

## DEPARTMENT E - YOUTH/4-H (Age 5 – 19)

Entries for all youth will be received from 3:30 – 7:30 PM on the Monday of Fair week. Youth entries will be conference judged beginning at 3:30 PM, and sign-ups for judging will end at 7:00 PM - also on the Monday of Fair week. Conference judging will give youth an opportunity to dialogue with the judge and enhance what is learned from the exhibit. It is encouraged but not required.

Entries must be the work of the exhibitor. Exhibitors should note any special rules that apply to the specific categories in which they are entering. Youth may enter a maximum of 3 entries per category (for example: Art) and 1 per category group (for example: paintings). The exception is in the photography category, where youth may enter no more than three photos in total. They may be from the same group. There is a limit of 10 entries total per individual for the Youth Department.

All entries must have been grown, collected or created since October of the previous year. Participant's work will be judged to a predetermined standard in competition with their peers. Entries will be judged in three age divisions: 5-8 years, 9-12 years, and 13-19 years. The judge has the right to award or NOT award ribbons based on the quality of entry. Parents will not be allowed to interact with the judge, but they may quietly observe the process.

**Premiums paid: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$3.00/blue ribbon 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$2.00/red ribbon 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$1.00/white ribbon**

### CATEGORIES, GROUPS AND SPECIFIC ENTRY GUIDELINES:

#### ART & CRAFTS

Must be framed or matted if 2-D. All hanging exhibits must have a wire or saw tooth hanger attached in order to be properly displayed. If necessary hardware is not attached, the exhibit may not be displayed.

For Woodworking: The plan from which it was constructed must accompany the exhibit. The plan may be a photocopy, the actual pattern or a scale drawing. It must be complete and accurate to the extent that a duplicate article could be built using the plan as a guide. In addition, include a list and cost of materials, plus

the amount of time spent on constructing and finishing the article. This should include all wood, hardware, finishing supplies, etc. Any project that has unsecured glass, i.e., glass shelves, glass top of coffee table, etc. should not be brought to the Fair. Designate on the entry if the article is original or kit construction.

#### **Category & Description**

***E-001 Paintings-any medium***

***E-002 Pen/Pencil Drawings***

***E-003 Sculpture, Pottery or Ceramics***

***E-004 Lego Kit Creation***

***E-005 Original Lego***

***Creation***

***E-006 Original Cartoon***

***E-007 Graphic Design (made digitally, entered as print)***

***E-008 Woodworking***

***E-009 Leather Work***

***E-010 Craft with Recycled Materials***

***E-011 Other***

#### **TEXTILE**

Special consideration will be given to articles which are of original design. When the exhibit is a sewn garment that also includes one or more fiber art techniques (i.e. knitting, crochet, etc.), the participant will determine what class the item will be entered in.

All exhibits that need to be

hung must have the appropriate hanger, rod, wire or other mechanism attached in order to be properly displayed.

### **Category & Description**

*E-012 Crocheted Items*

*E-013 Knitted Items*

*E-014 Woven Items*

*E-015 Sewn Items (non garment)*

*E-016 Sewn Items (garment)*

*E-017 Tie Dye*

*E-018 Other*

### **COLLECTIONS**

For Insect Collection:

Emphasis in judging will be placed on the overall variety of North Carolina insects represented in the collection, accuracy of identification, skill and technique acquired in mounting of specimens and overall arrangement and appearance of the collection.

For Herbariums: At least 5 pressed and mounted specimens must be included in a herbarium exhibit.

### **Category & Description**

*E-019 Geology Collection*

*E-020 Insect Collection*

*E-021 Leaf Collection*

*E-022 Seed Collection*

*E-023 Herbarium*

*E-024 Other*

### **HORTICULTURE**

Each youth participant entering a Horticulture exhibit will participate in conference

judging and must represent his or her project(s) in person. Information about exhibiting produce is available online in the publication "Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables" available at [https://go.ncsu.edu/cafr\\_hort](https://go.ncsu.edu/cafr_hort).

For Fresh Culinary Herbs: Examples include parsley, basil, dill, etc. Six stems (of comparable quality) of ONE VARIETY of fresh herbs exhibited in a disposable container of water. Dried herbs will not be accepted.

For Vegetable Garden Display: Each exhibitor in this class will be limited to four square feet of space. The display must be exhibited in a tray, basket or container that can be easily moved by the fair staff. Exhibit consists of five different fresh vegetables. Canned vegetables and shelled vegetables are not acceptable. Only one variety of each type of vegetable may be exhibited.

The numbers of the five types of vegetables to be exhibited are as follows Large Vegetables (one each): cabbage, cantaloupe, eggplant, large pumpkin, squash, watermelon Medium Vegetables (five each): beets, carrots, cucumbers, decorative gourds, potatoes, miniature

pumpkins, okra, onions, peppers, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, or other similar sized vegetable Small Vegetables (twelve each): green snap beans, wax beans, English peas, or other similar sized vegetables. Quality and condition of the exhibit will be considered. Choose vegetables for an exhibit that will hold up well during the Fair. Avoid over-ripe or over-mature specimens. Those that are slightly under ripe or slightly immature when picked may last longer.

### **Category & Description**

*E-025 Corn (5 ears)*

*E-026 Watermelon (1)*

*E-027 Cantaloupe (1)*

*E-028 Green Beans (12)*

*E-029 Peppers (5)*

*E-030 Pumpkin (1)*

*E-031 Gourd (1 or 5, depending on variety)*

*E-032 Grapes (3 clusters)*

*E-033 Tomato (5)*

*E-034 Apples (5)*

*E-035 Potatoes (5)*

*E-036 Fresh Culinary Herbs, Leaves (6 stems)*

*E-037 Vegetable Garden Display (reference description)*

*E-038 Other*

### **FOOD PRESERVATION**

Exhibits must have been preserved after October 1, 2020. Recommended method of processing must be used. Resources include North

Carolina Cooperative Extension's food preservation publications and articles ([https://go.ncsu.edu/cafr\\_pres](https://go.ncsu.edu/cafr_pres)); USDA's Complete Guide to Home Canning: or So Easy to Preserve, 6th Edition, Cooperative Extension Service The University of Georgia; or Ball Blue Book of Preserving (2012 or later). Each exhibit must have the complete recipe and instructions attached with the entry card. Recipe must include exhibitor name, recipe source, date of publication, and altitude of residence. Alcohol is not allowed as an ingredient in food preservation entries. Entries with alcohol will be disqualified.

Exhibits must be in clean standard canning jars, with two piece lids. Do not use colored jars. Do not add fancy padded lids, fabric over wraps or cozies as they interfere with the judging process. Jars must be sealed when entered. Jelly must be in a ½ pint jar. All other products must be in pint or quart jars.

### **Category & Description**

*E-039 Green Beans*  
*E-040 Tomatoes*  
*E-041 Field peas/beans*  
*E-042 Corn*  
*E-043 Okra*  
*E-044 Salsa*  
*E-045 Mixed Vegetable*

*E-046 Juice*  
*E-047 Jam*  
*E-048 Jelly*  
*E-049 Pickles*  
*E-050 Hot Peppers*  
*E-051 Dried Foods*  
*E-052 Other*

### **FOODS - NUTRITION**

Each youth participant entering a Foods-Nutrition exhibit will participate in conference judging and must represent his or her project(s) in person. Recipes are required for all food product exhibits. Place the youth participant's name on the recipe. Entries should be age appropriate.

All baked products must be removed from the pan (except pies, see below) and placed on paper plates, cardboard or in a disposable container. Only the exhibit is judged. The container is not judged. Pies are to be baked in a glass pie plate so the judge can see the bottom of the pie crust. Please label the glass pie plate and pick it up by the end of the fair.

For food safety purposes, any food with custard and dairy-based fillings and frostings (example cream cheese), raw eggs, flavored oils, "canned" bread, bread or cakes in a jar, or any food requiring refrigeration (example bacon) are not accepted. Alcohol is not

allowed as an ingredient in food entries. Entries with alcohol in the recipe will be disqualified.

No mixes allowed unless stated in recipe.

For Modified Non-Perishable Food Product: Product must be modified from original recipe to nutritionally enhance the food product. Include a narrative to describe modifications made, why modifications made and lessons learned such as nutritive value, and possible changes in appearance, doneness, aroma, flavor, tenderness and/or texture.

For Food Gift Packages: A food gift package must contain at least 3 different food items (prepared for human consumption), made by the youth participant, in a suitable container no larger than 18"x18"x18". Prepared food items must have recipes attached with the entry. Include a narrative, answering these questions: a) what is the intended use; b) what food safety precautions were taken during and after preparation.

### **Category & Description**

*E-053 Cookies (4) or Brownies (4)*  
*E-054 Cake (non mix)*  
*E-055 Pie*  
*E-056 Muffins*  
*E-057 Biscuits (4) - from scratch*

*E-058 Candy*

*E-059 Yeast Product*

*E-060 Bread Machine Product*

*E-061 Food gift package*

*E-062 Other*

## **FLORICULTURE**

Potted plant must be purchased and potted at least two months before the Fair. It is recommended that entries be in a clear glass vase or container (annuals and perennials can be presented in pop bottles, arrangements in disposable plastic, etc., if all labels are removed and the bottle/container is not altered or cut down in size).

For Cut Flower

Arrangements: Arrangements should not take over one square foot of table space.

All materials must be grown and collected rather than purchased. The youth participant is responsible for picking up entries at the end of the Fair, or they will be disposed of. Information about exhibit flowers can be found online in the following publication:

[https://go.ncsu.edu/cafr\\_flor](https://go.ncsu.edu/cafr_flor).

### **Category & Description**

*E-063 Potted Plants*

*E-064 Cut Flowers (best specimen)*

*E-065 Cut Flower Arrangement*

*E-066 Other*

## **AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

For Eggs: Egg entries should consist of a dozen eggs. The eggs can be mixed color and sizes. The entry will be judged by candling as well as egg shape, shell condition, cleanliness, and stains.

For Honey: Honey should be in three jars. The honey will be judged on density, cleanliness, absence of crystals or foreign material or foam. Uniformity and appearance will be considered in the judging.

### **Category & Description**

*E-067 Eggs*

*E-068 Honey*

*E-069 Hay*

*E-070 Other Ag. Product*

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Must be mounted. Mounts may be purchased for youth exhibitors from the Caldwell County Cooperative Extension Center. The exhibitor's name, address and county should be written on the lower left hand side on the back of the mount. Do not attach anything to the front of the mount. Remove white border from the enlargement before mounting. All photographs must be no larger than 8" x 10" and no smaller than 7" x 9" after trimming. Photographs are to be mounted across the narrow (11") dimension of an 11" x

12 ½" sheet of white or cream studio mount. A permanent mount must be made using photographic adhesive. Photographs must be mounted with the top edge of the print 1" below the top of the mount. The sides of the print must be equal in distance from the two sides of the mount. Photographs taken with a digital camera and having no more adjustments than exposure, color intensity or correction, one click filter effects, red eye removal, cropping, dodging and burning should be entered in the standard color or black and white classes. Photos with live subject(s) on railroad right away or taken from railroad right of way property will not be displayed and will be disqualified and not judged.

For Post Production Print: Finished photo must be created from two or more original sources created by exhibitor. Photos will be judged on photographic merit as well as manipulation techniques and process. Photo must be created from originals taken by exhibitor. Exhibitor must include a copy of standard size prints of the original photos, an explanation of what manipulation was done. Photos showing editing steps may be layered.

For Scrapbook Page: Page should be entered with a protective sleeve covering for judging and display.

**Category & Description**

*E-071 Color Print*

*E-072 Black & White Print*

*E-073 Scrapbook Page*

*E-074 Post Production Print (digital composite)*

**ELECTRIC**

Designate on the entry if the article is original or kit construction. Articles that have been used should be cleaned for exhibit. A sheet of operating instructions must be furnished for any exhibit that is not self-explanatory.

Exhibit must be operable. If battery power is required, batteries must be furnished. Any project with a complexity of size or

electronics must have (a) instructions for assembly and use and (b) equipment available at the time of judging or actual testing of the exhibit.

No hand dipped solder may be used on exhibits.

**Category & Description**

*E-075 Motor Application*

*E-076 Lighting*

*E-077 Wiring*

*E-078 Heating or Cooling*

*E-079 Electronics*

*E-080 Other*

**EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS**

Share with others what you learned in this project. Exhibits may be in the form of a poster, notebook or display. If a poster, it must not be larger than 22" x 28". If a

display, it must be no more than 12" high x 12" deep X 18" long.

For Young Producer Poster: This poster contest is open to all youth ages 5-19 in Caldwell County with an interest in agriculture. Display should reflect a young person's hands-on experiences in agriculture. Posters will be judged on content, visual appearance and originality/creativity.

**Category & Description**

*E-081 Young Producer Poster*

*E-082 Horse/Equine*

*E-083 Shooting Sports*

*E-084 Science*

*E-085 Healthy Living - includes foods, nutrition, exercise*

*E-086 Leadership, Citizenship or 4-H Promotion*

*E-087 Other*