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## **CATEGORIES**

- **Animals** – photos with animal emphasis
- **Details & Macro** – extremely close-up photos; small details that suggest a larger story
- **Nature & Landscapes** – landscapes, outdoor scenic, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors
- **People** – focus of photo is one or more persons (*Must include release from features person(s)*)
- **Catch-All** – photos that don’t fit into any other category, such as night photography, marine, food, elements of design, dominant color, plant/flora, etc.
- **Western Heritage of Texas** – represents and/or expresses the spirit and semblance of North American Western Culture

## **SHOP ART**

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- **Woodworking** – items made from wood (bookends, shelves, birdhouses, wood carving, etc.)
- **Plasma Metal Art** – items made from metal using a plasma cutter/welder.  
Two types of Plasma Metal Art will be judged:
  - **Computer Cut**
  - **Hand Cut**
- **Traditional Metal Art** – items made from metal using a mig or stick/arc welder
- **Open** – items made using other materials (pvc pipe, wire, rubber, etc.) or a combination of materials