Okeechobee County Fair Association
Premium Book

"Celebrate 20 Years of Fun"

March 13-21, 2026

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2026
Competitive Events

Entry Deadlines
All exhibits must be registered using the Competitive Exhibit Form that is available on the Okeechobee County Fair website at Events → Competitive Events. All exhibit registrations must be completed by 5:00 p.m. of the deadline date shown in this Premium Book. Your online registration signifies that you have read and understand the rules and regulations and agree to abide by said rules and regulations. Please read specific department or division rules for any other deadlines and penalties related to your specific entry. Questions: Call Marion Heddesheimer at 863-532-1757

ENTRY DEADLINE FOR ALL CATEGORIES

March 5, 2026 (Thursday) by 5:00 p.m.
2026 Creative Skills and Crafts, Food Competition, Vegetable and Horticulture Entry Forms Due

CHECK IN – March 13, 2026 2pm– 6pm (Friday)
Photography, Art and Quilting

CHECK IN - March 14, 2026 (Saturday) 9am– 6pm
All other categories not specified with their own dates
Arts and Crafts and Plants Entries Check-in at the Agri-Civic Center *between 9:00 a.m.. and 5:00 p.m.*

CHECK IN - March 16, 2026 (Monday)
Perishable Food, and Vegetables will Check-in at the Agri-Civic Center between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
New Check-In Date – Please see category description for new requirements.

Removal of Entries

An exhibitor may not remove his or her entry from the Okeechobee County Fair once it has been accepted.
Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the Fair or at any other time specified in the Premium Book and shall not be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in the handbook, except at the discretion of the Fair management.

Previously Entered Entry

Any non-animal entry that has been exhibited at a previous Okeechobee County Fair is not eligible for entry in the 2025 Okeechobee County Fair.

Division/Class Cancellation

The Okeechobee County Fair management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.

The Okeechobee County Fair shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the projects at the County Fair.

Premiums
1st Place $25
2ndPlace $20
3rdPlace $15

Best Of Show Best Of Show 2026 Ribbons will be awarded in all categories for Youth and Adult entries combined.

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Guidelines for Exhibition

1. The Okeechobee County Fair Association does not take responsibility for lost, damaged or mis-directed forms, entries or articles of exhibit.

2. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the Board of Directors of the Fair. All decisions made by the Board are final. This Board reserves the right to deny or allow any entry to the Fair and Fairgrounds.

3. All non-commercial exhibits must check in according to guidelines published in the 2026 Okeechobee Country Fair Premium Book. No exhibit may leave the grounds prior to the scheduled release dates & times as indicated in the Premium Book's calendars and/or individual department or section rules.

4 In all events and exhibits the judge's decision shall be final.

5. All entries, if not claimed by Sunday, March 22, shall become the property of the Fair. All premiums will be paid by check or cash only when entries are picked up/claimed on Sunday, March 22 starting at 1 p.m. Premium checks MUST be cashed within 60 days of the issue date.

6. A $30.00 fee or 5% of the face amount will be charged for any bad check received by the Fair for entries, sponsorships, contracts, etc.

7. Any formal complaints shall be presented in writing within six (6) hours of the discrepancy to the Fair Office to be handled as they see fit.

8. Any exhibitor or vendor conducting or participating in any illegal or Immoral activities on the Fairgrounds shall forfeit all rights to display at the Fair and will lose any monies owed or paid by/to the Fair for premiums, sales, privilege agreements, etc.

9. If these rules contradict any committee rule(s) the committee rule(s) shall prevail.

10. By signing any privilege agreement, entry form, etc, participant agrees to release and discharge the Okeechobee County Fair Association and the Board of Directors & staff thereof from all liabilities, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature that may arise from or be connected with the participant's participation in any activity sponsored by the Okeechobee County Fair Association, Inc.

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Creative Skills and Crafts

General Rules

1. Only categories listed are eligible for exhibit.

2. Only one exhibit per category is allowed. One item or exhibit may not be entered in more than one category.

3. Each exhibitor may only enter 10 items in the fair. No Exceptions.

4. Only entries pre-registered on the official entry form will be accepted.

5. All entries must be handmade by the entrant within the past 5 years. There is an exception for the Heirloom Quilt category.

6. The judging committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not meet the standards of the committee.

7. All items entered for competition must remain in place until the last day of the fair and may not be removed until 5:00 pm on that day

8. Contest only open to Okeechobee County Residents.

9. All work must be clearly marked on the back or the bottom with entrant's name.

10. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.

11. Adults and youth will be judged separately for Premium awards. Participants must be at least 5 years of age. Best of Show Awards will be a combined Youth and Adults.

12 Any item or article for which there is not an existing class may be exhibited in the Miscellaneous Class. Four or more like items may be judged as a separate group within the Miscellaneous Class.

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Creative Skills and Crafts

Division 100 Quilting Youth/Adult

Class	Category – YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Accessories	12	Accessories Adult
21	Applique	22	Applique
31	Patchwork	32	Patchwork
41	Hand Embroidery	42	Hand Embroidery
51	Machine Quilted	52	Machine Quilted
61	Quilted by hand	62	Quilted by hand
71	Heirloom Quilts-(must be at least 45 years old)	72	Heirloom Quilts-(must be at least 45 years old)

Division 200 Sewing Youth/Adult

Class	Category – YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Clothing	12	Clothing
21	Household Items	22	Household Items
31	Doll clothes	32	Doll clothes
41	Dolls – cloth	42	Dolls – cloth
51	Stuffed Animals	52	Stuffed Animals
61	Cross Stitch Household Items	62	Cross Stitch Household Items
71	Cross Stich Pictures	72	Cross Stich Pictures

Division 300 Knitting/Crochet Youth/Adult

Class	Category – YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Afghans	12	Afghans
21	Decorative Items	22	Decorative Items
31	Baby Items	32	Baby Items
41	Clothing	42	Clothing

Creative Skills and Crafts

Fine Art
Special Rules

1. The show is designed for the works of non-professional artists. The non-professional artist is one who does not receive the major portion of his or her income from the sale of his or her art.
2. Each work of art will be screened for the following before acceptance:
    a. Work must be of the artist exhibiting, no teacher assisted work.
    b. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
    c. Artists are to exhibit work completed during the past two years.
    d. Paintings, prints and drawings must be framed, wired and ready to hang. No SAW TOOTH HANGERS. No clips will be accepted.
    e. Any work not wired for hanging will not be displayed or eligible for awards.
    f. All Art must be original, no copies.
    g. All Youth artwork must have the age of youth on the back of the art.

Division 400 Painting Youth/Adult

Class	Category-YOUTH	Class	Category-ADULT
11A	Oils ages 6-9	12	Oils
11B	Oils ages 10-13	22	Watercolors
11C	Oils ages 14-18	32	Pastels
21A	Watercolors ages 6-9	42	Acrylic
21B	Watercolors ages 10-13		
21C	Watercolors ages 14-18		
31A	Pastels ages 6-9		
31B	Pastels ages 10-13		
31C	Pastels ages 14-18		
41A	Acrylic ages 6-9		
41B	Acrylic ages 10-13		
41C	Acrylic ages 14-18		

Division 500 Drawing Youth/Adult

Class	Category-YOUTH	Class	Category-ADULT
11A	Charcoal ages 6-9	12	Charcoal
11B	Charcoal ages 10-13	22	Graphite Pencil
11C	Charcoal ages 14-18	32	Color Pencil
21A	Graphite Pencil ages 6-9		
21B	Graphite Pencil ages 10-13		
21C	Graphite Pencil ages 14-18		
31A	Color Pencil ages 6-9		
31B	Color Pencil ages 10-13		
31C	Color Pencil ages 14-18		

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Photography
Special Rules

1. All entered items must be exposures made since January 1, 2022. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
2. Only one print will be accepted in each class, as an exhibitor cannot compete against himself. If more than one entered item is received from the same exhibitor for any one class; all items entered from that exhibitor for that class will be disqualified by the judges.
3. Photographs must be framed, wired and ready to hang. No clips will be accepted. **NO SAW TOOTH HANGERS.**
4. Any work not wired for hanging will not be displayed or eligible for awards.
5. If we determine your frame is not sturdy and won't survive the week we will not Allow it to be entered. It is very humid in tent so please keep this in mind.
6. Print size(s) shall be no smaller that 8" x 10", and no larger than 11" x 14". Any print that does not fit within this size limitation will be disqualified.
7. Items of an offensive, controversial or objectionable nature or subject matter will not be accepted.
8. Digitally Enhanced Photography will not be judged in this Division (see specific division for Digitally Enhanced Photography)

Division 600 Photography Black and White Youth/Adult

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Landscape and Scenic	12	Landscape and Scenic
21	Nature and Wildlife	22	Nature and Wildlife
31	People (humans are the focal point)	32	People (humans are the focal point)

Division 700 Photography Color Youth/Adult

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Landscape and Scenic	12	Landscape and Scenic
21	Nature and Wildlife	22	Nature and Wildlife
31	People (humans are the focal point)	32	People (humans are the focal point)

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Digitally Enhanced Photography Contest
Special Rules

Digitally Enhanced photography is art created partially or totally through the use of a computer. Components such as photos and graphics must be the original work of the submitting artist. Eligible artwork may include photographs enhanced and artistically altered by computer manipulation or by over-painting, drawing, or other creative means. Video work is not eligible. A brief written description of techniques and software programs utilized must accompany the entry.

Entries which are digitally enhanced, manipulated or a composite of multiple images must be based on the entrant's original photos or photos for which the entrant is the copyright holder. Images which are judged to be primarily computer illustrations rather than photo-based work will be disqualified.

Division 800 Digitally Enhanced Photography Youth/Adult

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Digitally Enhanced Photography	12	Digitally Enhanced Photography

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Division 900 Woodworking Youth/Adult

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Carved	12	Carved
21	Toys	22	Toys
31	Furniture	32	Furniture
41	Accessories	42	Accessories
51	Wood Burning	52	Wood Burning

Division 1000 Arts and Crafts Youth/Adult

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	General-not covered in any other category	12	General-not covered in any other category

Division 1100 Jewelry / Beadwork Youth/Adult

- **MUST BE ORIGINAL DESIGN, NO KITS**

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Pin / Broach	12	Pin / Broach
21	Necklace	22	Necklace
31	Bracelet	32	Bracelet
41	Earrings	42	Earrings

Division 1050 Patriotism

Class	Category – YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Patriotism	21	Patriotism

Special Rules:

1. Entries limited to one per person.
2. Showcase your patriotism for celebrating the 250th Birthday of the United States of America.
3. Items must be handmade by entrant.
4. Color theme : RED, WHITE AND BLUE
5. Size restriction, no larger than 36x36

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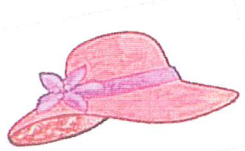
Division 1200 Red Hat Contest/Youth/Adult

- Dazzle the crowd with your best decorated Red Hat entry. Entries will be judged on originality and category fit.

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Glitzy & Glamorous	12	Glitzy & Glamourous
21	Crazy & Wild	22	Crazy & Wild
31		32	



Division 1300 Trash-to-Treasure Youth/Adult

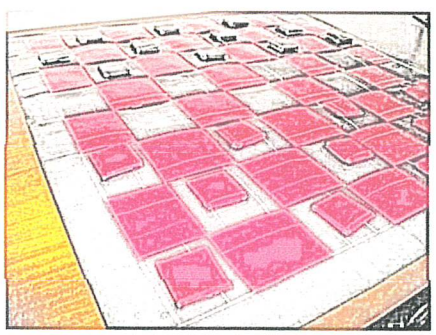
- **Recycle**, **reuse**, and **re-engineer** everyday materials into something new. Rescue some trash from the recycling bin or the garbage and make it into something pretty or something useful. Entries must incorporate recycled items or use existing items in a new way. Entries must be at least **75 %** recycled (unless otherwise stated).

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Trash-to-Treasure	12	Trash-to-Treasure

Division 1400 Duct Tape Creations Youth/Adult

- Items may be crafted out of any color of duct tape and participants may use multiple colors for one item. Items must be created using 90% duct tape.

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Wearable item	12	Wearable item
21	Fashion Accessory	22	Fashion Accessory
31	Usable Item	32	Usable Item
41	Decorative Item	42	Decorative Item



Division 1500 Painted Rock Creations Youth/Adult

- The act of painting rocks and hiding them is spreading across the globe! Families are having a lot of fun unleashing their creativity on such a common surface and then sharing the spirit of community by hiding the painted treasures in places all around town. Finding these inspirational art treasures are just as much fun as creating them!
- Bring your best painted rock and enter it into the County Fair Painted Rock Contest! Winners will be determined in both the youth and adult divisions.

Class	Category-YOUTH	Class	Category-ADULT
11	Painted Rock Ages 4-6	12	Painted Rock
21	Painted Rock Ages 7-9		
31	Painted Rock Ages 10-13		
41	Painted Rock Ages 14-18		

Okeechobee School Displays

Division 2400 School Displays

Class	Category	Class	Category
11	Public School	12	Private School

Special Rules

1. Entries limited to 1 per school
2. Use the General Entry Form or Online Registration
3. Display should represent the school.
4. Use of Fair Theme is encouraged. The 2026 theme is "Celebrate 20 Years of Fun".
5. The Fair Association will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
6. Exhibits can start being constructed on Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. but must be completed by Sunday, March 15, no later than 12:00 p.m.
7. Exhibits must be removed by 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 22nd..

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Food Exhibit Competition

General Rules

1. Only categories listed are eligible for exhibit.
2. Only one exhibit per category is allowed. Item or exhibit may not be entered in more than one category.
3. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
4. Only entries pre-registered will be accepted (see page 1).
5. The judging committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not meet the standards of the committee.
6. **Candy, Cookies & Fudge Categories –** Must include at least 6 pieces for competition and must remain in place until the last day of the fair and may not be removed until 2:00 p.m. on that day. Unclaimed foods will be discarded.

   Cakes, Decorated Cakes, Pies, Quick Breads and Yeast Breads
   A sample piece of item will be used for judging and a sample piece of the item will be displayed during the entire Fair and removed as needed. The remainder of the baked good may be picked up by person submitting entry after judging on Monday, March 16 between the hours of 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for your family and friends to enjoy your baked goods. If not picked up the item will be donated. This will eliminate excessive waste of baked good items.

7. All food items will be judged on appearance, texture, taste, and procedure. Please be sure to include at least 6 cookies, candies etc. on a plate.
8. No cake mixes except in the Decorated Cake Category.
9. All canned food entries must have identifying labels and date of preparation.
   NOTE: Preparer's name must NOT be on the label.
10. **Disposable containers are REQUIRED** for all entries other than canned goods.
11. Judges have the option of opening the exhibit for testing
12. Judging will be on the same day as entries are submitted for perishable food.
13. Home Canned Entries:
    - Home Canned entries must consist of two (2) jars of product.
    - One jar is for display and one is for judging.
    - These two jars must be identical (i.e. both jars must be the same size, same type and same brand -- Ball, Kerr, etc.-- of jar.
    - Both jars will be presented to the judge. The judge will choose the jar to be opened.
    - Canned entries must be in sealed, standard **clear** glass canning jars.
    - All jars must be sealed with new two-piece vacuum seals specifically made for jars.
    - Seals must consist of two-pieces (metal screw ring band and metal lid).
    - Entries will be disqualified if both the band and lid are not on the jars.
    - Ring band should unscrew easily.
    - Entry will be disqualified if the jar lid cannot be easily unscrewed by hand.
    - Dirty Jars or jars with rust on lids will be disqualified.

NOTE: Please keep in mind when entering that we have NO refrigeration for items.

Canned Food Check In On March 12, between 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Baked Goods Check In On Monday, March 16, between 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
NOTE: (NEW check in day for Baked Goods)

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Food Exhibit Competition

Division 1600 Home Baking Youth/Adult

Class	Category – YOUTH	Class	Category - ADULT
11	Cakes	12	Cakes
21	Decorated Cakes	22	Decorated Cakes
31	Candy	32	Candy
41	Cookies	42	Cookies
51	Fudge	52	Fudge
61	Pies	62	Pies
71	Quick Breads	72	Quick Breads
81	Yeast Breads	82	Yeast Breads
91	Refrigerator Jams/Jellies	92	Refrigerator Jams/Jellies

Best of Show will be awarded to the Home Baking Judge's Pick!

Division 1700 Canned Goods Youth/Adult

Class	Category – YOUTH	Class	Category - ADULT
11	Pickles	12	Pickles
21	Preserves	22	Preserves
31	Butters	32	Butters
41	Jams	42	Jams
51	Jellies	52	Jellies
61	Fruits	62	Fruits
71	Vegetables	72	Vegetables
81	Relishes/Chutneys	82	Relishes/Chutneys

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Horticulture

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M. Thursday, March 5

Special Rules

1. IMPORTANT: All Entry Forms must be completed online by 5:00 p.m., March 9th
2. No more than 5 plants per person may be submitted for judging and no more than one per category.
3. Entered items will be accepted between 9:00a.m.. – 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14.
4. Positively no entered item will be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th .
5. Entered items are restricted to those residents of Okeechobee County, Buckhead Ridge and Brighton.
6. The Fair reserves the right to reject additional entered items when all available exhibit display space is filled.
7. All plants must be of exhibition quality. The Fair reserves the right to reject any plant that is sub-standard, either in quality or maturity. Maximum size of plant cannot be any larger than 48 inches in diameter, and must weigh less than 40 pounds.
8. Plants and flowers must be cleaned, trimmed, and free from insects or disease; they must be submitted in proper clean containers. No double pots, stands or saucers may be used. Clay pots need not be painted. Absolutely no cans will be accepted. Hanging plants must have a rigid hook (no chains).
9. Plants should be labeled with common name and correct botanical name when possible. Assistance will be available for plant identification.
10. Water plants well before bringing to the Fairgrounds. Plants must be watered regularly during the Fair.
11. All judges' decisions are final. Premiums will be paid from the Judges books.
12. Every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits; however, the Okeechobee County Fair Association, its officers and agents are not responsible for any accident, loss or damage.
13. Release: **Entered items must be picked up on Sunday, March 22, after 2:00 p.m.**
14. Plants are submitted at the owner's risk. The Fair is in no way responsible for damage or loss.
15. Specimens must be grown by the exhibitor. No purchased plants will be accepted.
16. Hanging baskets must be less than 15" in diameter and less than 15 pounds.

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Vegetables and Fruit Competition

General Rules

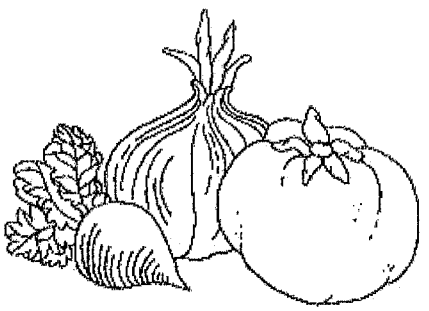
1. Only categories listed are eligible for exhibit.
2. Only one exhibit per category is allowed. One item or exhibit may not be entered in more than one category.
3. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
4. Only entries pre-registered will be accepted (see page 1).
5. The judging committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not meet the standards of the committee.
6. All items entered for competition must remain in place until the last day of the fair and may not be removed until 2:00 p.m. on that day.
7. Vegetables will be judged on quality (uniform in size, fresh, firm and undamaged, free of disease and insects).
8. All vegetables must be grown at home.
9. Vegetables will check in with the perishable items to ensure their freshness for judging. Check in is Monday, March 16 between 9:30- 11:30 a.m.

Division 1800 Vegetables and Fruit Competition Youth/Adult

- Garden Vegetable Table Display: Consists of a minimum of 5 different fruits or vegetables raised in a home garden and arranged in a suitable container.
- Fruit and Vegetable Display. Consists of a plate of 3 vegetables or fruits (same variety) display on a plate.
- Largest Vegetable Contest: Vegetables must be cleaned from all dirt and excess materials at check-in. See Largest vegetable contest rules.

Class	Category – YOUTH	Class	Category - ADULT
11	Garden Vegetable Table Display	12	Garden Vegetable Table Display
21	Fruit and Vegetable Display	22	Fruit and Vegetable Display
31	Largest Vegetable Contest	32	Largest Vegetable Contest

Premiums
1st Place $25
2nd Place $20
3rd Place $15



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Horticulture

Division 1900 Horticulture Youth/Adult

Class	Category – YOUTH	Class	Category - ADULT
11	Bromeliads	12	Bromeliads
21	Cacti	22	Cacti
31	Flowering Plants	32	Flowering Plants
41	Foliage Plants	42	Foliage Plants
51	Ferns	52	Ferns
61	Orchids	62	Orchids
71	Succulents	72	Succulents
81	Vegetable Transplants/Seedlings	82	Vegetable Transplants/Seedlings
91	Hanging Garden Baskets- 3 or more different species of flowers, herbs or vegetables	92	Hanging Garden Baskets- 3 or more different species of flowers, herbs or vegetables
111	Hanging Basket – One species of flower or vegetable	112	Hanging Basket – One species of flower or vegetable
121	Fairy Gardens	122	Fairy Gardens
131	Dish Gardens	132	Dish Gardens

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Silk Floral Design

Division 1901 Floral Design Youth/Adult

Class	Category – YOUTH	Class	Category – ADULT
11	Youth	12	Adult

RULES:

1. SIZE RESTRICTION
   - Arrangements may not exceed **20 inches in height** and **18 inches in width**
   - Designs must be complete and visually appealing **from all sides** (360 degree viewing)

2. MECHANICS
   No floral foam, tape, wire or other mechanics may be visible
   Foliage should be used effectively to cover all mechanics

3. DESIGN ELEMENTS
   A **Focal Point** must be established with large, eye-catching, "wow-factor" flowers
   Filler Flowers should be smaller blooms used to accent or fill space around the focal flowers
   Foliage should be included to cover mechanics and add texture
   Form is demonstrated by the entrant's design technique and overall shaping of the arrangement

4. ORIGINALITY & PRESENTATION
   All entries must be the original work of the exhibitor
   Arrangements should be neat, clean and free of damaged plant material

JUDGING (Total: 100 points)

Color	Use of color theory, blending, or contrast, pleasing and intentional palette	20
Harmony	How well flowers, foliage and form work together for a unified design	20
Balance	Visual and physical balance, stability and proportion across the whole design	20
Proportion	Relationship of flower, foliage and container size within required limits	20
Contrast	Effective use of large vs. small, light vs. dark, texture variety for impact	20
	Total possible Score:	100

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Leather Working Contest

Special Rules

1. All entries must have been be made within the past 2 years by the person whose name appears on the entry tag.
2. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
3. Only one exhibit shall be made in a division by an exhibitor.
4. An exhibit can only be in one class.
5. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
6. The decision of the judges will be final.

Division 2000 Leather Working Youth/Adult

- Household Items: including wall hangings, items used in and around the home, etc.
- Personal Items: including belts, billfolds, wallets, clutch purses, card cases, key cases, fobs, eyeglass cases, coin purses, etc.
- Cases: including camera cases, briefcases, handcuff cases, black powder bags, holsters, sheaths, purses, books, book covers, etc.
- Large Complex Items: including saddles, horse tack (all types), furniture, molded or sculpted items

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category - ADULT
11	Household Items	12	Household Items
21	Personal Items	22	Personal Items
31	Cases	32	Cases
41	Large Complex Items	42	Large Complex Items
51	Picture	52	Picture
61	Miscellaneous	62	Miscellaneous

Premiums

1st Place $25
2ndPlace $20
3rdPlace $15

Okeechobee School Displays

Division 2400 School Displays

Class	Category	Class	Category
11	Public School	12	Private School

Special Rules

1 Entries limited to 1 per school

2 Use the General Entry Form or Online Registration

3 Display should represent the school.

4 Use of Fair Theme is encouraged. The 2026 theme is **"Celebrate 20 Years of Fun".**

5 The Fair Association will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.

6 Exhibits can start being constructed on Friday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m. but must be completed by Saturday, March 14, no later than 5:00 p.m.

7 Exhibits must be removed on Sunday, March 22 by 5:00 p.m..

8 The top three displays will be receive the following, With a check mailed to each school.

1st Place $300.00
2nd Place $200.00
3rd Place $100.00

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Division 2300 Lego Building Contest Youth/Adult

- Contestants can put their creative skills to the test and enter the Lego Building Contest. Contestants will construct an original model using Lego Building bricks. There will be four age divisions for youth-4-6; 7-9; 10-12; 13-18 and one division for adults.

Class	Category - YOUTH	Class	Category - ADULT
11	4-6 Years Old		Not Applicable
21	7-9 Years Old		
31	10-12 Years Old		
41	13-18 Years Old		

- All contestants will supply their own bricks. Only the small bricks may be used. Base plates are allowed.
- Your creation must fit within a space of 20 by 20 inches. Your completed project may be no taller than four feet tall. You are encouraged to use a standard Lego base plate for stability.
- No kits or factory-made models may be used. Entries must be your own original creations.
- **ALL MODELS WITHIN EACH AGE DIVISION WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**
  - Originality and Creativity - 25 points
  - Precision - 25 points (The project must be assembled so that it can withstand being handled and moved by the judge without collapsing.)
- Only entries pre-registered on the official entry form will be accepted.
- All items entered for competition must remain in place until the last day of the fair.
- Entries Check-in at the Agri-Civic Center between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14.

Premiums

1st Place $25
2ndPlace $20
3rdPlace $15

Okeechobee County Fair Association
Premium Book

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animals health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. This act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainers and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs from other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory, and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate. The report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving

the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6 The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, such as striking animals to cause swelling using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show official before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. No person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including **Fairs and Expositions** and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that an action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

General Entry Form

Okeechobee County Fair 2026

Entry Forms Deadline is Thursday, March 5th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
Turn in at the Okeechobee County Extension Office, 458 HWY 98 N, Okeechobee, FL

Limit of 10 Entries per person for 2023.

No entry fee is required.

Please Print

Name_____ Social Security # _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # ( ) _____ - _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

#	Competitive Area (Creative Skills, Food, Vegetables, etc.)	Section Number	Class	Item Description-Please describe photos
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I her I hereby agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations of Okeechobee County Fair

Please Indicate Birthdate

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Youth ____ Adult _____
Please Check One!

_____ Exhibitor Signature