

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FAIR ENTRIES

Youth (3-18) and Adult (19 and up)

Overall Requirements:

1. Items must be dropped off at Stecoah Valley Center on Friday, October 18, 2019 between 1:00 and 6:00 pm and will remain on display until 3:00pm on Saturday (see exception under baked goods).
2. All items must be picked up by 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 19.
3. Items must be on the list of entries (attached).
4. Items must be in own container (if applicable) and ready for exhibit.
5. Stecoah Valley Center will use all means possible to protect property, but will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.
6. Spoiled or deteriorated articles will be removed from display.
7. Individuals may enter as many items as desired, however, only one exhibit from each category is allowed for judging.
8. Any item obnoxious or repulsive in character will be forbidden entry, or if entered without being fully known, shall be removed at once.
9. In case of very close competition, judges may award only two first, second or third place ribbons.
10. Decisions of the judges will be final.
11. No professional work will be accepted. (Our definition for professional is anyone who at present or in the past, has received 1/3 of their livelihood from the growing, making or teaching of this item.)

Individual Category Requirements:

Canning

- Use only standard sized jars designed specifically for canning. Must include ring with jar lids.
- Jars must be labeled as to date canned, method of processing and name of item, but canner's name should not appear. All preserved foods must be prepared within one-year (1 year) period prior to judging.
- All products must be processed according to recognized safe methods found in the current editions of the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, the Ball Blue Book or the Kerr Home Canning Books.
- We reserve the right to open any jar.
- No paraffin seal on jellies, jams and preserves. All jars must be properly sealed.
- CAUTION! Low acid vegetables must be canned in a pressure canner at the appropriate pressure, to guarantee their safety. If they are not canned at the appropriate pressure, the canned vegetable could contain the deadly toxin that causes botulism. Just because it has never happened, doesn't mean it could not happen—and it only takes one time! THEREFORE, ANY VEGETABLES NOT PROCESSED FOR THE APPROPRIATE TIME, WITH ALLOWANCES MADE FOR ALTITUDE, WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- Categories are as follows:
 - Canned Fruit
 - Canned vegetables
 - Preserves
 - Jams, Butters, Conserves, Marmalades
 - Jelly
 - Pickles and Relish
 - Sauces and Condiments

Baking

- To preserve freshness, baked items may be dropped off on Saturday morning, between 8:00 and 9:00 am. No items will be accepted after this time.
- All baked goods and candies will be returned to entrant.
- No mixes, bakery items, or pre-prepared pie crusts in foil pans will be accepted.
- Baked goods should be displayed on unreturnable plate or foil-covered cardboard. Cardboard should be cut to extend only 1-1/2 inches beyond cake.
- Place the entry in a large, clear food grade plastic bag or cover securely with plastic wrap.

- An accurate recipe must be submitted with each entry. Recipes become the property of the Fair and may be published. Cover the recipe with plastic wrap and tape it to the bottom of the cardboard.
- Categories are as follows:
 - Bread, rolls, muffins, quick breads and biscuits
 - Cakes
 - Cookies (six per plate)
 - Candy (three per plate)
 - Pies

Fresh produce

- In selecting products for exhibit, choose only those specimens that are uniformly of good quality, form, color, true to type and free of all insect and disease blemishes and free from cuts and bruises.
- 3 items on paper plate per each variety (ex. Three potatoes, three apples, etc.)

Needlework

- Quilts - Categories are as follows:
 - Hand pieced, hand quilted
 - Machine pieced; machine quilted
 - Any combination of above
 - Paper pieced; machine quilted
 - Appliqued
- Hand Crochet - Categories are as follows:
 - Small (doilies & accessories, etc.)
 - Medium (clothing, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves)
 - Large (bed size, wall hangings)
 - Lace
- Hand Knitting - Categories are as follows:
 - Small (doilies & accessories, dishtowels, etc.)
 - Medium (clothing, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves)
 - Large (bed size, wall hangings)
 - Lace
- Cross-stitch - Categories are as follows:
 - Printed
 - Counted
- Soiled items will not be taken
- Include pattern name, if applicable.
- When entering an item made by another person, must have the crafters permission to put item in fair. Ribbon is awarded to person who made the item, regardless of current ownership.

Mountain Traditions

- Seven categories: Basket-making, weaving, tatting, corn shuck creations, woodworking, gourds, other
- Basket-making & weaving – must include materials, pattern, function.

Native Crafts

- Categories: Beading, wood carving, basket making, weaving

Mountain Life Amateur Photography

- Four categories: Mountain landscape and scenery, mountain people, animals, agriculture in the mountains
- Photos should be 3X5, 4X6 or 5X7 in size
- Photos must be matted or mounted and ready to hang.