

Domestic & Creative Arts

YOUTH DIVISION 2026



Age Divisions:

Pee Wee-5 years to 7 years old

Jr. Division-ages 8 -12

Sr. Division-ages 13-18 (still in high school) This division is open to all youth, ages 8 to 18 (still in High School)

Entry Fee: \$5.00 each entry

Entries received: Freestate Building

Arts/Crafts and Non-perishable food items:

Monday, March 30, 2026, 3 pm – 7 pm

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 8 am – noon

Perishable food items:

Friday, April 3, 2026, 11 am - 4 pm

Saturday, April 4, 2026, 8 am - 10 am

Judging: Arts/Crafts – Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 10 am

All food – Saturday, April 4, 2026, at 10:05 am

Exhibits open: Wednesday, April 1 & Thursday, April 2, 4 pm – 8 pm

Friday, April 3, 2026, 1 pm - 4 pm and 6 pm – 8 pm

Saturday, April 4, 2026, 1 pm – 4 pm

Winner Photos: Division Winners Photograph Saturday, April 4, 2026 3:45pm

Pick up entries: Saturday, April 4, 2026, 4 pm –6 pm

RULES:

1. The committee has the authority to reject any article not suitable for public viewing and may determine what qualifies for a single exhibit.
2. There is no limit to the number of entries one person can enter in each class.
3. The Management will exercise all due diligence to prevent damage or loss of articles, however; unless volunteers come forward no watchperson will be present during business hours. All articles are entered at owner's risk.
4. All canning rules are listed under food and preservation
5. All food items must be in a vacuum sealed bag or jar
6. Food items must be labeled according to Texas Cottage Law.
7. Taste testing of any food item is at the discretion of the judge.

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8. The building will be closed to the public, until judging is complete.
9. There will be no cash premium awards.
10. Van Zandt County Fair Entry Tags will be accepted. Entry tags are available at the end of the rules/divisions and will be available at check-in.
11. Exhibitor's name should NOT be visible.
12. The Fair will have the following divisions, as needed. After entries are received, each division will be broken into classes as needed. Six entries will make a separate class.
13. Class entry placement will be at the discretion of the committee.
14. Classes may have Blue, Red, and honorable mention given for each class, depending on the quality of entries. Blue ribbons are not guaranteed for single entries.
15. Items not picked up will be taken home by leaders/advisors. Any items not picked up by 6 pm on MARCH 30, 2024 will be discarded or disposed of by the Department Chairperson. The Van Zandt County Fair Association is not responsible for any articles left after this date.

ARTS/CRAFTS

- A. CLOTHING DIVISION Examples, but not limited to: Dresses, Suits, Skirts, Blouse, Vest, Jacket, infant, Doll Clothing
- B. HOME BEAUTIFICATION DIVISION Examples, but not limited to: Bedspread, Tablecloth, Potheolders, Placemats, Pillows, Crewel, Cross-stitch, Candle wicking, Swedish Weaving/Hulk Toweling
- C. QUILT DIVISION Examples, but not limited to: Hand Quilted, Machine Quilted, Appliqué, Machine Pieced, Wall Hangings, and Mixed Media
- D. CRAFTS DIVISION Examples, but not limited to: Table Centerpiece, Pottery, Leather Crafts, Plastic Crafts, Decorative Baskets, Wall Hangings, Toys, Ceramics, Wreaths, Stained Glass, Decoupage, Holiday Decorations, Hair Accessories, Bottle Cap Art
- E. KNITTING DIVISION Examples, but not limited to hand knitting, machine knitting
- F. CROCHET DIVISION Examples, but not limited to: Afghan, Tablecloth, bedspread, Baby Items, Centerpiece, Clothing, Coaster, Accessories, Placemats, Potheolders, Doll Clothing, Rugs, Towels
- G. TATTING DIVISION Examples, but not limited to: Pillows and Pillowcases, Towels, Doily, Clothing, Tablecloth
- H. ART DIVISION PLEASE do not bring framed art. The FAIR will not be responsible for broken frames. Classes will be divided into categories after all entries are received. Examples, but not limited to: Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor or Pastel, Ink, Charcoal, Mosaic, etc. (A minimum of 6 entries of the same kind will make a class.)
- I. PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION No nude or semi-nude photographs will be allowed. Maximum print size will be 11" x 14" (including border) and the minimum size is 5"x 7". All photographs should be matted. Photographer's name, address and phone number must be on the BACK of the mount or matte. Classes will be divided into categories after all entries are received. Examples, but not limited to: Last Year's County Fair, People, Baby Pictures, Landscapes, Nature, Animals, Still Life
- J. WOODWORKING DIVISION Examples, but not limited to: Furniture, Toys, Lamps, Wood Lathe, Household Accessories, and Chainsaw
- K. LEATHER WORKING DIVISION leatherworking crafts, from dyeing, painting and stamping to carving and boiled leather making.

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FOOD, NON-PERISHABLE

- L. CANDY & CONFECTIONS DIVISION RULES: Enter 6 pieces on a paper plate and in a Ziploc bag. Examples, but not limited to: Fudge, Brittle, Pralines, Taffy, Dipped, Hard Candies, and Divinity
- M. CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES DIVISION All foods must have been canned since May 2023. All canned products must be in standard half pint, pint, 1.5 pint, or quart jars. (Commercial mayonnaise or pickle jars are not acceptable.
- N. PICKLES & RELISHES DIVISION All foods must have been canned since May 2023. All canned products must be in standard half pint, pint, 1.5 pint, or quart jars. (Commercial mayonnaise or pickle jars are not acceptable.
- O. JAMS / JELLIES PRESERVES / CONSERVES DIVISION All foods must have been canned since May 2023. All canned products must be in standard half pint, pint, 1.5 pint, or quart jars. (Commercial mayonnaise or pickle jars are not acceptable.

FOOD, PERISHABLE

- P. BAKED PRODUCTS DIVISION RULES: Loaf breads or rolls must be in Ziploc bags. Cookies must number six (6) and be on a paper plate and in Ziploc bags. All food entries must be labeled with the name of the product and entrant's name. A copy of each recipe must accompany the entry on a 3 x 5 card. NO MIXES ACCEPTED! NO CREAM PIES OR "MUST BE REFRIGERATED" PRODUCTS ACCEPTED! Examples, but not limited to: Yeast Bread, Rolls, Quick Bread, Fruit and/or Nut Loaf, Muffins, Cookies, Brownies, Pound Cake

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