

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT  
**2026 JUNIOR EXHIBITS  
COMPETITIVE GUIDELINES**

**ENTRY TIMELINE:**

**Online Entry Registration Deadline: Friday, August 21.** All registrations must be submitted online by midnight (Pacific Daylight Time).

**Entry Delivery..... Wednesday, September 9 & Thursday, September 10,  
10:00am – 6:00pm.**

**Judging (Closed).....Saturday, September 12.**

**Baked Goods Entry Delivery Adults & Youth..... Monday, September 14, 10:00am  
– 6:00pm.**

**Judging (Closed).....Tuesday, September 15.**

**Entry Released.....Monday, September 21 10:00am – 6:00pm.**

**Entry Fee:** Free for most.

**Entry Limit:** 2 entries per exhibitor or club, unless noted otherwise in the division.

**Judging:** All judging will be blind and held in a closed session. The decision of the judges is final.

**JUNIOR DEPARTMENT**

**Must register online by the Deadline Date.**

1. The Independent Junior Divisions are restricted to exhibitors under 19 years of age as January 1, of the current year who are not members of recognized junior farm organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Grange, etc. for the project(s) being entered. Older teens may prefer to enter Adult Departments but then cannot ever again enter the Junior Department.
2. **School projects must be entered in the school's divisions ONLY.**
3. Exhibitors will forfeit all awards earned if they enter and exhibit items in like classes in the independent junior department and 4-H or FFA classes. For example, an exhibitor may enter Independent Junior Baked Foods classes and 4-H Photography classes but may not enter both Independent Junior and 4-H Baked Foods classes.
4. Each entry in these Divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor not more than 1 year prior to opening day of the fair. Entries shall be made online. The age (as of January 1 of the current year) and grade (as of September of the current year) of the exhibitor must appear on the entry.
5. State and local rules and scorecards (available from the department supervisor) shall be used unless otherwise provided in these Divisions.
6. All entries must have been made, collected or prepared by the exhibitor in accordance with the requirements or recommendations of that project program. Entries that require packaging and labeling, such as food preservation and entomology, must be done in accordance with directions and recipes in project manuals and outlines. Carefully check the recommendations for kind and size of container, and method of labeling. Only standard containers, specifically designed for that purpose, will be accepted.
7. Fair management reserves the right to refuse the display of any work it deems unsuitable in any division.
8. **JUDGING:**
  - a) At every opportunity, the value of the blue ribbon should be stressed. The blue ribbon represents, or should represent, the perfection for which the junior exhibitors are striving in their projects. The educational and moral value of achieving this perfection should result in a future economic return, which will be far greater than the immediate return in the form of cash awards.

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- b) **DANISH JUDGING SYSTEM** will be used in all Divisions and Classes. A Best of show will be selected from all of the first place winner in each Class of the Division. A MAXIMUM of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid unless stated otherwise. It is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. The following guidelines shall be used by the judge(s).

	<b>Quality</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>
1st Place	Superior	90%-100%	Blue
2nd Place	Good	80%-89%	Red
3rd Place	Average	70%-79%	White

9. Independent juniors may enter 4-H or FFA Divisions if none are available in Open Junior Divisions.

### JUNIOR CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

1. Each exhibit is to be listed separately and identified by name (dress, crochet pillowcase, etc.) on entry form.
2. Cleanliness: Exhibits that are soiled will be disqualified and not displayed.
3. Pillows must be finished on the back and have a pillow inside.
4. Exhibitors are limited to entry in one division only. Use age as of January 1 of current year.

#### AWARDS

**Best of Show - (Divisions 400 - 402) Rosette & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

#### **DIVISION 400 - 8 YEARS & UNDER**

#### **DIVISION 401 - 9 TO 13 YEARS OLD**

#### **DIVISION 402 - 14 TO 18 YEARS OLD**

##### Class

- 1 Clothing, Any type, Specify.
- 2 Pillows, Any type, Specify.
- 3 Needlework, Any type, Specify.
- 4 Quilt, Done by an Individual
- 5 Quilt, Done by Group

### JUNIOR CRAFT AND HOBBY

1. Lego art must be securely glued together.
2. Drawings MUST be mounted on construction paper with a minimum of 2" border.
3. Rules governing Adult Crafts Divisions will apply to Junior Divisions.
4. Enter the division that corresponds with the grade of the exhibitor at the time the entry was produced.

#### AWARDS

**Best of Show - (Division 403) Rosette & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

#### **DIVISION 403 – JUNIOR CRAFT AND HOBBY (ALL AGES)**

##### Class

- 1 Drawings or Paintings- **Fair Theme** (*Built on Freedom, Raised on Tradition. 250 Years of America – 175 Year of California Heritage*)
- 2 Drawing or Paintings, Any Type, Specify

- 3 Wall Hangings
- 4 California Missions (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)
- 5 Make your own musical Instrument-Be Creative!
- 6 Ceramics
- 7 Collections, Specify
- 8 Dolls
- 9 Diorama
- 10 Models (Airplanes, Cars, etc.)
- 11 Toll Painting
- 12 Wooden Article, Specify
- 13 Holiday Crafts
- 14 Painting by Numbers
- 15 Computer Art
- 16 Paper Art Work
- 17 Wall Hanging, any type, Specify
- 18 Lego/K'Nex (must be glued)
- 19 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

### JUNIOR TABLE SETTINGS

1. One entry per exhibitor. Tables awarded to first 10 entries received. Settings must remain displayed for duration of Fair.
2. Table setting does not need to include all the dishes used in a full meal - only use pieces needed to create an attractive, artistic arrangement. The menu must be original.
3. Centerpiece should be original and can be made of non-perishable material (non-perishables need to be replaced during fair) not commercial.
4. Settings will be allotted an 18" deep x 24" wide space.
5. Setting MUST be done by exhibitor. **ASSISTANCE WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

#### AWARDS

**Best of Show (Division 404) ROSETTE & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

#### DIVISION 404 - JUNIOR FUNCTIONAL TABLE SETTINGS

Class

- 1 6th Grade and Under
- 2 7th - 8th Grade
- 3 9th Grade and above

#### TABLE SETTING SCORE CARD

Correctness .....	15%
Over-All Appearance .....	25%
Appropriateness .....	15%
Originality .....	20%
Artistic Arrangement .....	20%
Menu .....	5%



## SCHOOL PROJECTS-FOR CLASSROOMS ONLY

**All Entries in Division 405-411 will receive a participation ribbon only.**

**A Best of Show Ribbon will be selected from each School grade Division.**

1. Only students enrolled in Tulare County School, in grades Preschool-12<sup>th</sup> grade, can participate in Divisions 405-411.
2. Teachers entering a school project through their school can only enter their projects in Divisions 405-411.
3. **When entering Division 405-411**, a teacher must use school name as exhibitor first name and class name as exhibitor last name (*i.e.*: **First Name – Tulare Elementary School. Last Name – Ms. Smith's 4<sup>th</sup> grade**).
4. Entries can be from the previous school year. Enter the division that corresponds with the grade of the exhibitor at the time the entry was produced.
5. Enter the class project description (*ie*: **California Missions**).
6. Enter how many individual projects will be brought in the validation number field (*ie*: **24' if bringing 24 individual student Missions**).
7. If you would like the student name displayed on the project, be sure individual projects are labeled with student's name when dropping off exhibits on Entry Delivery.
8. Drawings MUST be mounted on construction paper with a minimum of 2" border.
9. **Group projects are limited to 2 total, per teacher in divisions 405-411.**
10. **NO individual entries will be accepted under divisions 405 – 411.**

### CRAFT AND HOBBY

#### DIVISION 405 - PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

#### DIVISION 406 - FIRST & SECOND GRADE

#### DIVISION 407 - THIRD & FOURTH GRADE

#### DIVISION 408 - FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE

#### DIVISION 409 - SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE

#### DIVISION 410 - NINTH THRU TWELFTH GRADE

##### Class

- 1 Drawings, Paintings
- 2 3-Dimensional Wall Hangings (Macaroni Art, Bean Maps, etc.)
- 3 California Missions (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)
- 4 Make your own musical Instrument-Be Creative
- 5 Jewelry
- 6 Models (Airplanes, Cars, etc.)
- 7 Holiday Crafts
- 8 Scrapbook
- 9 **Fair Theme** (*Built on Freedom, Raised on Tradition. 250 Years of America – 175 Year of California Heritage*)
- 10 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

No larger than 8'x8'. Some classes or groups may need two or more 8'x8' sections but will only be one class project.

#### DIVISION 411 – CLASS PROJECTS

##### Class

- 1 **Fair Theme** – (*Built on Freedom, Raised on Tradition. 250 Years of America – 175 Year of California Heritage*)  
Any item constructed, painted, built, etc. as a class project, Specify
- 2 Classroom Project, any item constructed, painted, built, etc. as a class project, Specify

## JUNIOR FLORICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE-HORTICULTURE

1. All entries must have been made, collected, prepared or produced by the exhibitor in accordance with the requirements or recommendations of that project program.
2. **The quality desired in the agricultural and horticultural products exhibits is the quality that brings the best financial return in the commercial market, and such exhibits must be at least in maturity as that stage of ripeness required by of the California Agricultural code in order to be considered for premium awards. Exhibits stressing features that detract from the commercial value of any produce are undesirable and should be avoided. Any frozen fruit or vegetables will be disqualified. "Mature" means having reached that stage of ripeness which will ensure that completion of the ripening process to a degree which will ensure palatability after the removal of the product from the tree, plant or vine. "Overripe" means having an advanced state of maturity which causes the product to be undesirable for human consumption in a fresh state.**
3. Variety of products must be adequately and correctly labeled.
4. Each exhibit must be listed separately in the online entry form by species and variety, i.e., Snap Beans, Green Beans, Cherry Tomato, Beefsteak Tomato, Head Lettuce, Romaine Lettuce, etc.
5. Exhibits must be free from injurious insects and diseases and must be marketable.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show - (Divisions 412 - 413) Rosette & \$50.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

### DIVISION 412- JUNIOR FLORICULTURE

#### Class

- 1 Cut Flowers, at least 3 stems
- 2 Cactus or Succulents, Specify
- 3 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

### DIVISION 413 - JUNIOR AG-HORTICULTURE

#### Class

- 1 Forage Plants, All varieties, 4" bundle
- 2 Fruit, All varieties, 5 small or 3 large on a plate
- 3 Grains, All varieties, 1 qt. or 4" bundle
- 4 Nuts, All varieties, 1 pound
- 5 Vegetables, All Varieties, 5



## JUNIOR BAKED FOODS

1. **LIMIT:** Maximum of 2 entries per exhibitor. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry of a like kind per class. Example: 1 entry of Chocolate Chip Cookies and 1 entry of Peanut Butter Cookies are allowed, but 2 entries of Peanut Butter cookies are not.
2. Entry form must list type of food. **FOODS THAT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION MAY NOT BE ENTERED.**
3. All items entered in this division become the property of the Fair and may be disposed of.
4. ALL entries must be on DISPOSABLE plates or entry will not be accepted.
5. NOTE: Please stipulate on entry form if item has been frozen and/or if honey has been used instead of sugar.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show - (Division 414) Rosette & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**MINIMUM QUANTITIES**

- Biscuits, Cookies, Muffins & Rolls.....1/2 Dozen
- Bread..... 1/2 loaf plus 1 slice
- Candies (Pieces).....1/2 Dozen
- Cakes.....1/2 cake plus 1 slice

**DIVISION 414 - JUNIOR BAKED GOODS**

Class

- 1 Cakes (frosted or unfrosted)
- 2 Brownies, Bar Cookies
- 3 Confections
- 4 Rolls, Yeast Breads, Pastries
- 5 Pies
- 6 Cookies
- 7 Muffins
- 8 Quick Breads, Scones, Biscuits
- 9 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

<b>JUNIOR DECORATED CAKES</b>
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- 1. Judged for decoration only, false bottoms may be used.

**AWARDS**

**Best of Show - (Divisions 415 - 416) Rosette & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**DIVISION 415 – JUNIOR DECORATED CAKES (Buttercream Icing ONLY)**

**DIVISION 416 – JUNIOR DECORATED CAKES (Fondant ONLY)**

Class

- 1 Birthday
- 2 Holiday
- 3 **Fair Theme** (*Built on Freedom, Raised on Tradition. 250 Years of America – 175 Year of California Heritage*)
- 4 Any Other, Specify

<b>JUNIOR FOOD PRESERVATION</b>
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- 1. LIMIT: An exhibitor may not enter more than 6 entries total. Each entry must be a different product or the same product preserved by a different method.
- 2. Entry sheet must list the type of product (Fruit, Vegetable, Preserves, etc.) and the method of process used (Canning or Drying).
- 3. All entries must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor within one year of the opening day of the fair.
- 4. **Please include 1 jar CONTAINER:** Standard canning jars are to be used (Mason, Ball, or any other standard canning jar):
  - a. Fruits and vegetables - clear glass, wide or narrow jar.
  - b. Jellies - clear glass, standard or sculptured jelly glasses (sealed lids), at least 4 oz. size.
  - c. PARAFFIN SEALED JELLIES & JAMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
- 5. Each jar must be labeled stating name of exhibitor, date prepared, type of product and process used (i.e. Apricot Jam, Pectin Method; Apricot halves, Water Bath Processed; etc.) and have jar ring firmly twisted on.
- 6. **Non-acid** foods, all vegetables, meats, poultry, and fish must be canned under pressure. **Low acid** fruits, such as figs, should be made more acid by adding lemon juice, as directed in the University of California Agricultural

Extension Service leaflet, Home Canning of Fruits. Foods **high in acid**, i.e., tomatoes and fruits (not including their juices) must be processed in a boiling water bath.

7. Exhibits may not be taste-tested but will be opened for inspection. Appearance and Texture can be used as judging criteria.
8. Dried food products must be sealed in jars or zip-lock bags. Required quantity of dried food product is 6 pieces.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show - (Division 417) Rosette & \$25.00**  
**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

#### DIVISION 417 - JUNIOR PRESERVED FOODS

(Must be accurately labeled)

Class

- 1 Canned Fruit or Vegetables, Specify
- 2 Jams or Jellies, Any flavor, Specify
- 3 Dried Foods, Specify

#### DRIED FOODS SCORECARD

Attractiveness and Container .....	30%
Color .....	20%
Texture.....	20%
Aroma.....	30%



### JUNIOR PAINTING AND CREATIVE ARTS

1. All entries must have been produced by the exhibitor within one year prior to opening day of the Fair.
2. **No items from kits will be accepted.** Refer to Arts and Crafts Divisions for this type of exhibit.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to 2 entries in Divisions 418.
4. **PAINTINGS:** No WET paintings will be accepted. Paintings must be framed in wood and have wire and screw-eyes for hanging. Size is limited to a maximum of 48" in width including frame.
5. **TEXTILES:** Size is limited to a maximum of 54" in width and must have adequate means to hang.
6. **WATERCOLORS/GRAPHICS:** Framed glass is required. Metal frames are acceptable up to a full sheet size if properly framed with heavy backing. **All frames must have a wire hanger on the back for display.**
7. **DRAWINGS:** Must be mounted on construction paper with a 2" border or items will not be accepted.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show - (Divisions 418) Rosette & \$25.00**  
**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

#### DIVISION 418 – JUNIOR PAINTING AND CREATIVE ARTS (ALL AGES)

Class

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Painting &amp; Watercolors (No Crayons)</li> <li>2 Drawings (Any media except Crayons)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Textiles</li> <li>4 Architectural/Mechanical Drawings</li> <li>5 Scrapbooks</li> <li>6 Any Other Item, Specify</li> </ol> |
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## JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

1. EXHIBITORS IN THIS DIVISION ARE TO BE UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE AS OF THE OPENING DAY OF THE FAIR.
2. All entries must have been taken and prepared within one year of the opening day of the Fair.
3. Prints must have been taken by the exhibitor but may have been processed by photo finishers.
4. Unless otherwise stated size is optional, up to 16"x20".
5. If a photograph has been digitally enhanced or altered, it must be entered in digitally enhanced class. A photograph is considered digitally enhanced/altered if any changes were made to the print (red eye correction, adjusting brightness, contrast, or balance, adding images, etc.). If a photograph were taken with a digital camera but no changes were made, it would be entered in the regular photography classes.
6. All prints must be mounted on photography mounting board or foam core (no construction paper or other flimsy product) with a 2-inch border. **It is recommended that spray adhesive be used to attach photographs to the mounting board. Exhibitor's name and phone number must be listed on the upper left corner of the back of each mount.** To display an effective photo exhibit, the colors used for mounting boards have not been limited. No framed prints will be allowed.
7. **All Photo need to have the Male & Female Velcro on the four edges of the matting Board.**
8. Exhibitors may enter up to 2 entries per class but may only receive premiums for 2 entries per class.
9. The Tulare County Fair reserves the right to use any prints exhibited for publicity purposes.

## JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

### AWARDS

**Best of Show Photography (Division 419) ROSETTE & \$25.00**

**Champion Color Photograph - ROSETTE**

**Champion Black & White Photography - ROSETTE**

**Champion Digitally Enhanced Photograph - ROSETTE**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

### DIVISION 419 - JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

#### Class

- 1 Color Prints, Action
- 2 Color Prints, Animal
- 3 Color Prints, Nature Study/Landscape
- 4 Color Prints, Portrait, People
- 5 Color Prints, Still Life
- 6 Black & White Prints, Any subject
- 7 Special Effects (Color or B/W)
- 8 **Fair Theme** - (Color or B/W) – *(Built on Freedom, Raised on Tradition. 250 Years of America – 175 Year of California Heritage)*
- 9 Digitally Enhanced Color Prints, Any subject
- 10 Digitally Enhanced Black and White Prints, Any subject
- 11 Photo Story, 3 to 5 prints on a single mount
- 12 Digitally Enhanced Photo Story, 3 to 5 prints on a single mount
- 13 Best photos taken at last year's Fair
- 14 Any Other Non-Digitally Enhanced Not Listed, Specify

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. NOTE: All plaques, pictures or any type of wall hanging must be ready for hanging with sturdy wire or hangers, or article will not be accepted for showing.
2. All entries in this department must have been produced by the exhibitor within one year of the opening of the Fair.
3. This Department open only to the mentally and physically challenged. Children classified as slow learners are not eligible for premiums.
4. **Danish Judging system will be used for these students.**
5. Exhibits may be turned in through the student's special education teacher.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show - (Division 420) Rosette & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

### DIVISION 420 - SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

#### Class

- 1 Fine Arts (Finger Painting, Pencil, Chalk, Crayon, Watercolor, etc.)
- 2 Miscellaneous Crafts and Hobbies (Collages, Decorations, Models, Hand Woven Articles, Ceramics, etc.)
- 3 Creative Writing (Short Story, Verse, Essays)
- 4 Projects (Science, Health, History)

## 4-H/FFA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

1. 4-H Club Members: Tulare County Club members only. New members are eligible to compete if they have a properly completed enrollment form on file in the 4-H office no less than 60 days.
2. FFA Members: Students enrolled in vocational agriculture classes in Tulare County schools and Delano High School. Members may exhibit until December 31 of the year following their high school graduation.
3. Entry forms must be signed by a leader or advisor with the authority to certify that the exhibitor is a member in good standing.
4. All entries must have been made, grown, collected, or prepared and entered within one year of the opening day of the Fair, except as otherwise noted.
5. All exhibits will remain on exhibit for the duration of the Fair. All exhibits must be maintained and kept in working order. The removal of exhibits prior to the official release time will result in the loss of all premiums and awards.
6. Exhibitors will forfeit all awards earned in any department if they make entries and exhibit in the open division and the same division and classes are offered in the 4-H or FFA departments.
7. No exhibit owned solely by a chapter or club, or conducted as a joint project by two or more individuals, is eligible in the junior department, unless the division or class specifically so states.
9. **DANISH JUDGING SYSTEM** will be used in the Special Education and Challenged Division. A MAXIMUM of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid unless stated otherwise. It is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. The following guidelines shall be used by the judge(s).

	Quality	Score	Ribbon
1st Place	Superior	90%-100%	Blue
2nd Place	Good	80%-89%	Red
3rd Place	Average	70%-79%	White

10. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Association, its staff and department personnel will not be held liable for loss, theft or damage of any kind from any cause. Submission of entry constitutes an agreement to this effect.

11. County, District and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the junior exhibitor. Therefore, it is suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits.

### CLUB AND CHAPTER BOOTHS

1. Open to 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters of Tulare County and Delano FFA.
2. Limit of one booth per club or chapter.
3. Booths **MUST** be designed, constructed, and installed by club members only. Adults are only to advise and must remain in the receiving area. Adult help may cause the exhibit to be disqualified.
4. Members, not leaders, must sign the Online entry form as an agent for the club. Entry should be made on the Junior Department entry form in the name of the Club or Chapter and not an individual. If electricity is needed, please state online registration.
5. The feature exhibit booth provides members an opportunity to acquaint the public with a specific phase of their club programs. The booth can show what they have learned, the activities in which they have participated, or the contributions of their organization to their community. Judges shall insist upon a high quality of products and materials used in the exhibit. A high scoring exhibit will be artistically arranged, colorful, attractive, and well-lighted.
6. Exhibitors must decide to replace all fruits and vegetables that deteriorate during the fair. This must be completed each day prior to **1 HOUR BEFORE FAIR OPENS**.
7. Upon the completion of judging, 4-H'ers may display their item in their club Feature Exhibit Booth. Clubs must indicate on their entry forms if they wish to have their entries displayed in their club booth. If it is not stated, exhibits will be displayed in other areas of the building.
8. According to the Health and Safety Code of the State, it is unlawful to decorate booths with any flammable material unless treated by a flame retardant chemical as define. There are on the market today, many decorative materials, including fabrics, crepe paper, cellophane, etc., that are manufactured from non-flammable materials and comply with the letter of the law.
9. **Booths are to be constructed in the Indoor Space assigned by Fair Staff from 10am to 6pm Thursday, September 4 - Sunday, September 7.**
10. These Divisions will be judged using the American System of Judging.
11. Booth Size: Back-8'x 8', 8' high (max), Sides-3' high (max).

#### AWARDS

**Best of Show Overall - (Division 421) Rosette & \$50.00**

**Best of Class - ROSETTE**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Place Ribbons Each Class</b>
<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$75</b>			

# 4-H/FFA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

## DIVISION 421 - YOUTH FEATURE BOOTH

### Class

- 1 FFA Special Feature Booth
- 2 4-H Special Feature Booth
- 3 Other Youth Organizations

## 4-H & FFA ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

1. Individuals will be allowed to enter a maximum of 30 exhibits.
2. Each exhibitor must either have produced the product or item or must have owned the item at least 60 days prior to the Fair.
3. Each exhibit must be properly labeled as to variety, where applicable, and must designate the division and class as indicated in the entry catalog.
4. Exhibits must be free from injurious insects and diseases, must be marketable, and must have common and/or botanical names on an adequate label.
5. All gallon and five-gallon cans must be either clean, wrapped in foil, or painted black.
6. The judge may extract cutting(s) for examination.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show – (Division 422 - 424) Rosette & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

## DIVISION 422 - FFA PLANTS

### Class

- 1 Standard Flat
- 2 6 Plant Pack
- 3 2 1/4" to 4" Container
- 4 Miniature, 3" Pot Maximum
- 5 4 1/2" to 6" Pot
- 6 1-Gallon Container
- 7 8" to 10" Pot
- 8 Hanging House Plants, 10" Pot
- 9 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

## DIVISION 423 – TREES, BUSHES OR VINES

### Class

- 1 Seedling, i.e. grape seedling, tomato seedling, etc. (2 1/4" to 4" Pot)
- 2 Rooted Cutting (2 1/4" to 4" Pot)
- 3 1-Gallon Container
- 4 5-Gallon Container

## DIVISION 424 – 4-H ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

### Class

- 1 Cactus or Succulents, Specify
- 2 Dish Gardens
- 3 House Plants, Hanging
- 4 House Plants, Other
- 5 Seedling, shrub or tree cutting
- 6 Terrariums
- 7 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

# 4-H/FFA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

## FFA AGRICULTURE MECHANICS

1. Students entering exhibits in agricultural mechanics must be regularly enrolled in a high school that is following the California State Plan for Vocational Agriculture.
2. Although the exhibitor need not own the exhibits, all must be the products of students as a regular part of their instruction in Agricultural Mechanics for the past year. The student exhibitor must have been at least the major contributor to the building or repairing of the exhibit. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year. An article may not be entered in more than one class and each exhibitor may not enter more than one article from the same pattern. Display cards must be filled out and attached to each exhibit, giving a brief summary of the student exhibitor's project.
3. LIMIT: 2 entries of like kind per exhibitor per class.
4. Articles MUST be labeled or tagged, or they will not be accepted. Computer generated exhibit tags will be available for instructors for labeling purposes.
5. BEST JOB OF WELDING AND BEST AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:
  - A. Exhibitor must indicate on their **Online Entry Registration** that this is an entry for "**Best Job of Welding**" or "**Best Ag Mechanics Project**". (In the description Field).
  - B. A detailed written report on the project for all entries in these categories should include the following:  
Cost of project, purpose of project and progressive pictures if possible. Minimum requirement - one picture of project in use.
6. No exhibit owned by a chapter or club, or conducted as a joint project by two or more individuals, is eligible in the junior department unless the division or class specifically so states.
7. All exhibits MUST remain on display until the published release time. The removal of exhibits prior to the official release time will result in the loss of all premiums and awards.

### AWARDS

**FFA BEST JOB OF WELDING - (Division 425 - 426) ROSETTE & \$50.00**  
**FFA BEST AG MECHANICS PROJECT - (Division 425 - 426) ROSETTE & \$50.00**  
**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**Note: All Rope Work must be tied individually and not together as a unit. Each rope must be labeled with the type of knot and student name.**

### DIVISION 425 - FFA SMALL PROJECTS

#### Class

- 1 Cold Metal - Hasp, Shelf Brackets, Shoe Scraper, Tool Grinding Gauge, or Any Other Like Item, Specify
- 2 Plumbing – Sprinkler, or Any Other Like item, Specify
- 3 Electrical - Extension Cord, Trouble Light, or Any Other Like Item, Specify
- 4 Rope Work - Crown Splice
- 5 Rope Work - Loop Splice
- 6 Rope Work - Short Splice
- 7 Rope work - Any Other (Halters, etc.), Specify
- 8 Sheet Metal - Feed Scoop, Parts Box, or Any Other Like Item, Specify
- 9 Welding and Forging - Chipping Hammer, Cold Chisel, Punches, Hay Hooks, Latches, Steel Post Driver, Welding Rod Holder, or Any Other Like Item, Specify
- 10 Woodwork - Hanging Planter, Mineral Supply Unit, Nail Box, Rabbit Nest Box, Small Grain Feeder, Spotting Board, or Any Other Like Item, Specify

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## DIVISION 426 - FFA LARGE PROJECTS

### Materials Value \$50-\$250

#### Class

- 1 Welding, Specify (individual)
- 2 Woodwork, Specify (individual)
- 3 Combination, (individual)
- 4 Any Other Not Listed, Specify (individual)
- 5 Welding, Specify (group)
- 6 Woodwork, Specify (group)
- 7 Combination, (group)
- 8 Any Other Not Listed, Specify (group)
- 9 Any Item, materials value \$250 to \$600, Specify
- 10 Any Item, materials over \$600, Specify
- 11 Repaired Farm Equipment

### Large Group Items

- 12 Any group Item, materials value \$250 to \$600, Specify
- 13 Any group Item materials over \$600, Specify

## FFA AGRICULTURE MECHANICS SILENT AUCTION

**\*\* Students must be enrolled in a vocational class or project within Tulare County\*\***

**Exhibitors, entered in Division 426**, who would like to sell their agricultural mechanics project at the Tulare County Fair, can do so by participating in the Ag Mechanics Silent Auction. The auction takes place; runs concurrently and adjacent to the Heifer Replacement Sale on **Saturday, September 19 & Junior Livestock Auction on Sunday, September 20.**

### Entry Guidelines:

**Entry Maximum:** Limited to one entry per person.

### Rules and Information:

1. Entry deadline for participating in the Ag Mechanic Silent Auction is **Friday, August 21, by midnight online.**
2. Projects to be auctioned must have been entered in this year's FFA Agriculture Mechanics Division 426.
3. On the online entry registration, please list the sale price or NFS next to the entry description in parentheses. Online entries will be asked if item is for silent auction and asked for a sale price. If not selling enter **(NFS)** as sale price.
4. All projects sold will be assessed with an auction cost fee of 6% which will be used to defray auction costs. Checks will be mailed to the exhibitor once all silent auction buyers are completely paid. We accept checks, credit cards or cash.
5. Students selling projects are obligated to help with the auction activities during the hours of 10:00AM to 6:00PM on both selling days.
6. Only projects made in school under the supervision of a vocational instructor may be entered. **There will be no independent entries.**
7. Projects exhibited must have been started and completed during the current school/project year.
8. Projects made from assembly kits are not eligible. Component parts should be made by the exhibitor whenever possible.
9. Failure to comply with the Silent Auction Rules will result in a student's ineligibility to participate in the auction.

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10. Items that have been declared for sale will be moved into the area adjacent to the sale ring arena on sale day. Exhibitors are responsible to move their item to barn by **9:00AM Saturday, September 19**.
11. **No For Sale** signs will be allowed. Failure to follow this rule will result in the item not being included in the silent auction.
12. It is the responsibility to be promoted by the exhibitor; advisor and/or teachers of the exhibitor.

### Silent Auction Bids

1. All bidders need to have a registered buyer number issued through the Junior Livestock Office. Bidder numbers can be requested prior to Auction Day and picked up on auction day or obtained at the buyer's registration table on auction day.
2. Bids for the auction will be accepted on Auction Days, Saturday, September 19 & Sunday, September 20 from 8:00 a.m. and closing at 4:00 p.m.
3. The Winners of the Silent Auction Item will be posted at 5:00pm; on Sunday September 20 at the payment area of the Junior Livestock Auction area.
4. All silent auction items **must be paid** in full by 6:00pm on Sunday, September 20. Failure to do so will result in the item going to the next highest bidder.
5. Winning bidders who have paid for their items per item 3 above can pick up the item on Sunday, September 20, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm or make arrangements with the Fair Management team for pick up on Monday, September 21.

## 4-H SCIENCES

1. **LIMIT:** 2 different exhibits per class.
2. Collections or exhibits must have been made within one year of the opening of the fair.
3. List year in project on Entry Form.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show - (Divisions 427 - 429)- Rosette & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

### DIVISION 427 - 4-H MISCELLANEOUS SCIENCES

#### Class

- 1 Entomology
- 2 Veterinary Science
- 3 Bee Keeping
- 4 Aerospace projects
- 5 Small Engines
- 6 Welding
- 7 Electrical Science
- 8 Wood Science
- 9 Any Other Not Listed, Specify
- 10 Mechanical Science

### DIVISION 428 - LEATHER CRAFT

#### Class

- 1 1st Year Project Members
- 2 2nd & 3rd Year Project Members
- 3 4th Year and Above Project Members

# 4-H/FFA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

## BEGINNING 4-H

Refer to rules in regular 4-H Divisions of Foods, Clothing, etc., for quantities, labeling and other specific requirements applicable to this division.

### DIVISION 429 - BEGINNING 4-H

Class

- 1 Plants and Ag/Hort.
- 2 Baked Goods and Preserved Foods
- 3 All Other Items, Specify

## 4-H CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

1. Each exhibit is to be listed separately and identified by name (dress, crochet pillowcase, etc.) online.
2. Cleanliness: Exhibits that are soiled will be disqualified and not displayed.
3. Pillows must be finished on back and have pillow inside.
4. Exhibitors are limited entry in one division only.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show (Divisions 430-432)-ROSETTE & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**DIVISION 430 - BEGINNING CLOTHING (1<sup>st</sup> Year)**

**DIVISION 431 - INTERMEDIATE (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year)**

**DIVISION 432 - ADVANCED CLOTHING (4<sup>th</sup> Year and above)**

Class

- 1 Clothing, Any type, Specify
- 2 Pillows, Any type, Specify
- 3 Any other item not listed, Specify

## 4-H SEWING CONTEST

1. Open to all Tulare County 4-H members entered in 4-H Clothing and Textiles Division.
2. Fabric used can be a WOOL OR COTTON blend, not less than 65% WOOL or 65% COTTON. Fabrics must be identified by hang tags, labels, end of selvage, or sales slip, signed at store of purchase stating content.
3. Exhibitor may enter same item in both clothing Divisions and this contest.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show (Division 433) – ROSETTE & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**DIVISION 433 - 4-H SEWING CONTEST**

Class

- 1 Cotton - All Contestants, describe garment
- 2 Wool - All Contestants, describe garment

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## 4-H HOME FURNISHINGS

1. **LIMIT: 2** different exhibits, each to be listed separately by name online. An exhibit may consist of an item judged individually or a coordinated exhibit consisting of three to five items not entered elsewhere. Emphasis to be on the coordination of colors, texture, patterns, and shapes.
2. Exhibitors are limited to entries in one division.
3. **NOTE:** All entries must state which items were made by the exhibitor.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show (Divisions 434) - ROSETTE & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**DIVISION 434 - HOME FURNISHING** - Exhibitor in 1st or 2nd Project Year

Class

- 1 Beginner Single Item, Specify
- 2 Intermediate Single Item, Specify
- 3 Advanced Single Item, Specify
- 4 Coordinated Exhibit

## 4-H ARTS & CRAFTS

1. Includes projects in Ceramics, Macrame, Leather Crafts, Flower Arrangements, Decoupage, Pictures, Needlepoint, Liquid Embroidery, Weaving, Spinning, etc.
2. If a member is entering an item that is pre-cut or pre-stamped, the member must attach a note stating which portion of the item was completed. Members should select articles to do within their ability and will be judged on the neatness and artistry of the exhibit.
3. All entries in the 4-H Arts and Crafts divisions must have been produced by the exhibitor within one year of the opening day of the fair.
4. **LIMIT: 2** different exhibits, each to be listed separately by name online.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show (Divisions 435-438) – ROSETTE & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**DIVISION 435 – 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR ARTS & CRAFTS**

**DIVISION 436 – 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR ARTS & CRAFTS**

**DIVISION 437 – 3<sup>rd</sup> YEAR ARTS & CRAFTS**

**DIVISION 438 – 4<sup>th</sup> YEAR AND ABOVE ARTS & CRAFTS**

Class

- 1 Computer Art
- 2 Floral Design
- 3 Holiday Crafts
- 4 Jewelry
- 5 Photo Albums/Scrapbooks
- 6 Tole Painting & Painted Items
- 7 Any Other Craft Item Not Listed, Specify

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## 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY

**ALL PHOTOS MUST BE UPLOADED WHEN PROMPTED DURING THE ONLINE PROCESS.**

1. All entries must have been taken and prepared within one year of the opening day of the Fair.
2. Prints must have been taken by the exhibitor but may have been processed by photo finishers.
3. Unless otherwise stated size is optional, up to 16"x20".
4. If a photograph has been digitally enhanced or altered, it must be entered in digitally enhanced class. A photograph is considered digitally enhanced/altered if any changes were made to the print (red eye correction, adjusting brightness, contrast, or balance, adding images, etc.). If a photograph was taken with a digital camera but no changes were made, it would be entered in the regular photography classes.
5. All prints must be mounted on a photography mounting board or foam core (no construction paper or other flimsy product) with a 2-inch border. **It is recommended that spray adhesive be used to attach photographs to the mounting board. Exhibitor's name and phone number must be listed on the upper left corner of the back of each mount.** To display an effective photo exhibit, the colors used for mounting boards have not been limited. No framed prints will be allowed.
6. **All photo need to have the Male & Female Velcro on all four edges of the Matting Board.**
7. Exhibitors may enter up to 4 entries per class but may only receive premiums for 2 entries per class.
8. The Tulare County Fair reserves the right to use any prints exhibited for publicity purposes.
9. Exhibitors may only make entries in one division.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show – Overall (Divisions 439-441) – ROSETTE & \$25.00**

**Champion Color Photo**

**Champion Black and White Photo**

**Champion Digitally Enhanced Photo**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**DIVISION 439 - NOVICE- 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> GRADES**

**DIVISION 440 - JUNIOR- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADES**

**DIVISION 441 - SENIOR – 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE & ABOVE**

Class

- 1 Color Prints, Action
- 2 Color Prints, Animal
- 3 Color Prints, Nature Study/Landscape
- 4 Color Prints, Portrait, People
- 5 Color Prints, Still Life
- 6 Black & White Prints, Any subject
- 7 Special Effects (Color or B/W)
- 8 **Fair Theme** - (Color or B/W) – *(Built on Freedom, Raised on Tradition. 250 Years of America – 175 Year of California Heritage)*
- 9 Digitally Enhanced Color Prints, Any subject
- 10 Digitally Enhanced Black and White Prints, Any subject
- 11 Photo Story, 3 to 5 prints on a single mount
- 12 Digitally Enhanced Photo Story, 3 to 5 prints on a single mount
- 13 Best photo taken at last year's Fair (2025`)

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## 4-H DECORATED CAKES

1. Judged for decoration only, fake bottoms may be used.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show (Divisions 442-443) – ROSETTE & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**DIVISION 442 - 4-H DECORATED CAKE (Buttercream Icing ONLY)**

**DIVISION 443 - 4-H DECORATED CAKE (Fondant ONLY)**

(Please list year in Project on Entry Form)

Class

- 1 Birthday
- 2 Holiday, Specify
- 3 **Fair Theme** (*Built on Freedom, Raised on Tradition. 250 Years of America – 175 Year of California Heritage*)
- 4 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

## 4-H FOOD PRESERVATION

1. **LIMIT:** An exhibitor may not enter more than **4** entries total. Each entry must be a different product, or the same product preserved by a different method.
2. Entry sheet must list the type of product (Fruit, Vegetable, Preserves, etc.) and the method of process used (Canning or Drying).
3. All entries must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor within one year of the opening day of the fair.
4. **Please include 1 jar for each item.**
5. **CONTAINERS:** Standard canning jars are to be used, Mason, Ball, or any other standard canning jar.
  - a. Fruits and vegetables - clear glass, wide or narrow jar.
  - b. Jellies - clear glass, standard or sculptured jelly glasses (sealed lids), at least 4 oz. size.
  - c. **PARAFFIN SEALED JELLIES & JAMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**
6. Each jar must be labeled stating name of exhibitor, date prepared, type of product and process used (i.e. Apricot Jam, Pectin Method; Apricot halves, Water Bath Processed; etc.) and have jar ring firmly twisted on.
7. **Non-acid** foods, all vegetables, meats, poultry, and fish must be canned under pressure. **Low acid** fruits, such as figs, should be made more acid by adding lemon juice, as directed in the University of California Agricultural Extension Service leaflet, Home Canning of Fruits. Foods **high in acid**, i.e., tomatoes and fruits (not including their juices) must be processed in a boiling water bath.
8. Exhibits may not be taste-tested but will be opened for inspection. Appearance and Texture can be used as judging criteria.
9. Dried food products must be sealed in jars or zip-lock bags. Required quantity of dried food product is 6 pieces.

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## AWARDS

**Best of Show (Division 444-446) – Rosette & \$25.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**DIVISION 444 - BEG. 4-H PRESERVED FOODS- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year in Project**

**DIVISION 445 - JUNIOR 4-H PRESERVED FOODS - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Year in Project**

**DIVISION 446 - ADVANCED 4-H PRESERVED FOODS – 5<sup>th</sup> + in Project**

Class

- 1 Canned Fruits
- 2 Canned Jams, Jellies, etc.
- 3 Canned Pickles and Relishes
- 4 Canned Vegetables
- 5 Dried Fruits
- 6 Dried Herbs, Spices
- 7 Dried Meats
- 8 Dried Vegetables
- 9 Any Other Not Listed, Specify

## 4-H TABLE SETTINGS

1. One entry per exhibitor. Tables awarded to first 7 entries received. Settings must remain displayed for duration of Fair.
2. Table setting does not need to include all the dishes used in a full meal - only use pieces needed to create an attractive, artistic arrangement. The menu must be original.
3. Centerpiece should be original and made of non-perishable material, not commercial.
3. Settings will be allotted an 18" deep x 24" wide space.
4. Setting MUST be done by exhibitor. **ASSISTANCE WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.**

## AWARDS

**Best of Show (Divisions 447-448) – ROSETTE & \$25.00**

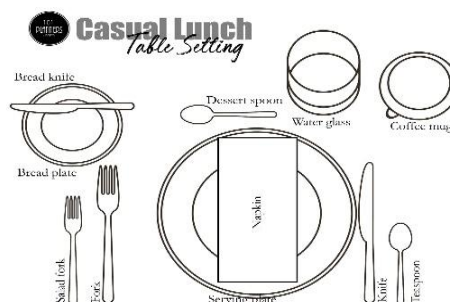
**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

**DIVISION 447 - 4-H FUNCTIONAL TABLE SETTING**

**DIVISION 448- 4-H EXHIBITIONAL TABLE SETTING**

Class

- 1 6th Grade and Under
- 2 7th and 8th Grade
- 3 9<sup>th</sup> Grade and above



### SCORE CARD

Correctness	15%
Over-All Appearance	25%
Appropriateness	15%
Originality	20%
Artistic Arrangement	20%
Menu	5%

# 4-H/FFA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

## STUDENT LANDSCAPE PLOTS

PLOT AVAILABLE TO WORK ON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setup Thursday, September 4, - Sunday, September 7, 10:00am to 5:00pm</li> </ul>
PLOT MUST BE COMPLETED BY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, September 8, 12:00pm</li> </ul>
JUDGING ( <b>Closed</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday, September 9</li> </ul>

1. Eight (8) 10' x 15' spots are available. One entry per exhibitor per class. Additional spots may be applied for at time of entry for spots that are not filled (limit one additional spot per organization / individual). Additional spots will be awarded based upon date / time of request receipt.
2. After judging, the exhibitors may display their name on a sign not to exceed 18" x 24".
3. Two (2) passes per spot per day will be issued for maintaining the garden. All maintenance, i.e. watering, replacement of plants must be done prior to fair opening each day. Enter through the livestock gate.
4. **Check in Junior Building for plot assignments and to receive passes.**
5. Gardens **MUST** be designed, constructed, and installed by club members only. Adults are only to advise. **Adult help may cause the exhibit to be disqualified.**
6. Exhibit must be a minimum 50% living plant material of which 20% must be flowers. Flowers are defined as any flowering plant with at least 40% of that plant in bloom.
7. This division will be judged using the American System.
8. It is advised but not required to label any material used in the display by name (i.e. plants and flowers by name) so that the education value of the project is met.

### AWARDS

**Best of Show – (Division 449) Rosette & \$50.00**  
**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Place Ribbons in Each Class**

### SCORE CARD

Use of Plant Material .....	30%
Originality .....	15%
Attract Attention – Stopping Power .....	15%
Use of Fair Theme .....	10%
Conveys Message – Accomplishes Purpose .....	10%
General Appearance – Simple, balanced .....	10%
Workmanship – Neat, well-constructed .....	10%

### DIVISION 449 – STUDENT GARDENS

Class

- 1 4-H Student Gardens
- 2 FFA Student Gardens
- 3 Independent Student Gardens

