

Home Economics Entries and News

The 97th Austin County Fair is gearing up for another year of engaging and competitive Home Economics events. This year's fair will be held October 5 thru October 13, 2024. We have announced several key details and changes to ensure that participants are well-prepared and that the events run smoothly.

General Information for Participants:

The schedule for Home Economics entries remains unchanged this year. Participants can submit their entries on Monday October 7, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 6:45 PM and on Tuesday October 8, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM. All entries must be submitted within these designated times to be considered.

For those entering canned goods, there is a new requirement to keep the canning rings intact. Please do not remove the rings to ensure compliance with the updated guidelines.

Participants are also reminded to carefully review the rules for the categories they are entering. Rules may have changed, and being well-informed can help avoid disqualification.

Grand and Reserve Champions will have the unique opportunity to donate their entries to the Country Auction. This generous gesture supports the community and allows more people to enjoy the winning creations.

An entry fee of \$3.00 per item will be charged for all submissions. Additionally, any baked goods intended for sale in the auction must be freshly baked to ensure quality and freshness.

Youth Category Updates:

Youth categories will be marked as either eligible or ineligible for Supreme Awards and the Sale. This distinction will help participants understand their standing and opportunities in the competition.

This year, more categories will be included in the Youth Supreme and Country Auction. This will provide all competitors with a greater chance to showcase their talents.

Only Youth Grand Champions will be considered for the Supreme Awards, highlighting the best of the best among the youth participants.

Supreme winners will be notified through postings at the Expo building and will also receive notifications via phone, email, and social media. This multi-channel approach ensures that winners are promptly informed.

Youth participants are encouraged to engage in both school art and Open Divisions. The primary difference between these divisions is whether the entries have the support of a teacher. This encouragement aims to foster greater involvement and creativity among young artists.

We are looking forward to welcoming participants to this year's events, anticipating a vibrant showcase of talent and craftsmanship. These competitions not only celebrate individual skills but also strengthen community bonds.

Prepare your entries, mark your calendars, and get ready for a remarkable event that promises to be both competitive and enjoyable for all!