

LIVE OAK COUNTY FAIR

Home Economics Show

4-H Division

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GENERAL RULES:

1. All 4-H members who are actively involved in at least one project (this project can be a self-determined or a regular project group) and have attended at least three regular monthly club meetings and must sign in at all meetings between September and the Fair are eligible to enter the 4-H Show and be registered by December 1 with the Texas 4-H, Inc. FFA members must be signed up by December 1. (THIS IS A 4-H RULE)
2. NO JUDGES PRESENT at check-in for foods, arts & crafts, photography, or clothing. All sessions of judging will be closed to all except superintendents/chairpersons, sponsors, and judges.
3. No more than one item may be entered into a class in ANY division.
4. All Arts & Crafts, Foods, Photography, and Clothing entries must be the work of the individual exhibitor (no parent or other person) and must not have been entered previously in a Live Oak County Fair.
5. All entries in the Home Economics division must be accompanied by an identification tag obtained from the County Extension Office, which contains the exhibitor's name, grade, and years of experience in given project.
6. All entries must be removed from the Fairgrounds no earlier than 12:00 noon and not later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6. Every 4-H member is responsible for his/her own entries. Anything left in the coliseum will be discarded.
7. The top entry in each class will receive a rosette. \$10.00 premium money will be awarded to all rosette winners. The rosette winning entry in each division must be a blue ribbon. A rosette will not be awarded to a red or white ribbon entry. Nine overall high point county winners will be awarded a buckle. Three in the Junior category, (grades 3 thru 5) three in the Intermediate category, (grades 6 thru 8) and three in the Senior category, (grades 9 thru 12) To qualify for the buckle at least five (5) classes must be entered. The best five scores will be averaged to determine the buckle winners. Prize money will be given to the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories in the following order. In the case of a tie, additional buckles and money will be awarded.
First Place - \$25.00 Second Place - \$20.00 Third Place - \$15.00
8. The 4-H organizations or anyone of its helpers or the Fair Board will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to entries.
9. The 4-H arts & crafts, clothing, and photography will be divided into three age groups.
Juniors - grades 3 thru 5, Intermediates – grades 6 thru 8 and Seniors - grades 9 thru 12.

4-H FOODS DIVISION

1. The complete recipe must be taped to each entry. The recipe is to include title, pan size, oven temperature, baking time, yield, list of ingredients (frosting, pie crust, etc.) and instructions. Recipe must be on plain paper (no clip art) or on an index card. Only blue or black ink only. No participant names included on recipes.
2. There must be NO non-edible decorations inside or outside of your container. (This includes bows, flowers, ribbon, leaves, doilies, colored paper, colored cardboard, etc.) Edible decorations are allowed on your entry. (This includes nuts, piped frosting, fruit, vegetables, etc.) If you win a rosette, you can decorate however you choose for the auction.
3. You may use a plain white or a white parchment paper covered bakery board to place your entry on. (NO colored paper or colored board is allowed) Each entry must be enclosed in a clear plastic bakery box. Any cake left in a pan will automatically be disqualified.
4. No chiffon or sponge cakes are allowed. Chiffon cakes and sponge cakes will be disqualified in all classes. No custard entries will be accepted. All entries that require refrigeration will be disqualified.
5. There can be two entries per individual and only one entry per individual per class.
6. NO liquors will be accepted in any entry.
7. All frostings must be made from scratch or entry will be disqualified. Non-dairy whipping cream or anything requiring refrigeration will be disqualified.
8. All pie crusts and pie fillings must be made from scratch. Use of canned fruit in a recipe is acceptable, but if fruit filling or commercially prepared (bought) pie crust is used, entry will be disqualified.
9. Once a 4-H member has won a rosette on a 4-H food item in the 2025 fair, they cannot enter that same recipe in the 2026 fair.
10. If all the rules are not followed exactly, your food entry will be disqualified and not judged or sold. We will sell all food classes in the bake sale. We will NOT sell any entries that the entire batch is not included.
11. All entries must be delivered to the Fairgrounds on **Monday, March 2, 2026**, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Late entries will not be accepted for any reason.
12. All eligible food entries will go on sale **Monday, March 2** from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Live Oak County Coliseum. Anyone not desiring to sale their item MUST pick it up between 2:30 PM and 3:00 PM. If not picked up by 3:00 PM, they will become part of the bake sale. All entries left past 4:00 PM will be discarded and the 4-H member will not receive bake sale money.
13. The rosette winning baked goods will be auctioned off on Saturday, March 7, 2026, beginning at 11:00 AM in the coliseum if the participants wish to sell them. All blue rosette winning food entries must re-bake their entry for the auction. It must include the recipe with it. A 5% commission rate will be deducted from all items that go through the auction.
14. 4-H members with entries in the rosette winning auction must turn in handwritten, stamped & addressed thank you letters to the extension office prior to July 31, year of auction, or the auction check will be voided, and funds will be restricted for use by the co-op at the next auction.

Bake Sale Prices:

All Blue Ribbon Items: \$15.00

All Red Ribbon Items: \$12.50

All White Ribbon Items: \$10.00

All products below a white ribbon and disqualified products will not be sold.

FOOD PREMIUMS:	ALL CLASSES
Blue Ribbons (90-100)	\$10.00
Red Ribbons (80-89)	\$8.00
White Ribbons (70-79)	\$6.00

4-H FOOD CLASSES

Class A: Candy

Entry must consist of the entire batch of candy as reflected in the recipe yield. Candy can be wrapped in clear plastic wrap or wax paper. Entry must be in a clear plastic bakery box.

Class B. Cookies

Must be made from scratch NO mixes allowed. Each entry must consist of not less than 18 cookies in a clear plastic bakery box. NO UNBAKED COOKIES

Class C. Bar Cookies

Each entry must consist of not less than 18 bar cookies in a clear plastic bakery box. NO UNBAKED COOKIES

Class D. Specialty Cookies or Bars

Premix base with ingredients added to change color, texture, or flavor. Entry must consist of not less than 18 cookies in a clear plastic bakery box. NO UNBAKED COOKIES

Class E. Quick Breads & Specialty Quick Breads

Each entry must consist of a loaf or entire batch of items as reflected in the recipe yield in a clear plastic bakery box. No mini loaves unless entire batch is entered. Specialty quick breads must have a premix base with ingredients added to change color, texture, or flavor.

Class F. Sweet Quick Breads & Specialty Sweet Quick Breads

Each entry must consist of a loaf or entire batch of items as reflected in the recipe yield in a clear plastic bakery box. No mini loaves unless entire batch is entered. Specialty sweet quick breads must have a premix base with ingredients added to change color, texture, or flavor.

Class G. Layered Cakes

Cakes MUST have a MINIMUM OF TWO LAYERS. Cake must be in a clear plastic bakery box.

Class H. Single Layer Cakes

Cake MUST be a SHEATH or SINGLE LAYER. Cake must be removed from pan. Cake must be in clear plastic bakery box.

Class I. Bundt Cakes

Cake must be baked in a BUNDT or TUBE PAN. Cake must be in a clear plastic bakery box.

Class J. Pound Cakes

Recipe title must specify the word "Pound." Cakes must be in a clear plastic bakery box.

Class K. Specialty Cakes

Premix base with ingredients added to change color, texture, or flavor. Cakes must be in a clear plastic bakery box.

Class L. Plain Yeast Breads

Entry must consist of the entire batch as reflected in the recipe yield. Entry must be in a clear plastic bakery box.

Class M. Sweet Yeast Breads

Entry must consist of the entire batch as reflected in the recipe yield. Entry must be in a clear plastic bakery box.

Class N. Fruit Pies

Pie can be entered in either a regular pie plate or disposable pie plate and exhibited in a clear bakery box. If a 4-H member enters a pie in a regular pie plate and desires to sell the pie, the pie plate will not be returned. NO CUSTARD PIES.

Class O. Nut Pies

Pies can be entered in either a regular pie plate or disposable pie plate and exhibited in a clear bakery box. If a 4-H member enters a pie in a regular pie plate and desires to sell the pie, the pie plate will not be returned. NO CUSTARD PIES.

Class P. CUPCAKES

No mixes, cake and icing allowed, must be made from scratch. White or Aluminum cupcake wrappers only. Non-edible decorations will not be allowed on any entry. Entry must be in a clear plastic bakery box. Must enter no less than 18.

4-H CLOTHING DIVISION

CLOTHING CLASSES:

- A. First Year Sewing Experience
- B. Dresses
- C. Specialty Wear, Costumes
- D. Pants with coordinating Blouse or Top/Pantsuit or Capri
- E. Skirt with coordinating Blouse or Top
- F. Shorts with coordinating Blouse or Top
- G. Sportswear, Warmups, Sport shorts, Athletic activity clothes
- H. Skirt, Shorts or Pants
- I. Blouse, Shirt or Vest
- J. Sleepwear or Loungewear
- K. Evening/Formal Wear
- L. Men's Apparel (For males only)

RULES:

1. Clothing entries must be delivered to the LOC Extension Office **Thursday, February 26, 2026**, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, and the Exhibitor must return to the coliseum between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. that afternoon to model for the judges. If exhibitor is sick, death in the family, at a major show or UIL event, exhibitor would get another person to stand in for them to model for judging. If you cannot model, you will lose all points on the score sheet for Personal Appearance, (15 points) Fit (15 points) and Questions, Interview (15 points). After your child models for the judges, you must leave the building as to not interfere with the judging.
2. A total of two clothing entries can be entered but only one item per class will be allowed. You must turn in your pattern guide sheet(s) with your garment. There will be NO Sewing Kits allowed. All garments must be completely constructed. No re-fashion allowed.
3. First year students should be encouraged to construct a simple pattern.
4. Tops and bottoms meant to be a complete outfit, cannot be separated, and entered as separates.

CLOTHING PREMIUMS:	ALL CLASSES:
Blue Ribbons (90-100)	\$15.00
Red Ribbons (80-89)	\$12.00
White Ribbons (70-79)	\$10.00

4-H ARTS & CRAFTS DIVISION

ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES:

- A. General Machine
- B. Hand Sewing (Kits allowed)
- C. Decoupage
- D. Molded crafts (Must be molded by exhibitor)
Example: 1. plaster 2. candle work 3. baked crystals
- E. Wood Art must be small items able to carry in one hand
- F. Wall Painting (NO paint-by-numbers permitted)
- G. Painted Art
- H. Colored Drawings with colored pencil or chalk (NO tracing)
- I. Pencil drawings
- J. Stained or Painted Glass
- K. Concho, Bead, and Rock Art
Example: 1. shirts 2. scarfs 3. etc.
- L. Wreath or Floral Art
- M. Recycled Art
- N. Decorated Frames
- O. Decorations or Wall Crosses
- P. Shop Projects – (wooden or welded) – items too large to carry in one hand
- Q. Miscellaneous
- R. Jewelry
- S. Mosaic Art/Stepping Stone

RULES:

1. A total of two arts & crafts entries can be entered but only one item per class will be allowed. Two alike items cannot be entered in separate classes.
2. All Arts and Crafts projects must have instructions turned in with the entry. You must turn in complete instructions with your entry regardless of whether you used a kit or not. If there are no instructions, the chairperson will deduct 5 points from the final score.
3. All items must be classed prior to turning your craft entry in. If there is any question of where an entry should be entered, the final decision will be made by the Arts and Crafts Committee. THEIR DECISION WILL BE THE FINAL DECISION.
4. All entries must be delivered to the Fairgrounds between 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on **Thursday, February 26, 2026.**
5. NO Kits will be accepted unless stated in the classes above.
6. A rosette will be awarded the highest score in each class, provided the project has earned a blue ribbon.
7. If 3 of the same craft are entered, that craft will be open as new division.
8. No Profanity or Nudity on any of the exhibits. No Exhibitors names visible on exhibits prior to turning in for judging.

ARTS & CRAFTS PREMIUMS:	ALL CLASSES:
Blue Ribbons (90-100)	\$10.00
Red Ribbons (80-89)	\$8.00
White Ribbons (70-79)	\$6.00

4-H PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES:

- A. People - main subject is a person or people
- B. Animals - main subjects are animal/animals, birds, reptiles, and insects
- C. Scenic - seascape, landscape, or building/structure
- D. Still-life - inanimate objects
- E. Action - people, animals, or objects in action
- F. Flowers and/or Plants
- G. Black & White

RULES:

1. Entry photographs are to be 8 inches by 10 inches and exhibited in a plain black or brown document frame, no larger than 1 1/4" wide with a wall hanger. NO MATTING OF ANY COLOR.
2. A total of two photography entries can be entered but only one item per class will be allowed.
3. All entries will be delivered to the Extension Office at 305 Bowie Street in George West by 12:00 noon on **Thursday, February 26, 2026.**

PHOTOGRAPHY PREMIUMS:	ALL CLASSES:
Blue Ribbons (90-100)	\$10.00
Red Ribbons (80-89)	\$8.00
White Ribbons (70-79)	\$6.00